

# We are Transformation!

*Everybody's welcome! Nobody's perfect!  
TRANSFORMATION is happening!*



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## Welcome to We Are Transformation!

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Whether you are a new Christian, new to our church, or have been here since day one, we are excited for this opportunity to get to know you better and to grow together in our walk with Christ!

We want the church to play a vital part in your life and for you to play a big part in the life of our church as we touch East Hall, Northeast Georgia and beyond!

As we are still a portable church without a building, we have put our New Member class on YouTube (**@TransformationChurchofGainesville**) for you to watch the sessions at your convenience. Follow along in this notebook, fill-in-the-blanks and let us know when you have completed these sessions. Should you feel led to join, you will then become an official, voting member of Transformation Church.

In these sessions, you will learn a little about our staff, what we believe and why, as well as opportunities for service here at TC. We look forward to the awesome adventure of serving Jesus with you!! We are honored to have you join us for the incredible journey!

May God bless you BIG TIME as you get plugged-in to all that He is doing at Transformation Church!

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Rejoicing in Jesus,

### Lead/Founding Pastor Mike Dorough

Mike is a native of Cordele, GA and a graduate of Crisp County High School. He graduated from the University of Georgia in Athens where he was a member of the UGA Concert Band and College Republicans. As a college student, he was selected to participate in the Governor's Intern Program and served in the State Capitol during the Georgia General Assembly. He married Julie Widdowson at First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, FL in June 1988. They have two children, John Michael (1993) and Holly Ann (1995). John Michael is married to the former Holly Strickland of Lula, GA. John Michael and his wife made Pastor Mike and Julie grandparents with the births of their sons Wyatt in 2021 and Strickland 2024. Julie is also a UGA graduate and serves as a buyer for Hall County, GA. Mike received his Master's degree from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, VA. Prince Avenue Baptist Church in Athens, GA licensed him to the Gospel Ministry in 1990. After serving almost seven years as a Youth Pastor in Virginia, he returned to his home state and began serving at Second Baptist Warner Robins in December 1996. In 2016, God called the Doroughs to Northeast Georgia, where Mike has pastored two churches. Pastor Mike and Julie are SEND Network approved church planters of The North American Mission Board to plant Transformation Church. He has led mission trips to Russia, Germany, Brazil, Poland, The Bahamas, Nicaragua, as well as mission trips throughout the eastern United States. The Doroughs love spending time together watching Georgia Bulldog sports and vacationing together at the beach. Julie currently leads our Children's Ministry. Pastor Mike's life verse is Romans 8:28 and his favorite song is "Because He Lives."



## Associate Pastor Brad Thomas

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Brad feels extremely fortunate to have grown up in a Christian home where his dad was a minister and his mom participated in church, whether it was playing the piano or singing in the choir. Brad accepted the Lord as his personal Lord and Savior when he was fourteen years old during a revival service. He graduated from Stockbridge High School, then served our country in the U.S. Navy. He was also able to attend ITT Tech where he pursued a Computer Science degree. Brad's career is in telecommunications. In September 2006, Brad was blessed to marry his wife Amanda ("Poo") Thomas. They have five amazing children, Miranda, Candace, Mikey, Addy, and Maddy. They have also been blessed with one granddaughter, Summer, along with two great sons-in-law.

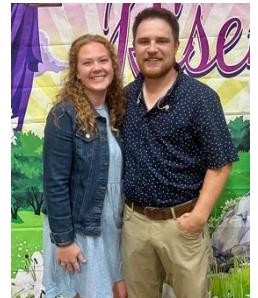


In September of 2006, Brad accepted God's call to preach at Central Baptist Church in McDonough, GA. In 2011, he was ordained as a minister at Glory Road Baptist Church in Stockbridge, GA. During Brad's journey as a minister, he considers himself blessed to serve around great men of God who have mentored him along the way. His favorite song is *The Well* by Casting Crowns. His favorite hymn is *Because He Lives* and he loves to hear his mom sing it. His favorite verse is Ephesians 1:6, *To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.* Brad enjoys fishing, hunting, and hiking. He especially loves being in the mountains of Montana and Wyoming. He often feels closer to God enjoying these hobbies in His creation. Amanda often helps Julie Dorough in our Children's Ministry.

