

MOUNTAIN MOVERS MINISTRY

Membership Manual



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STATEMENT OF MISSION/VISION

OUR MISSION

Winning the Community to Christ; One Family at a Time

OUR VISION

The broad mission of the *Mountain Movers Ministry* is to glorify God, edify the saints and evangelize the lost. More specifically, the purpose and mission of the *Mountain Movers Ministry* is to effectively minister and disciple people of all nations, races, economic, social, ethnic backgrounds, and life situations through the Word of God. This is accomplished through committed leadership in order to enhance spiritual growth and victorious living. Furthermore, we emphasize family restoration and the significance of the family. Three priorities that are accentuated at this church are: **faith, family, and fulfillment of purpose.**

The Cross of Jesus Christ is *the message* that is conveyed from this ministry. The strategy that is utilized to accomplish the mission of *Mountain Movers Ministry* may be unconventional at times, but it will never compromise *the message*. This ministry is **not church as usual**. Instead, we are attempting to carry out God's mandate concerning the "Great Commission" by reaching the disenchanting, lost, and unchurched by utilizing different methodologies and strategies.

The **family** unit is under attack on every side in this current age. Therefore, the strategy and methodology that is being applied directly involves the family unit at all levels. The service needs of young children, teens, college students, and adults alike are being met. This is accomplished by making services relevant, meaningful, efficient, applicable, challenging, and involving all age groups through practical teaching during simultaneous services. In addition, fellowship with one another to strengthen the body of Christ is emphasized during and after services. One of the primary means of encouraging and strengthening one another will be the **family** fellowship immediately after service on Saturday evenings.

This ministry is not in competition with traditional Sunday morning services. We are reaching people who are attempting to have a relationship with Jesus Christ in a non-conventional manner. This culture has dictated that many people work numerous jobs with unconventional hours. The stresses that are put on people and the family unit are creating many challenges upon society as a whole. Traditional Sunday morning services are not available, accessible, or convenient for every one that would like to attend a meaningful church that is relevant for this current dispensation that we live in. This ministry has evolved out of the need to reach those who have a desire to **fulfill their purpose.**

The Saturday evening service was created to meet the needs of busy, productive, efficient individuals and **families**. The mission of this ministry is to disciple, empower, and equip people, who live in a fast-moving, technological age to fulfill their God ordained **purpose**. It is evident that many people have had to make tough decisions to either go to church, work, or take their child to some activity on Sunday morning. *Mountain Movers Ministry* is available and prepared to serve those who have been in that situation before. This ministry is prepared to help someone to have **faith in God, strengthen their family, and fulfill their God-ordained purpose.**

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Dear Friends:

As you embark upon becoming a member of *Mountain Movers Ministry*, know that we are excited, thankful, and humbled that you have decided to become a part of what God is doing here. It is our prayer that you will become a vibrant part of this active ministry. We are expecting God to do some incredible things in all of our lives. This ministry was designed and conceived just for you to become an integral part of it. In order for you to better understand how we function, it is critical that you become a participant and not a spectator.

This ministry will focus on teaching the Word of God and encouraging the members to have **faith in God, focus on the family unit, and fulfilling your God-ordained purpose**. The New Member's class and packet will help you to assimilate into this local church. We pray that you will join us in our fellowship times together to ensure that we can encourage and help one another on this exciting journey. You will find that this is **NOT CHURCH AS USUAL!** We are not competing with any local churches for membership, instead we are attempting to fulfill the "Great Commission" and to disciple members to win our communities back one family at a time. Prayerfully, we will be able to assist you and we can grow in Christ Jesus together. We look forward to getting to know you better. Welcome aboard!

In His Service,

Pastor Wade and Sister Sherrie Runge

THE SAINT

The most important people in our church....
In person, at home, or on the phone.

Not dependent on us...
We are dependent on them.

Not an interruption of our calling, but the reason for it...
We are not doing the Saint a favor...
The Saint is doing us a favor by giving us the opportunity to serve them.

Not an outsider to the church...
They are a vital part of it.

Not a cold statistic, but a person with feelings and emotions, and convictions and dislikes...
Just like you and me.

Not someone to argue and match wits with. No one wins when they are arguing with the Saint.

Not someone that intimidate the Word of God or manipulate with personal interpretation,
But someone to humbly serve.

A person who brings us their wants. It's our job to minister to them that which The Lord has given us, in a quality, understandable, and loving way.

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PASTOR WADE S. RUNGE

Elder Runge was born in Nuernberg, West Germany and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was licensed for ministry in 1994 at Okinawa Japan and served in ministry wherever he was stationed in the military. He became an ordained elder in 2001. He served at New Deliverance Evangelistic Church in Richmond, Virginia as the Executive Minister from 1996 until 2011. He is the pastor and founder of Mountain Movers Ministry, Inc. Elder Runge's vision and passion is to reach the lost and unchurched through a strategy that is designed to encourage people to have **faith** in God, focus on the **family** unit, and **fulfill** their God ordained purpose.

