



“Rather, you must grow in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
All glory to him, both now and forever! Amen.”
2 Peter 3:18 NLT

TRACK ONE - DISCOVER YOUR FAITH

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What is a Growth Track?

The Community Church Growth Track guides you to discover your purpose and live the life God created for you.

The Growth Track is made up of four steps that equip you to:

1. Connect to the Community Church Spiritual Family
2. Discover the joy of growing spiritually and connecting to others
3. Use your God-given gifts to make a difference in the lives of others
4. Worship God in a way that fulfills your life purpose.

Why participate in a Growth Track?

- To explore the ministry of Community and find out how to connect with our church. We are going to be offering Track One on the first Sunday of every month.
- God expects you to grow spiritually, no matter where you are in your spiritual journey. We believe that spiritual growth happens primarily, (or something to that effect) in the context of small groups. Discover how to develop your spiritual journey both personally, and with others. Track Two takes place on the second Sunday of every month.
- Connect to the opportunities available at Community Church to live out your purpose and serve others by using your God-given gifts. Track Three takes place on the third Sunday of every month.
- You were created for worship! Discover the importance of personal worship, corporate worship, and the practical ways that we live out our God given purpose. Track Four takes place the fourth Sunday of every month.

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Our Story:

Pastor Alfred Young planted Community Church with a simple goal – to help people change their lives. With the help of a handful of faithful people committed to seeing this dream become a reality, Community Church was founded December 19, 2002. Since that time, the church has worshipped in several temporary locations. In 2015, God blessed the Church with a new campus located on Highway 1085 in Covington. The Church continues to experience healthy growth and as a result we are seeing lives changed.

Community Church is a multi-cultural church that reflects what heaven will look like. We celebrate God's gift of diversity in our Church and are very intentional to promote and protect it. Our priorities are always rooted in God's word which directs us be "God focused and not worldly focused". A major emphasis is on the training and development of men. We are driven to build strong biblical families. We want to please God by helping people partner with Christ in building His church.

Our Vision:

Community Church exists to **change lives**. All are welcome, because no one is perfect, and anything is possible! We are committed to our authenticity by continually understanding who we are and acting like it. All of us are simply sinners saved by grace, experiencing God's love and the transforming power of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit.

Our Mission:

Our mission is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our current outreach efforts as we move forward include outstanding live-streaming and engaging bible teaching both in person and online.

Our Prayer for You:

*"I ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing Him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is He is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life He has for His followers." **Ephesians 1:17-19 MSG***

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Community Church's spiritual journey consists of four tracks:

1. _____

*"I pray... that you may know Him better [personally]." **Ephesians 1:17–18***

*"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***

2. _____

*"So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing."
1 Thessalonians 5:11 NLT*

*"Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!" **Romans 12:16 NLT***

3. _____

*"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." **John 15:8, 11***

*"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." **Jeremiah 29:11 NLT***

*"God has given gifts to each of you from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another." **1 Peter 4:10 NLT***

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4. _____

*“But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. 24 For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.” **John 4:23-24***

*“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.” **Hebrews 12:28***

1. If you were to die today and God said “why should I let you into heaven” what would you tell Him?

2. What does it take to get to heaven?

*“For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.” **James 2:10***

*“When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.” **Romans 5:12***

*“Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God many will be made righteous.” **Romans 5:19***

*“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.” **Romans 3:23***

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“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 6:23

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” **Romans 10:9**

5. Salvation requires two things:

1. _____ with my mouth that Jesus is _____ Lord!
2. _____ in my heart that God raised Him from the dead!

Assurance of Salvation

*“All who believe in the Son of God know in their hearts that this testimony is true. Those who don’t believe this are actually calling God a liar because they don’t believe what God has testified about his Son. And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; Whoever does not have God’s Son does not have life. I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may **know** you have eternal life.”* **1 John 5:10-13**

6. If you accepted Jesus Christ today or prior to today, the next step for you is to _____!

“And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” **Matthew 28:18-20**

7. When should I be baptized? _____!

“Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.” **Acts 2:41**

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8. Our Sunday services focus on four values:

- _____ - We believe church should be enjoyable.

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" Psalms 122:1 NKJV

- _____ - We believe church should be a place where people experience God's presence.

"But...when some unbelievers or ordinary people come in, they will be convinced of their sin by what they hear. They will be judged by all they hear, their secret thoughts will be brought into the open, and they will bow down and worship God, confessing, 'Truly God is here among you!'"
1 Corinthians 14:24–25 GNT

- _____ - We believe church should be a place where people learn how the Bible applies to their daily lives.

"So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."
Ephesians 4:11–12

- _____ - We believe church should be a place where people can accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

"'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?"
Romans 10:13–14

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9. How You Can Participate?

- _____ your family and friends!
- _____ build relationships with others!

10. Support your church by _____.

*“Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.’” **Matthew 9:37–38***

11. Support your church by _____.

*“A tithe of everything you produce belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the lord.” **Leviticus 26:30***

*“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and try me in this,” says the Lord of host, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.” **Malachi 3:10***

12. Support your church by _____.

*“Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. As the Scriptures say, “They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever.” **2 Corinthians 9:6-9***

“Those who shut their ears to the cries of the poor will be ignored in their own time of need”.
Proverbs 21:13

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13. Support your church by _____.

“Don’t you realize that those who work in the temple get their meals from the offerings brought to the temple? And those who serve at the altar get a share of the sacrificial offerings.”

