

The logo features a stylized 'G' inside a circle, with a blue-to-red gradient. To the right of the logo, the text 'COMMUNITY'S' is in a smaller, dark blue, sans-serif font, and 'Growth Track' is in a larger, bold, blue, sans-serif font.

# COMMUNITY'S Growth Track

TRACK ONE - DISCOVER YOUR FAITH / BECOME A MEMBER

*"Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A glory to Him, both now and forever! Amen. "*

*2 Peter 3:18 (NLT)*

## WHAT IS THE 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 three tracks which equip you to:

1. Connect to the Community Church spiritual family
2. Discover the joy of growing spiritually and connecting to others, and
3. Use your God-given gifts to make a difference in the lives of others.

## WHY PARTICIPATE IN THE GROWTH TRACK PROCESS?

- To explore the ministry of Community Church and find out how to connect with our church. Through Track One you will learn how to discover your faith and gain deeper insight into what we believe at Community Church. Track One also allows you the opportunity to join Community Church.

➤ **Track One is offered the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month**

- God expects you to grow spiritually, no matter where you are in your spiritual journey. We believe that spiritual growth happens primarily in the context of small groups. Small groups are where you will discover how to develop your spiritual journey both personally, and with others.

➤ **Track Two is offered the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each 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 is offered the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month**

## ABOUT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Church is a diverse family of people who emphasize what God wants for us instead of from us. Our vision is to engage people and change lives for the times in which we live. We are committed to building strong biblical families and creating an atmosphere where anyone can experience God's blessings, because no one is perfect, and everything is possible.

### 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***

*"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***

## THE COMMUNITY CHURCH SPIRITUAL JOURNEY CONSISTS OF:

### 1. Knowing God Through Our Sunday Services

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

*"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never know you.'" **Matthew 7:21-23 NIV***

### 2. Getting Connected Through Our Community Groups

*"[I pray]...that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened [focused and clear]." **Ephesians 1:17-18***

*"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." **James 5:16 NIV***

### 3. Making a Difference by Serving on a Ministry Team

*"[I pray]...that you may grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life He has for His followers [in his holy people]." **Ephesians 1:17-18***

*"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***

## Track One: Discovering Your Faith

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 everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." **Romans 3:23***
- *"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 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***

**Salvation requires two things:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **with my mouth that Jesus is MY Lord!**
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **in my heart that God raised Him from the dead!**

**What do we do when we sin?**

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9*

*“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*

**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 on 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*

**When should I be baptized?**

**As soon as \_\_\_\_\_!!**

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

**UNLESS YOU ARE JOINING THIS CHURCH TO HELP US REACH LOST PEOPLE...  
DON'T JOIN THIS CHURCH!!!!**

**Our Sunday services focus on four values:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

- We believe church should be enjoyable.

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

2. \_\_\_\_\_

- 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*

3. \_\_\_\_\_

- 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*

4. \_\_\_\_\_

*"'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*

## How can you participate?

- \_\_\_\_\_ your family and friends!
- \_\_\_\_\_ build relationships with others!

- 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**

- 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**

*“Jesus began a tour of the nearby towns and villages, preaching and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom of God. He took his twelve disciples with him, along with some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases. Among them were Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons; Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod’s business manager; Susanna; and many others who were contributing from their own resources to support Jesus and his disciples.”* **Luke 8:1-3**

*“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. In the same way, the Lord ordered that those who preach the Good News should be supported by those who benefit from it.”* **1 Corinthians 9:13**

- Support your church by \_\_\_\_\_!

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

1. KNOW GOD THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_
2. GET CONNECTED THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_
3. MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY \_\_\_\_\_

## **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 program.

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 meet your shepherd at our new members fellowship, which is usually following your first communion as a new Community Church family member.

### **Your point of contact for finding out who your shepherd is:**

- **Pastor Sherman McLain @ 985-400-5970 (1085 Campus)**
- **Pastor Greg Longino @ 985-893-5880 (Covington Campus and Online Campus)**
- **Pastor Carlos Cage @ 985-643-2929 (Slidell Campus)**

**Your Shepherd will be your first point of contact for all your spiritual and Community Church-related needs.**



# 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.  
*Genesis 1:1, 26, 27, 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 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.  
*Genesis 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 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*

### **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 authority for our church, and 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*

## **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 16:26-30; 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).

## Member Information Form

### **General Information: (Please Print Clearly)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (check one):    Male     Female     Age: \_\_\_\_\_    DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_    Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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 DOB: \_\_\_\_\_    Spouse's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Name & Age):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **Church Information: (Please Print Clearly)**

**Campus Location:**     Covington     Slidell     1085     Online

**What ministries are you interested in serving?**

Children's     Youth     Worship & Creative Arts     Greeters     Ushers

Parking     Discipleship     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  Other  Christian, but need to grow closer

Have you been baptized since accepting Jesus Christ?  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.**

**Please sign and date below:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_