## **Worship Pastor Lucas-Waylon Maloch**

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Lucas was saved and baptized in April of 2008. He graduated from East Hall High School in 2016. He has been playing guitar and other stringed instruments for 16+ years. He works as a Breeder Technician for Wayne Farms. He married his wife Bethany in 2020 and they are now expecting their first child in December of 2025. Bethany was saved and baptized at a very young age and graduated from Flowery Branch High School in 2012 and is currently attending Georgia Southwestern State University. She is currently working towards her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She is a Kindergarten Paraprofessional for Gainesville City Schools. Together they served in the youth group and led VBS classes at Harmony Hall Baptist Church. Lucas was called and licensed to the Gospel Ministry at Transformation Church in 2025. Bethany sings on the TC praise team with Lucas. Lucas' favorite Bible verse is Psalm 116:16 and his favorite hymn is *I Saw the Light*. His favorite contemporary songs are *So Will I* and *The Lord Will Provide*. Bethany's favorite Bible verses are Psalm 91:11 and Jeremiah 29:11. Her favorite hymn is *It Is Well With My Soul*. While she can't pick just one favorite contemporary song, but her favorite Christian group is Shane and Shane. They both love to do anything outdoors related such as hiking, camping, kayaking, fishing and hunting. Lucas likes to work on older model cars in his spare time. He was left a 1949 Dodge Forestry Truck from his grandpa and together him and his dad have been restoring it. Bethany enjoys reading and baking. They spend most of their time with their pets and family and doing DIY projects around their home. They are so blessed and excited to call Transformation Church their home and can't wait to see what God has in store for their church and church family.



## Director of Technology David Berliner

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Back in the mid 70's, David started working with audio in his church in Cleveland, GA for the youth choir. From this experience it was clear to David that he enjoyed doing it. As the months went by, it was clear to David that God had given him a passion to serve the local church in this ministry. David says, *From this exciting beginning, the Lord was getting me to be ready for bigger and better things, even though I was not aware of it at the time.*



David was asked by a friend to run sound for him at Concord Baptist Church in the mid 80's. He learned even more about sound- what to listen for when adjusting a sound system for optimal sound. It was about this time that he felt the call of the Lord to really make this His passion and calling in life.

David faithfully served at Concord Baptist in Clermont, GA for 22 years before the Lord called him to Transformation Church in Gainesville, GA. During the 22 years at Concord Baptist, David learned and worked with several different audio systems from analog to digital. During those years, Concord hosted large productions and musicals which David oversaw with Pastor James Dollar. Concord also launched three satellite locations during this time. David helped install all the video, lighting and sound equipment for these campuses. He then trained volunteers in operation of the sound equipment.

David's vast experience is invaluable for Transformation Church as we are a young, portable church plant seeking a permanent location. He is currently working with the Behringer X32 Producer mixing console and will be installing a lighting system when the time is correct, along with other projects that are worship and service related in the church. The Lord has given David an invaluable range of talent and knowledge that he hopes to use as Transformation Church grows for the glory of God.

David edits and uploads our weekly sermons and plans to move our church to Livestreaming video when the time is right. He oversees our website and all technical aspects of Transformation Church. David truly has a servant's heart and Transformation is blessed to have him on our team!



# PART 1 - OUR MESSAGE

## THE BASIS FOR THIS CLASS:

*... You are a member of God's very own family ...and you \_\_\_\_\_ in God's household with every other Christian. Eph. 2:19*

### Key Truths:

1. The church is a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God's expects you to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of a church family.
3. A Christian without a church family is an \_\_\_\_\_.

### DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Also see *The Baptist Faith and Message 2000*: [bfm.sbc.net](http://bfm.sbc.net)

1. We believe that the \_\_\_\_\_ is the divinely inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of the Living God, totally without \_\_\_\_\_ in its original manuscripts. It is a perfect guide for our lives and the final authority in all things.
2. We believe that God is a \_\_\_\_\_ – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and that these three are one.
3. We believe that \_\_\_\_\_ is by the grace of God alone, that men are saved by grace through faith in the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe Jesus was born of a virgin, lived a \_\_\_\_\_ life, died on the cross of Calvary, was buried, rose again, is coming again to get all who are truly saved, and **so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

5. We believe that real salvation can never be \_\_\_\_\_.

6. A true believer through sin in his life can lose \_\_\_\_\_ with God, but not a relationship with God.

### SALVATION

Salvation is a matter of entrusting ourselves to God's grace by faith in His Son Jesus Christ. It is by this grace that we can have a living and active personal relationship with the Lord Jesus, King of all Kings and Lord of all Lords.