Elder Runge retired from the United States Marine Corps after 20 plus years of honorable service. He earned a B.S in Liberal Studies from Excelsior College, a Master of Arts in Theological Studies, and a Master of Divinity from Liberty Theological Seminary. Currently, he is pursuing his Doctorate of Ministry from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Elder Runge conveys a message of reconciliation and restoration that is easily understood by all, while encouraging this present age to glorify Jesus Christ. He believes we can carry out the "Great Commission" and can take our communities back one family at a time through four words: **NOT CHURCH AS USUAL**.

Elder Runge is married to his best friend and partner in ministry, Sister Sherrie L. Runge. They have one son and three daughters and currently reside in Midlothian, Virginia.

SISTER SHERRIE L. RUNGE

Sister Sherrie Runge was born and raised in Alvin, SC. In her early twenties, she came to know the Lord as her personal savior. Sister Runge graduated high school in 1985 and joined the United States Marine Corps four years later. She served her country for over 21 years before retiring in 2010. During her military career she grew in her relationship with the Lord while sharing the good news with people of different faith. While serving in Okinawa, Japan, Sister Runge met and married her partner in Christ, Elder Wade Runge. The Lord has blessed them with four lovely children: Antonio, Monique, Gabrielle, and Alannah. Sister Runge earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Averett University and a Masters of Arts in Management and Leadership from Webster University. Sister Runge's military background flows into her Christian walk as she strives to be a soldier in the Lord's Army on and off the battlefield. She is committed to sharing the good news to all according to Mathew 28, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."

STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE



- The Bible is the inspired and only infallible written Word of God.
- There is one God, eternally existent and manifested in three Persons; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
- In the blessed hope—the rapture of the Church of God that is in Christ at His return.
- The only means of being cleansed and set free from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.
- The redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the human body in answer to and believing in prayer.
- The baptism of the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for Him.
- In the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by Whose indwelling, the Christian is enabled to live a holy life in this present world.



HISTORY OF MOUNTAIN MOVERS MINISTRY

Mountain Movers Ministry, Inc. was birthed out of a need to reach the lost and unchurched. Elder Wade S. Runge was given the vision for this ministry after witnessing the thirst that many people had for a relationship with God. However, the obstacle or challenge that got in the way of some was their perception of organized religion. This ministry was conceived out of the need for a generation of potential believers who need more relationship rather than religious piety. Therefore, **NOT CHURCH AS USUAL** became the “battle-cry” for Mountain Movers Ministry.

Elder Runge’s pastor and father in the Gospel, Bishop Gerald O. Glenn and the NDEC family have prepared him for this moment. Bishop Glenn mentored, fathered, and encouraged Elder Runge to trust God and become a “water-walker”. God’s divine favor and providence was seen during the whole process when Pastor Dwayne Sconion of Midlothian Christian Fellowship was led to allow Mountain Movers Ministry to hold services at their current location: 905 Southlake Blvd Richmond, Virginia 23236. This anointed preacher and friend offered support and God’s approbation for this ministry could be seen from that moment. In addition, Elder Runge’s tenured friend of more than 20 years, Pastor Vincent Allen of Agape Fellowship Ministries took the time to help prepare all the necessary documents for the infancy of this ministry. All of these factors were considered to be a part of the decision process of planting this ministry. However, Elder Runge recognized the need to seek counsel from Pastor Reginald Lewis in Gainesville, Florida because they have served in ministry and the USMC together for more than 20 years. After much prayer and supplication the vision for Mountain Movers Ministry was clarified and God’s handprint could be seen through all the events that had taken place. It is clear that without the help of God and these gracious men of God none of this would have been possible. God’s favor and divine providential will could be seen from the inception of the ministry.

The Mountain Movers Ministry, Inc. became an official entity on February 28, 2011. The initial trustees that were designated to sign all required documents were Antonio Middleton, Sherrie Runge, and Wade Runge. The church received its incorporated status on April 4, 2011. Elder Runge began meeting with potential members throughout the summer of 2011. Mountain Movers Ministry started prayer services with Elder and Sister Runge on March 31, 2011. Sister Runge demonstrated her belief that God had blessed this ministry that evening and sowed the first seed into this ministry. The month of September 2011 has been designated as a month of prayer and consecration in preparation of the first official service in October. The first Saturday evening service will be conducted on the 1st of October in 2011.

FOUR FUNDAMENTAL FACTS

These four fundamental facts will have a positive impact on your life as you consider them.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DOES NOT SAVE. You have been saved by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Good works cannot save. Culture cannot save. Baptism does not save. Your membership in the **church** does not save. Christ has done that and there is no one else sufficient to do it. You are to live a consistent life in the **church** because of Christ.