1 Corinthians 9:13 NLT

“Those who are taught the word of God should provide for their teachers, sharing all good things with them.” **Galatians 6:6 NLT**

14. Support your church by _____.

“When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. ²³ I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.” **1 Corinthians 9:22-23 NLT**

Our Evangelism Strategy

1. Community _____
2. Crowd _____
3. Congregation _____
4. Committed _____
5. Core _____

15. Support your church by _____.

“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” **John 15:13 NLT**

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Membership Care:

“Simon, you truly love me: Yes Lord, you know I love you. Jesus said, take care of my sheep.”
John 21:15-17

As a member of the Community Church family, God has given us the responsibility of caring for you!

We take that responsibility seriously.

We are intentional regarding the care of our members.

Shepherds

- The primary vehicle used to accomplish membership care is our Shepherding Ministry.
- Shepherds are either deacons or deacons in training, who assist the pastor and the elders by taking care of Christ’s people.
- You will be assigned a shepherd following your commitment to Community Church as a member.
- You will be presented as a new member on Communion Sunday. (1st Sunday of the month)
- Your Shepherd will be your first point of contact for all your spiritual and Community Church related needs.
- Our Campus Pastor, Sherman McLain will welcome and inform you about who your shepherd will be.

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Community Church's Statement of Doctrine

What we believe....

ABOUT GOD

God is the creator and ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

Gen. 1:1, 26, 27, 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matt. 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2

ABOUT MAN

Man is made in the spiritual image of God, to be like him in character. He is the supreme object of God's creation. Although man has tremendous potential for good, he is marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin." This attitude separates man from God.

Gen. 1:27; Psalm 8:36; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1,2

ABOUT ETERNITY

Man was created to exist forever. He will either exist eternally separated from God by sin or in union with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is hell. To be eternally in union with him is eternal life. Heaven and hell are places of eternal existence.

ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all men by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to heaven's glory and will return again to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Matthew 1:22, 23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14, 15; 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4; Romans 1:3, 4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14, 15; Titus 2:13

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ABOUT SALVATION

Salvation is a gift from God to man. Man can never make up for his sin by self-improvement or good works only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can man be saved from sin's penalty. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith.

Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8, 9; John 14:6, 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1

ABOUT ETERNAL LIFE

Because God gives man eternal life through Jesus Christ, the believer is secure in salvation for eternity. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian.

John 10:29; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25; 10:10, 14; 1 Peter 1:3-5

ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and the Son as God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. The Christian seeks to live under his control daily.

2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13, 14:16, 17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:1

ABOUT THE BIBLE

The Bible is God's word to all men. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is truth without any mixture of error.

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20, 21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Psalm 119:105,160, 12:6; Proverbs 30:5

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ABOUT BAPTISM

Baptism by immersion symbolizes the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and is your public declaration that you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. Baptism does not save you, but shows the world that you have already been saved. And while baptism is not required for salvation, it is a biblical command and demonstrates your love and obedience to Christ.

Colossians 2:12; Acts 2:41; Ephesians 2: 8-9; Matthew 28:19-20

ABOUT COMMUNION

Communion, or the Lord's Supper, is an ordinance given to all believers by Jesus Christ to remember his sacrifice for us and to symbolize the new covenant. The elements of bread and wine or juice are symbols of Christ's broken body and shed blood. Communion is not a means of salvation. Rather, it is a testament of a believer's faith in the atoning work of the cross.

*Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29
John 3:16; John 2:25; John 5:11-13; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:15; 1 John 5:11-12;
Matthew 25:31-46*

ABOUT MARRIAGE, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY

We believe that God created and sanctioned marriage to bring together men and women, the complementary halves of humanity, by joining them in "one-flesh" unions. (Genesis 2:18-25.) Marriage between one man and one woman for life, uniquely and correctly reflects Christ's relationship with His Church. (Ephesians 5:21-33.) Marriage also serves as the foundational unit of a stable society. (1 Corinthians 7:2.) Sex outside of the confines of marriage and homosexual behavior, constitute direct attacks upon this timeless and universal institution, and are likewise sinful. Gender, likewise, matters. God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female, and these distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Genesis 1:26-27.)

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Member Information Form

(Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____
Gender: (check one) Male ___ Female ___ Age: _____ D/O/B: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____
Email: _____
Occupation: _____
I have the following expertise: _____

Family Information: (Please Print Clearly)

Marital Status (Check One)
___ Married ___ Single ___ Divorced ___ Widowed ___ Other
Spouse's Name if Married: _____
Spouse's D/O/B: _____
Spouse's Email: _____

Children:

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>D/O/B</u>	<u>Lives with you?</u>	<u>Attends this church?</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Church Information: (Please Print Clearly)

What ministries are you interested in serving?

___ Children's ___ Youth ___ Worship & Creative Arts ___ Greeters ___ Ushers ___ Parking ___
Hospitality ___ Security ___ Sound / AV ___ Other: _____

How would you describe your relationship to Christ? (check all that apply)

___ Seeker/Curious ___ I'm not sure what I believe ___ New Christian ___ Committed Christian
___ I've been a Christian for a while, but I need to grow closer.

Have you been baptized since accepting Jesus Christ? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you interested in being baptized? ___ Yes ___ No

It is my desire to become a member of Community Church. I agree to, and desire to be governed by Community Church's Doctrinal Statement as stated above.

Name _____ Date _____

WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

- ➔ Sign up for a Small Group.
- ➔ Continue to Track Two of the Growth Track.

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ANSWER KEY

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2. Get Connected
3. Make a Difference
4. Worship Consistently
5. Confessing, my / believing
6. Get baptized.
7. As soon as possible
8. Celebration, Inspiration, Application, Salvation
9. Invite, Intentionally
10. Praying
11. Tithing
12. Giving offerings to the poor and needy
13. Giving to the teachers of the Word
14. Understanding its evangelism strategy
15. Living out the John 15 principle