*For whoever will call upon the Name of the Lord will be saved.*

**Romans 10:13**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ THAT GOD HAS NOT BEEN FIRST PLACE IN YOUR LIFE AND ASK HIM TO FORGIVE YOUR SINS.

**ROM 3:23, For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.**

2. \_\_\_\_\_ THAT JESUS DIED TO PAY FOR YOUR SINS AND THAT HE ROSE AGAIN, AND IS ALIVE TODAY.

**ROM 10:9-10, 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. 10 For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.**

**ACTS 4:12, Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name (Jesus) by which we must be saved.**

3. \_\_\_\_\_ GOD'S FREE GIFT OF SALVATION. DON'T TRY TO EARN IT.

**For it is by grace you are saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9**

**Our relationship to God is not restored by anything we do, but on the basis of what Jesus already did for us!**

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ JESUS CHRIST TO COME INTO YOUR LIFE AND BE THE "LORD" (BOSS) OF YOUR LIFE.**

**John 1:12-13 To all who receive Him, He gives the right to become children of God. All we need to do is to trust Him to save us. All those who believe this are reborn! ... not a physical rebirth ... but from the will of God.**

**YOU CAN TAKE THESE STEPS BY PRAYING A SIMPLE PRAYER OF COMMITMENT TO GOD. IT MIGHT BE SOMETHING LIKE THIS ...**

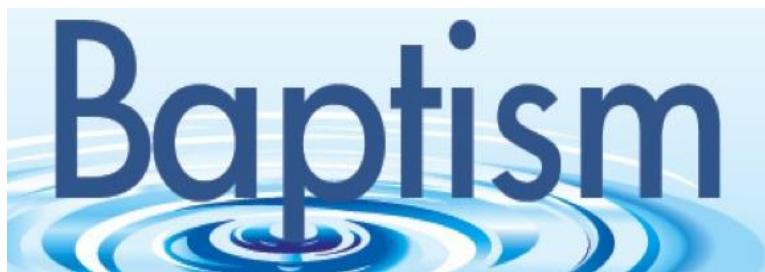
*Dear Jesus, thank you for making me and loving me, even when I've ignored you and gone my own way. I realize I need you in my life and I'm sorry for my sins. I ask you to forgive me. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. Please help me to understand it more. As much as I know how, I want to follow you from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept your gift of salvation. Please help me to grow now as a Christian with you as my Lord and King, all for YOUR glory and renown.*

**\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ will ever separate you from God's love once you make Him your Lord!**

**ROM 8:35-39, Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? 36 (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") 37 No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. 38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## **THE ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH**

**Jesus instructed the church to remember His death and resurrection through two visible symbols – Baptism and The Lord's Supper.**



**1. TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE SET BY \_\_\_\_\_.**

*At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river. **Mark 1:9***

**2. BECAUSE CHRIST \_\_\_\_\_ IT.**

*Jesus said, "Go then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit..., **Matthew 28:19-20***

## WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BAPTISM?

### 1. IT ILLUSTRATES JESUS' \_\_\_\_\_ AND RESURRECTION.

*Christ died for our sin ...He was buried ... and He rose again.*

**1 Cor. 15:3-4**

*For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ. Col. 2:12*

### 2. IT ILLUSTRATES MY \_\_\_\_\_ AS A CHRISTIAN.

*By our baptism then, we were buried with Him and shared His death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead ...so also we may live a new life. Rom. 6:4*

Baptism doesn't make you a believer, it demonstrates that you already believe. Baptism does not "save" you. You are "saved" only by your faith in Jesus.

Baptism is like a \_\_\_\_\_ it's the outward symbol of the commitment you make in your heart.