CHRISTIANS ARE CONTINUOUSLY TEMPTED. You must not think you will not be tempted since you have become a Christian. Temptations will be increased and will be more severe. You have just enlisted in the Lord's army and will now need the Lord's armor. (Read Ephesians 6:11-18)

CHRISTIANS HAVE GREATER JOY. No joy is taken from the person who becomes a Christian. In fact, becoming a Christian places each of us in position to have real joy—the happiest life possible. Jesus said to believers, “These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full (John 15:11).” You can now be the happiest person in the world.

CHRISTIANS HAVE LARGER LIBERTY. It does not take away one's liberty to become a Christian. In fact the Christian has larger liberty. He/she is no longer a “slave” to needless restrictions and endless prohibitions. We read, “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (II Corinthians 3:17).” The Christian is delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God (Romans 8:21). The Christian has God's freedom, which means he can do anything but commit sin—and this he should not desire to do!

We are admonished to search the scriptures (John 5:39) and to pray without ceasing (II Thessalonians 5:17). In the former, God talks with us and in the latter we talk with God. Worship and fellowship with God should be private (Matthew 6:6) and public (Luke 4:16). Both are essential and fulfill different needs in life. To fail in these is to fail in the Christian life. To be faithful in worship will assure success in the Christian life.

MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION

1. What is the responsibility of the Church to me?
2. What is my responsibility to the Church?
3. Family Relationships (Romans 8:14-17)
4. Heaven
 - a. God
 - (1) Father
 - b. Jesus
 - (2) Son/Elder Brother
 - c. Holy Ghost
 - (3) Comforter
5. Saints
 - a. Pastor
 - b. Elders
 - c. Mothers
 - d. Ministers
 - e. Deacons and Deaconess
 - f. Brothers and Sisters
6. Spiritual Support
 - a. Prayer
 - b. Unity
 - c. Correction
 - d. Healing
 - e. Spiritual Gifts
 - f. Protection
7. Worship Environment
(Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19, 20; Psalms 34:3; I Corinthians 14)
 - a. Edification
 - b. Mutual Understanding and Appreciation
8. Economic (John 1:17; Romans 12:13; I John 3:17; Acts 11:27-30)
 - a. Giving and Receiving

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHURCH TO ITS MEMBERS

As a ministry, we will uphold the principles of our fundamental Christian faith. Additionally, we are committed to the nurturing of each member by instilling truth and righteousness through the Word of God. With the help of the Lord, we will be responsible **for**:

- a. Preaching and teaching the truth and principles of God's Word.
- b. Being a faithful "Watch keeper" of the souls in the ministry.
- c. Seeking the Lord in prayer for each family and the Ministry.
- d. Being a responsible person of integrity and honesty throughout the community.
- e. Making responsible decisions as it pertains to the ministry.
- f. Being available for guidance and other needs of those within the ministry.
- g. Leading the ministry by precept and example.
- h. Placing only responsible, faithful, men and women in places of leadership.
- i. Respecting the time of each member in the service of the Lord.
- j. Being accountable to the members for all funds received.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBERS TO THEIR CHURCH

To assist the ministry in developing responsible members, we ask each person to read and affirm their commitment to the following responsibilities. We ask that everyone commit themselves to these and any other issues faithfully. Remember, the ministry is built on the faithfulness of us all. To maintain focus and the growth of the ministry, each of us must do our part. Therefore, we ask each member to:

- a. Seek for the will of the Lord for your life so you may be a “giver” and not just a “receiver.”
- b. Have a consecrated life of prayer and fasting for the ministry and each other.
- c. Honestly, seek to come up higher in the Lord in every aspect.
- d. Support the ministry with your tithes (at least 10% of your income).
- e. Support the ministry with your time.
- f. Support the ministry with “free-will” offerings.
- g. Support the services of the ministry.
- h. Maintain the appearance of the ministry so that it will always have the presence of worship and praise.
- i. Be punctual to each service.
- j. Be a witness and disciple of the ministry throughout the community.
- k. Seek to give 100 percent in each service.
- l. Maintain an appetite for growth and maturity in your daily walk with the Lord.

WHY DO I NEED CHURCH?

Stephen A. Bly

Why can't I worship God in the comfort of my home, enjoying the best preaching and music TV has to offer? Why can't I just enjoy being alone out in the woods—just God and me and the pine trees?

Why do I really need church?

I need church because it's a family reunion. Jesus said, "Who is my family? Those who do My will" (Mark 3:33, 35). We are rejoicing with one another, helping each other. We need each other's support.

I need church because it's a classroom. I'm preparing for a mission; I'm on an extended course of study. For the rest of my life I'm enrolled in a course of Christian discipleship.

I need church because it's a refuge. A sanctuary—a place to get away from the world. It's a place to focus my thoughts on things above, to worship.

