

COSBY CHURCH GROWTH TRACK

John 10:10 KJV

**(10) I am come that they might have life,
and that they might have it more abundantly.**

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The COSBY CHURCH Growth Track guides you to discover God's unique purpose for your life and how to live the life that He has created for you. The Growth Track is made up of three steps that equip you to 1) connect to the church, 2) discover the strengths of your intentional design, and 3) use your God-given gifts to make a difference in the lives of others.

Step One – Become a Member

Connect with COSBY CHURCH and discover the ins and outs of the church, learn details about beliefs, leadership and church government, how we handle money, and how we intentionally organize our church. You will also have the opportunity to become a COSBY CHURCH member. Step One takes place the first Sunday of every month.

Step Two – Discover Your Design

Dive into the details of your personality, discover your gifts, and begin the journey of discovering your purpose in life and how you can make a difference in the lives of others. Step Two takes place the second Sunday of every month.

Step Three – Join the Team

Find out what it means to make a difference with COSBY CHURCH and connect to the opportunities available at COSBY CHURCH to live out your purpose and serve others by using your God-given gifts. Step Three takes place the third Sunday of every month.

About Cosby Church

Cosby Church is part of the Church of God organization that is based in Cleveland Tennessee. Our organization is far reaching (worldwide) but the local Cosby Church is community based. We are a Pentecostal, Bible believing Church that believes in the Power of God and we preach the Bible from cover to cover

COSBY CHURCH strives to reach those who do not know God personally and build relationships through Small Groups. The life-giving message of the Gospel, the passion and joy of Sunday services, and the simple style of COSBY CHURCH is bringing growth to this Church.

We are striving to make Church inviting and exciting. We are trying to connect with each and every visitor who comes through the door here at Cosby Church. We believe that every person who comes in has a place, and there is a place for every person. We invite you to see for yourself how exciting church can be when the focus is simple and people are free to seek God with passion.

Psalms 92:13 KJV

(13) Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God

Our Prayer for You

“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people.” Ephesians 1:17–18 NIV

Our spiritual journey consists of four steps:

1. _____.

“Some of these people have missed the most important thing in life—they don’t know God...”

1 Timothy 6:21 TLB

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

(Matthew 7:21 KJV)

At COSBY CHURCH, we help people know God through _____.

2. _____.

Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

(James 5:16 KJV)

At COSBY CHURCH, we help people find freedom through _____.

3. _____.

You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

(Psalms 139:16 NLT)

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

(1 Corinthians 12:11 KJV)

4. At COSBY CHURCH, we help people discover their purpose through the _____.

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

(Ephesians 1:15-18 KJV)

Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

(1 Corinthians 12:27 KJV)

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.

(John 15:8-11 KJV)

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

(1 Peter 4:10 NLT)

At COSBY CHURCH, we help people use their gifts to make a difference on the _____.

COSBY CHURCH Government

As you consider investing your heart, time, family, and finances into the life of a church, it is important for you to feel confident in church leadership. Our goal in sharing the details of COSBY CHURCH' government is that you can better understand that our church is structured to support the values of integrity, accountability, and spiritual authority.

Our church government is made up of two groups of elders.

We are:

1. Guided by _____.

The Church Council team is led by the Senior Pastor, Richard Washuk. This team oversees the day-to-day ministry and operations of the church. This board of Councilmen serve the congregation and are responsible for the development of the spiritual life of the church.

2. Protected by

Our Trustees are three members of the congregation appointed by the Senior Pastor to oversee the finances and provide counsel to the Senior Pastor Leadership Team regarding the major financial commitments of the church. The Trustees serve as Non-staff Elders. As the Church grows, so will this board of trustees.

Church Finances

At COSBY CHURCH, we believe in the principle of tithing. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the biblical standard for giving, and we practice tithing for the support of Christ's body, the Church, as God commands.

Proverbs 3:9-10 KJV

(9) Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

(10) So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.'"

Malachi 3:10 NIV

Giving is one of the central themes in the Bible. Jesus talked more about this subject than Heaven, hell, or prayer. To understand what it means to be a Christ-follower, we must also understand what it means to be a giver.

1. Tithe

The tithe, or "first fruits," of our labor/income belong to God. We find this principle all through God's Word. Tithing, giving God the first 10% of our income to the local church, is the primary practical way we acknowledge that God is first (Proverbs 3:9-10).

2. Offerings

An offering is giving over and above the tithe. The Bible says that by giving generously, we are able to "take hold of the life that is truly life" (1 Timothy 6:18-19).

3. The Gift of Giving

The gift of giving is a spiritual gift that God gives to some people (Romans

12:8). It is a Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by giving of your material resources, far beyond the tithe, to further the work of God. Those who want to use their gift of giving to help accelerate the vision of COSBY CHURCH serve on the Legacy Team.

Many people love to give to God and want to feel confident in the organization through which they give. At COSBY CHURCH, we want people to understand they are giving to God through the church, not to the church. As we openly share the honesty, integrity, and spiritual values that guide the financial practices of COSBY CHURCH, we believe people can focus on what God is calling them to give and trust that He is leading our church to steward it well.

The giving of tithes and offerings is worship to Jesus. Giving is not considered a business transaction but an act of worship and an expression of gratitude to God. That is why we don't have people fill out pledge cards or make faith promises.

Next Steps

1. _____ of COSBY CHURCH.

Membership at COSBY CHURCH is not about adding your name to a roster; it's about connecting with the people and the vision of the church. We would love for you to be a part of our church family.

2. _____ a Small Group.

Browse our online Small Groups directory at COSBY CHURCH. Once you find a few groups that interest you, contact the leaders to learn more and make plans to check out the group(s) in person.

3. _____ the Growth Track.

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4. _____ on the Dream Team.

You're invited to be a part of the team! Find a serve opportunity that fits your gifts, and get ready to make a difference in the lives of others.

Becoming a Member

COSBY CHURCH Membership Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with the values and ideas presented in Step One of the Growth Track, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the COSBY CHURCH family. In doing so, I make the following commitment to God and my fellow church members:

1. I will protect the unity of my church by:

- Acting in love toward other members.
- Refusing to gossip.
- Following the leaders.

“So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.” Romans 14:19 NLT

“May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus.” Romans 15:5 NLT

1 Peter 1:22 NLT

(22) You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart.

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs.”

Hebrews 13:17 NLT

(17) Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.

2. I will share the responsibility of my church by:

- Praying for its growth and health.
- Inviting the unchurched to attend.
- Warmly welcoming those who visit.

1 Thessalonians 1:2 NLT

(2) We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly.

Rom 15:7 Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.

3. I will serve the ministry of my church by:

- Discovering my gifts and talents.
- Using my God-given gifts to make a difference in the lives of others.
- Developing a servant's heart.

1Pe 4:10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

Eph 4:11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.

Eph 4:12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

4. I will support the testimony of my church by:

- Attending church and Small Groups faithfully.
- Living a godly life.
- Giving regularly.

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. (Acts 2:42 NLT)

"Let us not neglect our meeting together...but encourage one another." Hebrews 10:25 NLT

Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. (Philippians 1:27 NLT)

To read through our full Statement of Faith, scan the QR code below, or visit cosbychurchofgod.com/about/faith.