Wearing a wedding ring does not make you married, but does indicate that you are. Likewise, baptism does not save you, but it does \_\_\_\_\_ you as being saved.

Baptism is the first step of  
OBEDIENCE \_\_\_\_\_  
salvation that every believer should  
take.

## WHAT IS THE METHOD OF BAPTISM?

1. EVERY BAPTISM IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WAS BY \_\_\_\_\_.

*"and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized them. When they came up out of the water..."* **Acts 8:38-39**

2. THE WORD BAPTIZE MEANS TO IMMERSE; TO GO \_\_\_\_\_ WATER.

The Greek word *baptizo* means "to immerse or dip under water."

3. BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_ WAS BAPTIZED THIS WAY.

*"After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water..."* **Matthew 3:16**

4. IT BEST SYMBOLIZES A \_\_\_\_\_ AND RESURRECTION.



While baptism is a one-time experience, Jesus gave us another action that is intended to continue throughout the life of the Christian. It's called the Lord's Supper, and it's a powerful way for Christians to remember and celebrate what God did for us in the life of Jesus.

1. IT IS A \_\_\_\_\_.

*... and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; eat it in remembrance of me.' 1 Cor 11:24*

**2. IT IS A \_\_\_\_\_.**

*In the same way, He took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; drink it to remember me.' 1 Cor 11:25*

**3. IT IS A \_\_\_\_\_ OF FAITH.**

*For whenever you eat the bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes back. 1 Cor 11:26*

### **WHO SHOULD TAKE THE LORD'S SUPPER?**

**ONLY THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY \_\_\_\_\_ (see Mark 14:22-26)**

*For if you eat the bread or drink the cup unworthy, not honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. 1 Cor. 11:29*

### **HOW DO I PREPARE MYSELF FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER?**

*Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A person ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. 1 Cor. 11:27-28*

**You prepare yourself by ...**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ -EXAMINATION 1 Cor. 11:27**

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ OF SINS

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9*

## 3. \_\_\_\_\_ TO HIS LORDSHIP

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God -- this is your spiritual act of worship. Rom. 12:1*

## 4. RESTORING \_\_\_\_\_

*Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. Matt. 5:23-24*

**\*We observe the Lord's Supper several times throughout the year. Our Christmas Carol and Communion Service is a highlight each CHRISTmas season.**

**\*We invite all born-again Christians to join in the Lord's Supper, not just those who are members of our church.**

# PART 2 - OUR MODEL

*I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the house of the LORD.”* Psalm 122:1

## TRANSFORMATION CHURCH MODEL

**Pastor – \_\_\_\_\_**

**Pastoral Advisory Team: Dr. JoJo Thomas, Dr. Jim Perdue, and Pastor Blue Bryan.**

**Deacon served.**

**Staff and Member implemented**

**Member - Supported**

### **1. THE CHURCH IS A FELLOWSHIP.**

**a. It is vital that you connect with other believers!**

***“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship...”* Acts 2:42**

**b. A top priority in a fellowship is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

***“Being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”* Ephesians 4:3**

***"So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another."* Romans 14:19**

**2. THE CHURCH IS A \_\_\_\_\_.**

***"To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit."* 1 Peter 3:8**

***"As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."***  
**Galatians 6:10**

# PART 3 ~ OUR MISSION

**Why are we here? What's the purpose?**



*Transformation Church is a church where anybody and everybody can be transformed by the Truth about Jesus. We desire to be a church that is serious about fulfilling The Great C\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 28:19-20) and living The Greatest C\_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 22:34-40).*

We strive to **CONNECT** people with other believers, to help them **GROW** in their faith, and to challenge the growing to **SERVE** God by serving others.

**GREAT COMMISSION..**

*Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the*

*nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

**MATTHEW 28:18-20**

## GREATEST COMMANDMENT...

*Jesus replied, "'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'* **MATTHEW 22:37-3**

## C-O-N-N-E-C-T = FELLOWSHIP

### CONNECT WITH CHRIST

a. **Witnessing** is simply speaking those things which we have \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."* **Acts 4:20**

b. It's simply being a witness to what you have \_\_\_\_\_.