I need church because it's like a billboard. As my neighbors see me go down to that building on the corner week after week, they can tell what is important in my life, if my family is there, too, the neighbors may wonder what attracts people so regularly.

I need church because it's a memorial service, imagine that I had been in a war and one of my buddies threw himself on an enemy hand grenade to save me—and it killed him. Suppose I learned there was to be a memorial service for him in my hometown. Would I be there? Of course! And since Jesus died for me, it's to honor Him that I attend His memorial service.

I need church because it's a victory celebration. We can celebrate Jesus' resurrection together. At least one day a week should be set aside for remembering Jesus' triumph over death and Satan.

Finally, I need church because it's a time to spend with my Father. I'm a child of God. As my Father, He's not cold and aloof. He delights in spending time with me, and I want to be with Him. God wants to reveal His plans to me. And, I want to cooperate with Him.

But, He's not only my Father; He's our Father. And, Christ is not just my Savior; He's our Savior. Jesus said that when two or three are gathered together in His name, He is there (Matthew 18:20). And, God has warned me not to forsake gathering with other believers (Hebrews 10:25).

I need church because I'm part of a family, I have lots to learn and I need a retreat. I know what my priorities are. I respect Christ's death and am overjoyed by His resurrection. I want to spend time with my Father and other believers.

That's why I need church!

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MAKING DEFINITE DECISIONS

By the grace of God through faith in Christ you have made a definite decision for Christ as Savior and Lord. You have decided to live and walk with him. This is a great decision; the greatest you have made or will make in your life. By faith in Christ you now have eternal life. Believing in Christ, you are now a “Christian.”

Following the leadership of Christ, you have offered yourself for membership in His church. The church encourages you to follow Christ in baptism. You have made a definite decision for a consecrated life of service in the membership of the church.

The church is now receiving you into full fellowship of its membership. Our expectation is that you will desire to be a good member of the church. And, as you experience this new relationship, you should be willing to give your time, increase your faith, spend more time in prayer and thought to gain much pleasure and profit in service to God and man. You will make your own success or failure as a member of the church.

YOU CAN MAKE A SUCCESS OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCH. You will find the members of the church ready to help you at all times. God, the Father, is always ready to help you, for we read his promise, **“My presence will go with thee, and I will give the assurance.”** (Exodus 33:14). The Lord Jesus Christ is ready to help you, for we read, **“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.”** (Jude 24). The Holy Spirit is ready to help, for we read, **“He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.”** (John 14:17).

LOVE THE CHURCH. **“...Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;”** (Ephesians 5:25). The fact that Christ loved the church is sufficient reason for us to love it, support it, and give ourselves for it. Christ gave himself for the church daily during his earthly life.

It was clearly the purpose of Christ to teach, preach, and heal; for we read, **“And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.”** (Matthew 4:23).

WORSHIP THE LORD. **“Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.”** (Matthew 6:9). **“O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.”** (Psalms 96:9). **“O come, Let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.”** (Psalms 95:6).

STUDY THE WORD. **“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.”** (II Timothy 2:15). God has said, **“...My people doth not consider (Isaiah 1:3). Where there is no vision, the people perish.”** (Proverbs 29:18).

STEPS TO SALVATION

God saves sinners only. Are you a sinner? You need two things: **FORGIVENESS** and **CLEANSING**. What God has done for others He will do for you. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). The following are steps that need to be taken to experience salvation in the life of the lost and needy.

1. **REPENT.** Turn around. Change your mind. "...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).
2. **RECEIVE HIM.** You need the Savior. Accept Him. (John 6:37).
3. **REGENERATION FOLLOWS.** This is what God does for you. This is the New Birth, a miracle of Spiritual life performed by the Holy Ghost. "Which were born, not of blood, not of the will of flesh, nor of the will of flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:13).
4. **REQUEST THE WATER BAPTISM.** This is an outward testimony to an inward transaction. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16).
6. **READ THE WORD.** The word is the source of your faith. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye may have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God" (I John 5:13).
7. **REACH GOD IN PRAYER.** Prayer is conversation with God. Union and communion sustain life. "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him" (I John 5:14-15).
8. **RESIST THE DEVIL.** Temptation is not sin. It is yielding to temptation that is sin. "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need..." (Hebrews 4:14-16).
9. **"RENDER...TO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S"**. Start giving financial support in the form of tithe/offering immediately. "Will a man rob God?...Bring ye all the tithes in to the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:8, 10).
10. **SUPPORT THE MINISTRY WITH GENEROUS GIVING** "...God loveth a cheerful giver" (II Corinthians 9:7). "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruit of all thine increase" (Proverbs 3:9). "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over shall men give into your bosom" (Luke 6:38). "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him..." (I Corinthians 16:2).
11. **SERVE THE LORD.** Jesus said, "...I am among you as he that serveth" (Luke 22:27). You must now follow in His footsteps. "I must work the work of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4). "...whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Corinthians 10:31). "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