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.*

**Acts 1:8**

### CONNECT WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS

Fellowship is joining together in \_\_\_\_\_ purposes as Christian believers. It grows out of fellowship with \_\_\_\_\_.

*As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another*

**Proverbs 27:17**

\_\_\_\_\_ are built & centered around the study of God's Word.

*But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is called "today," so none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Hebrews 3:13*

**G-R-O-W = DISCIPLESHIP**

*Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.*

**Matthew 28:20**

*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as workman... accurately handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15*

Bible Study is \_\_\_\_\_ for Christian growth. At TC there are several avenues of Bible study.

**S-E-R-V-E = MINISTRY**

As Christians, we minister in three directions:

**A. To the \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Acts 13:2*

**B. To other \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints." Hebrews 6:10*

C. To \_\_\_\_\_.

***"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men."***

**Matthew 5:13**

## **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

**What are spiritual gifts?**

**\*\*\* Spiritual gifts are the \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ that God gives to every Christian so they might serve Him.**

**\*\*\* Spiritual gifts are the \_\_\_\_\_ of ministry.**

**\*GO to [gifts.churchgrowth.org](http://gifts.churchgrowth.org) and follow instructions to take a spiritual gifts inventory before next week's class!**

**1. I've been \_\_\_\_\_ for ministry.**

***For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."***

**Ephesians 2:10**

**2. I've been \_\_\_\_\_ for ministry.**

***Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity.***

**2 Timothy 1:9**

**3. I've been \_\_\_\_\_ to ministry.**

***Therefore I implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called. Ephesians 4:1***

4. I've been \_\_\_\_\_ for ministry.

*As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.* **1 Peter 4:10**

5. I've been \_\_\_\_\_ to minister.

*Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.* **Matthew 20:28**

6. I will be \_\_\_\_\_ for my ministry.

*Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is Christ whom you serve.* **Colossians 3:23-24**

\*\*Every member is a \_\_\_\_\_!

\*\*In what ways could you see yourself serving God in  
*Transformation ministries?*

\*\**VARIOUS Ministries YOU can get involved in...*

**Children's Church, Nursery, Greeters, Fall Festival, Outreach,  
Children's Church, Praise Band, Sound/Tech Crew, Set Up and Tear-down, Clean-Up, Follow-up, Video Ministry, Ladies ministry, Tik-Tok and more!**

We are \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ others.

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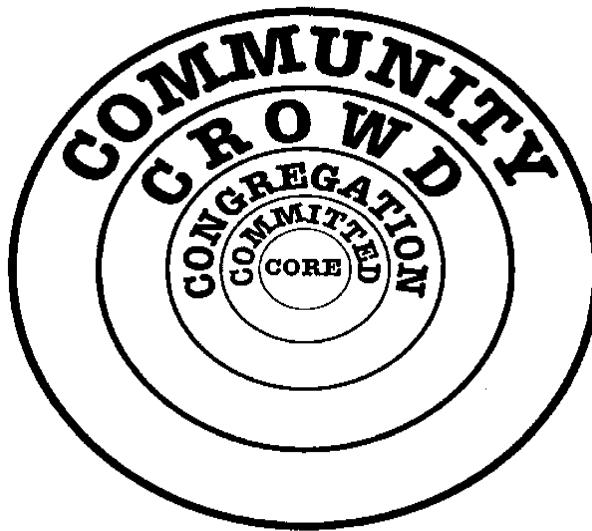
We are \_\_\_\_\_ to be a \_\_\_\_\_.



# PART 4 ~ OUR METHODS

## OUR POTENTIAL AUDIENCE

One of the elements of fulfilling our purposes is to identify the potential audience of people. We do this by recognizing four different groups of people.



1. **COMMUNITY:** committed to **NOT** \_\_\_\_\_ church.
2. **CROWD:** committed to \_\_\_\_\_ church.
3. **CONGREGATION** committed to a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. **COMMITTED** to \_\_\_\_\_ necessary for spiritual growth.
5. **CORE** committed to DOING \_\_\_\_\_.

When you combine our purpose statement with the potential audience of students, you'll see our goal is to move students from apathetic to passionate about God.