HOW TO BE SAVED

ACKNOWLEDGE—Admit to be true:

- SAVED** --To be rescued from our sins; to be made right; to be adopted into God's family; to be redeemed
- YOUR SINS** --All unrighteousness. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).
- REPENT** --To be godly sorrowful. Sorry enough to quit wrongdoing. "Repent ye therefore, and be converted that your sins may be blotted out..." (Acts 3:19).
- CONFESS** --Admit, own, reveal. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).
- FORSAKE** --Quit, give up, leave entirely alone once and for all be willing for God to take all desire for sin away from you. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7).
- BELIEVE** --To rely on, to have faith and confidence in, to put yourself into the hands of another. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9). "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31).
- ACCEPT** --Take, receive, to welcome claim. "But as many received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12). "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

Christ must be received personally into the heart by faith, if the experience of the new birth is to be yours.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any man (this means you) hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup (adide) with him and he with me" (Revelations 3:20).

"...Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the son of man also confess before the angels of God:" (Luke 12:8).

HOW TO MATURE AS A BELIEVER

(As new born babes, [I Peter 2:2])

Now that you have received the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have had a definite transaction with him, and He has received you! **COUNT SOME OF YOUR BLESSINGS.**

1. You have become a child of God. **“But as many as received Him, to them gave he power (or privilege) to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on His name:”** (John 1:12).
2. Your sins are forgiven. **“To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins”** (Acts 10:43).
3. You have passed from death to life. **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life”** (John 5:24).
4. **DON’T** do anything that will not glorify God—(I Corinthians 10:31). Don’t try to discover how little Christ will accept but how much—(I Chronicles 4:10). The best man is an unsafe example, so follow Jesus—(Seek Jeremiah 17:5). **“And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high”** (Luke 24:49; Acts 2:39; 4:31).

WHAT YOU SHOULD NOW DO AS A CHILD OF GOD

1. You should be baptized. **“And He commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord...”** (Acts 10:48).
2. You should read your Bible daily. **“Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee”** (Psalms 119:11).
3. You should spend time in His presence praising and praying. **“...men ought always to pray and faint not;”** (Luke 18:1).
4. When conscious of having failed Him, you should confess it. **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness”** (I John 1:9).
5. You should be a witness to others. **“...ye shall be witnesses..”** (Acts 1:8).
6. You should meet regularly with other Christians. **“...Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...”** (Hebrews 10:25).
7. You should fill your life with good works. **“This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.”** (Titus 3:8)

HOW TO BE SANCTIFIED

(Sanctify them through thy WORD...John 17:17)

You are now a child of God and it is the will of God that you become sanctified, **“For this is the will of God, even your sanctification...”** (I Thessalonians 4:3). Sanctified means cleansing from sin and all defilement; separation from the world and its lusts setting aside ourselves for God and His service.

This is not only a definite and instantaneous work of Grace; but also a continual process necessary for our spiritual growth.

This will help you in securing your sanctification.

GOD THE FATHER—Jude 1:1, **“...to them that are sanctified by God the Father and preserved in Jesus Christ...”**

CHRIST THE SON—Hebrews 12:12, **“Wherefore Jesus also, that he might (might) sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate (outside the city).”**

THE HOLY SPIRIT—II Thessalonians 2:13, **“...because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.”**

THE BLOOD—I John 1:7, **“...and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.”**

THE HOLY WORD (Bible)—Ephesians 5:26, **“That he might sanctify, and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word.”**

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF YOU—I Thessalonians 4:3-4, **“For this is the will of God even your sanctification...”** **“Wash you, make you clean, put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well...”** (Isaiah 1:16-17) Sanctification is something that we must pursue, or seek earnestly if we are to obtain it. While it is God’s work we have our part in it; to make it the object of our earnest desire and pursuit.

We attain sanctification through presenting our members as servants (literally slaves) to righteousness and becoming ourselves bondservants unto God.

We must cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, and come out from among unbelievers refusing all sinful association with them—II Corinthians 6:17-7:1.

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT (...the Spirit of God like a Dove..Matthew 3:16)

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT—WHO HE IS

1. Executive of the Trinity through which the plan of salvation is carried on in the earth. (John 14:16)

2. Co-equal in power with the Father and Son. (I John 5:1)

3. Proceedeth from the Father and the Son. (John 15:26)

II. WHAT HE DOES TO THE WORLD—John 6:8-11

1. Reproves the world of its sins.

2. Convicts the world of the judgment to come.

III. WHAT HE DOES TO THE SAINT

1. Comforts—John 14:16-18, “and He shall give you another comforter...”

2. Teaches—John 14:26, “he shall teach you all things...”

3. Guides—John 16:13, “he will guide you into all truth...”

4. Intercedes—Romans 8:26, “...the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us...”

IV. HOW TO RECEIVE HIM

1. Ask your Heavenly Father in faith—Luke 11:13, “...how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”

2. Believe according to the Scriptures—John 7:38, “He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.” (Holy Spirit)

3. Obedience to God—Acts 5:32, “And we are his witness of these things and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God has given to them that obey him.”