***Which audience would you consider yourself to be a part of?***

***\*Where are you in the \_\_\_\_\_ of becoming more  
like \_\_\_\_\_?***

# PART 5 ~ OUR CHALLENGE

## THE MEMBER'S CHALLENGE

### *TO BUILD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST*

**At Transformation Church, we ask you to commit to church membership.**

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: Christ died for the Church.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: It defines who can be counted on. Every team must have a roster. Membership defines our family.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: It produces spiritual growth. The New Testament places a major emphasis on the need for Christians to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth.
4. You cannot be accountable when you are not committed to any specific church family.

**A Christian without a church home is an \_\_\_\_\_.**

## THE MEMBER'S CREED

### ***TO HONOR THE BODY OF CHRIST***

**1. I will protect the \_\_\_\_\_ of my church by...**

- **Following the leaders.**
- **Acting in love toward other members.**
- **Refusing to \_\_\_\_\_.**

***And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:24***

***Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus. Romans 15:5***

***Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment... Ephesians 4:29***

***Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you. Hebrews 13:17***

**2. I will \_\_\_\_\_ the responsibility of my church by...**

- **Praying for its \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Inviting the \_\_\_\_\_ to attend.**
- **Warmly \_\_\_\_\_ those who visit.**

***We give thanks always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers. 1 Thessalonians 1:2***

***Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that My house may be filled. Luke 14:23***

***Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God. Romans 15:7***

3. I will \_\_\_\_\_ the ministry of my church by...

- Discovering my gifts & talents.
- Being equipped to serve.
- Developing a servant's heart.

***And he gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers... to the building up of the Body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-12***

***Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:4-5***

I will \_\_\_\_\_ the testimony of my church by...

- Attending faithfully.
- Living a godly life.
- Giving regularly.

***...not forsaking the assembling together... Hebrews 10:25***

***Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ. Philippians 1:27***

***On the first day of the week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper. 1 Corinthians 16:2***

## THE MEMBER'S COMMITMENT

### ***TO STRENGTHEN THE BODY OF CHRIST***

#### **1. Commit to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Word.**

- **Hear** the Word (Romans 10:17).
- **Read** the Word (Revelation 1:3).
- **Study** the Word (Acts 17:11).
- **Memorize** the Word (Psalm 119:9-11).
- **Meditate** on the Word (Psalm 1:2-3)

#### **2. Commit to be a \_\_\_\_\_ warrior. (Matthew 6:9-15)**

- **Praise** – I express my love to God. (v.9)
- **Purpose** – I commit myself to God's will. (v.10)
- **Provision** – I ask God to meet my needs. (v.11)
- **Pardon** – I ask God for forgiveness. (v.12)
- **People** – I pray for others. (v. 12)
- **Protection** – I ask for spiritual protection. (v. 13)

#### **3. Commit to be spiritually \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Church is not something to \_\_\_\_\_ ; it is a place to \_\_\_\_\_ – to be spiritually connected.
  - A **brick** in a building.
  - A **part** of a body.
  - A **sheep** in a flock.
  - A **member** of a family.

#### **4. Commit to be a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_.**

##### **a. Tithing is about \_\_\_\_\_.**

***For every animal of the forest is Mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the field are***

***Mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and everything in it is Mine. Psalm 50:10-12***

***Thus all the tithe of the land... is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord. Leviticus 27:30***

***But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who is giving you power to make wealth... Deuteronomy 8:18***

**b. Tithing is about\_\_\_\_\_.**

***Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... Malachi 3:10***

***Honor the Lord from your wealth and from the first of all your produce. Proverbs 3:9***

***But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also.***

***2 Corinthians 8:7b-8***

The Bible says we are to give \_\_\_\_\_, joyfully, sacrificially, and generously. **2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

**5. Commit to sharing the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.**

**a. It's \_\_\_\_\_.**

**All farmers know that the seed must go in before the crops come out. The Law of the harvest says...**

- ✓ You reap \_\_\_\_\_ you sow.
- ✓ You reap \_\_\_\_\_ than you sow.
- ✓ You reap \_\_\_\_\_ than you sow.

b. It's \_\_\_\_\_. *And he who is wise wins souls.* **Proverbs 11:30**

c. It's \_\_\_\_\_.

- There is great \_\_\_\_\_ in doing God's will.