4. Receive the gift of the Holy Ghost—John 20:22, “...he breathed on them, and saith unto them, ‘Receive ye the Holy Ghost’.”

5. EVIDENCE OF HIS BAPTISM—Acts 2:4; 4:31, 33; 8:17; 10:46; 19:6, “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

V. HOW TO RETAIN HIS FULLNESS

1. Feed on the Word of God.

2. Follow always His direction and Leading.

3. Fast and Pray.

4. Forever witness to the lost souls around you.

THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

I. Names of the Holy Ghost/Spirit

1. The many names (scriptural) relate to the many operations of the Spirit (I Corinthians 12:1)
2. The Holy Ghost as “3rd” Person of the Trinity

II. The Holy Spirit as Liberator

1. Liberty from ignorance—II Corinthians 3:17
2. Liberty from Spiritual Confusion—I Corinthians 12:1-2
3. Liberty from Foolish Lifestyles—I Corinthians 12:2
4. Liberty from Demonic Control—Deuteronomy 32:17; I Samuel 16:13-15
5. Liberty from All Captivity and Bondage—Luke 4:18-21; Isaiah 61:1-3

III. The Holy Spirit in the Life of Jesus

1. Conceived by the Holy Spirit--Matthew 1:20
2. Led by the Holy Spirit through temptation and suffering—Luke 4:1
3. Anointed by the Holy Spirit—Acts 10:38
4. Rejoiced in the Holy Spirit –Luke 10:21
5. Resurrected by the Holy Spirit—Romans 1:4; 8:11

IV. How one receives the Holy Spirit

1. By Request—Luke 11:13
2. By Ejecting Evil spirits—Luke 11:24
3. By Faith (In His Miraculous Power)—Galatians 3:5,14
4. By Accepting Christ—John 14:17
5. By Waiting—Luke 24:49
6. By Rejoicing—Luke 24:52-53
7. By Consecrating—Acts 9:9, 17
8. By Believing the Scriptures—John 7:38-39
9. By Repentance (Turning from and Turning to)—Acts 2:38
10. By Obedience—Acts 5:32

V. Evidences of Receiving the Holy Spirit

1. Gives Definite Identification (No partiality or discrimination)—Acts 15:8
2. Internal Identification—Romans 8:16
3. External Identification—I Corinthians 6:19
4. Abides with the Believers FOREVER—John 14:16-20
5. Change of Personality—I Samuel 10:6-12
6. Boldness (Holy)—Acts 4:31
7. Produces Joy—Acts 13:52; I Thessalonians 1:6
8. Great Power—Acts 1:8; 8:13; 8:19; Romans 15:13,18

9. Fruit of the Spirit—Galatians 5:22-23; Acts 6:3,5,8
10. Working of Miracles—Hebrews 2:4
11. Victorious Living—I Peter 1:2
12. Supreme Love—Acts 7:55; I Corinthians 13
13. New Desires—Galatians 5:16

14. Comfort—John 14:16-17
15. Discernment of true from false and right from wrong—Acts 13:9; I John 2:20-27; John 16:13
16. Reminds the Believer of the Words of Jesus—John 14:26
17. Does not Magnify Himself, but rather Jesus—John 16:13-14
18. Reveals the Future—Acts 11:28; John 16:13
19. Gives Gifts—I Corinthians 12:1-11
20. Speaking in Other Tongues—Acts 2:4; I Corinthians 12:10; 14:14; Mark 16:17

A. Gifts of Spirit

-I Corinthians 12:10, 28; 14:17, 28-29; Romans 12:4-8; Ephesians 4:8-13; I Corinthians 13:8

B. Personal/Individual/Private Prayer

- Edification—I Corinthians 14:4
- Edification of Self-Spiritually—Jude 20
- No Interpretation Necessary—I Corinthians 14:28
- Commanded to do it—Ephesians 6:18 (A Privilege)

C. Initial Physical Evidence of Being “Filled with the Holy Spirit”

- Pentecost—Acts 2:4
- Cornelius—Acts 10:45
- Ephesus—Acts 19:6
- Paul—Acts 9:17; I Corinthians 14:18

D. Prophesied by Isaiah centuries before

-Isaiah 28:11; I Corinthians 14 and by Jesus himself—Mark 16:17

E. Impressive SIGN to unbelievers—I Corinthians 14:22

F. Always conscious, sane, and orderly—I Corinthians 14:23, 32, 40

G. Useful until the end of the Christian Age—I Corinthians 13:8-12; II Thessalonians 2:7

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE

WHY WE STAND TO SING

“And the Levites, ... of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with a loud voice on high.” (Chronicles 20:19)

“After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindred, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.” (Revelations 7:9-10)

WHY WE CLAP OUR HANDS

“O clap your hands all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.” (Psalms 47:1)

WHY WE LIFT OUR HANDS

“Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.” (Psalms 63:4)

“Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord.” (Psalms 134:2)

“I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.” (I Timothy 2:8)

WHY WE BELIEVE IN THE PRACTICE OF LAYING ON OF HANDS IN PRAYER

“They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” (Mark 16:18)

“And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.” (Acts 9:17)

“Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.” (Acts 28:8)

WHY WE BELIEVE IN A PERSON BEING “SLAIN” IN THE SPIRIT OR FALLING UNDER THE ANOINTING

“So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God.” (II Chronicles 5:14)

“And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.” (Matthew 28:4)

“As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.” (John 18:6)

“And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?” (Acts 9:4)

“And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?” (Acts 22:7)

WHY WE HAVE AUDIBLE PRAISE UNTO GOD

“Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me bless his holy name.” (Psalms 103:1)

“And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven saying, Alleluia; Salvation and glory and honor, and power unto the Lord our God... And I heard as it were the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.” (Revelations 19:1; 6)

“What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: and I will sing with the Spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.” (I Corinthians 14:15)

WHY WE HAVE THIS TYPE OF WORSHIP

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth.” (John 4:23-24)

“For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh.” (Philippians 3:3)

WHY WE SING CHORUSES AS WELL AS HYMNS

“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;” (Ephesians 5:18-19)

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns, and spiritual songs, with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” (Colossians 3:16)

WHY WE HAVE SPEAKING WITH TONGUES AND INTERPRETATION OF THOSE TONGUES IN THE CHURCH

“Wherefore brethren, covet to prophesy and forbid not to speak with tongues.” (I Corinthians 14:39)

“But manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal...to another divers kinds of tongues to another interpretation of tongues:” (I Corinthians 12:7, 10)

“I would that ye all spake with tongues but rather that ye prophesied for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying. (I Corinthians 14:5)

“If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.” (I Corinthians 14:27)

“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” (Acts 2:4)

WHY WE RECEIVE WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE

Words of knowledge equip us to speak in situations with a knowledge that surprise, baffle, dis-arm, open-up, bring answers, healing and understanding.

“To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:” (I Corinthians 12:8)

“The woman answered and said, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have not husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that sadist thou truly.” (John 4:17-18)

“But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?” (Acts 5:3)

“For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.” (I Corinthians 2:11-12)

WHY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS ARE A PART OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE

“Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.” (Psalms 150:3-5)

“And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard a voice of harpers harping with their harps:” (Revelations 14:2)

WHY THE WHOLE CHURCH PRAY AT ONCE FOR SPECIFIC NEEDS

“And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said Lord, thou are God, which has made heaven and earth...” (Acts 4:24)

WHY WE BELIEVE IN ANOINTING WITH OIL

“Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:” (James 5:14)

“And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.” (Mark 6:13)

THE DOCTRINES OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

TRINITY

We believe in the Trinity, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

THE BIBLE

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and contains one harmonious and sufficiently complete system of doctrine. We believe in the full inspiration of the Word of God. We hold the Word of God to be the only authority in all matters and assert that no doctrine can be true or essential, if it does not find a place in this Word.

THE FATHER

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Author and Creator of all things. The Old Testament reveals God in diverse manners, by manifesting his nature, character, and dominions. The Gospels in the New Testament give us knowledge of God the "Father" or "My Father", showing the relationship of God to Jesus as Father, or representing Him as the Father in the Godhead, and Jesus himself that Son (St. John 15:8, 14:20). Jesus also gives God the distinction of "Fatherhood" to all believers when he explains God in the light of "Your Father in Heaven" (St. Matthew 6:8).

THE SON

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Second person in the Godhead of the Trinity or Triune Godhead. We believe that Jesus was and is eternal in his person and nature as the Son of God who was with God in the beginning of creation (St. John 1:1). We believe that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin called Mary according to the scripture (St. Matthew 1:18), thus giving rise to our fundamental belief in the Virgin Birth and to all of the miraculous events surrounding the phenomenon (St. Matthew 1:18-25). We believe that Jesus Christ became the "suffering servant" to man; this suffering servant came seeking to redeem man from sin and to reconcile him back to God, his Father (Romans 5:10). We believe that Jesus Christ is standing now as mediator between God and man (I Timothy 2:5).

THE HOLY GHOST

We believe the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, proceeds from the Father and the Son, is of the same substance, equal to power and glory, and is together with the Father and the Son, to be believed in, obeyed, and worshipped. The Holy Ghost is a gift bestowed upon the believer for the purpose of equipping and empowering the believer, making him a more effective witness for service in the world. He teaches and guides one into all truth (John 16:13; Acts 1:8, 8:39).

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

We believe that the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is an experience subsequent to conversion and sanctification and that tongue speaking is the consequence of the baptism in the Holy Ghost with the manifestations of the fruit of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23; Acts 10:46, 19:1-6). We believe that we are not baptized with the Holy Ghost in order to be saved (Acts 19:1-6; John 3:5). When one receives a baptismal Holy Ghost experience, we believe one will speak with a tongue unknown to oneself according to the sovereign will of Christ. To be filled with the Spirit means to be Spirit controlled as expressed by Paul in Ephesians 5:18-19. Since the charismatic

demonstrations were necessary to help the early church to be successful in implementing the command of Christ, we therefore, believe that a Holy Ghost experience is mandatory for all men today.

MAN

We believe that man was created holy by God, composed of body and soul. We believe that man, by nature, is sinful and unholy. Being born in sin, he needs to be born again, sanctified and cleansed from all sins by the blood of Jesus. We believe that man is saved by confessing and forsaking his sins, and believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, and that having become a child of God, by being born again and adopted into the family of God, he may, and should, claim the inheritance of the sons of God, namely the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

SIN

Sin, the Bible teaches, began in the angelic world (Ezekiel 28:11-19; Isaiah 14:12-20), and is transmitted into the blood of the human race through disobedience and deception motivated by unbelief (I Timothy 2:14). Adam's sin, committed by eating of the forbidden fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, carried with it permanent pollution or depraved human nature to all his descendants. This is called "**original sin.**" Sin can now be defined as a volitional transgression against God and a lack of conformity to the will of God. We, therefore, conclude that man by nature, is sinful and that he has fallen from a glorious and righteous state from which he was created, and has become unrighteous and unholy. Man, therefore, must be restored to his state of holiness from which he has fallen by being born again (St. John 3:7).

SALVATION

Salvation deals with the application of the work of redemption to the sinner with his restoration to divine favor and communion with God. This redemptive operation of the Holy Ghost upon sinners is brought about by repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, which brings conversion, faith, justification, regeneration, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. *Repentance* is the work of God, which results in a change of mind in respect to man's relationship to God. (St. Matthew 3:1-2, 4:17; Acts 20:21). *Faith* is a certain conviction wrought in the heart by the Holy Spirit, as to the truth of the Gospel and a heart trust in the promises of God in Christ (Romans 1:17, 3:28; St. Matthew 9:22; Acts 26:18). *Conversion* is that act of God whereby He causes the regenerated sinner, in his conscious life, to turn to Him in repentance and faith (II Kings 5:15; II Chronicles 33:12-13; St. Luke 19:8, 9; Acts 8:30). *Regeneration* is that act of God by which the principle of the new life is implanted in man, and the governing disposition of soul is made holy and the first holy exercise of this new disposition is secured. *Sanctification* is that gracious and continuous operation of the Holy Ghost, by which He delivers the justified sinner from the pollution of sin, renews his whole nature in the image of God and enables him to perform good works (Romans 6:4;5:6; Colossians 2:12; 3:1).

ANGELS

The Bible uses the term "angel" (a heavenly body) clearly and primarily to denote messengers or ambassadors of God with such scripture references as Revelations 4:5, which indicates their duty in heaven to praise God (Psalm 103:20), to do God's will (St. Matthew 18:10) and to behold his face. But since heaven must come down to earth, they also have a mission to earth. The Bible indicates that they accompanied God in the Creation, and also that they will accompany Christ in His return in Glory.

DEMONS

Demons denote unclean or evil spirits; they are sometimes called devils or demonic beings. They are evil spirits, belonging to the unseen or spiritual realm, embodied in human beings. The Old

Testament refers to the prince of demons, sometimes called Satan (Adversary) or Devil, as having power and wisdom, taking the habitation of other forms such as the serpent (Genesis 3:1). The New Testament speaks of the Devil as Tempter (St. Matthew 4:3) and it goes on to tell the works of Satan, The Devil, and Demons as combating righteousness and good in any form, proving to be an adversary to the saints. Their chief power is exercised to destroy the mission of Jesus Christ. It can well be said that the Christian Church believes in Demons, Satan, and Devils. We believe in their power and purpose. We believe they can be subdued and conquered as in the commandment to the believer by Jesus. "In my name they shall cast out Satan and the work of the Devil and to resist him and then he will flee (**WITHDRAW**) from you." (St. Mark 16:17).

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

We believe in the second coming of Christ; that He shall come from heaven to earth, personally, bodily, visibly (Acts 1:11; Titus 2:11-13; St. Matthew 16:27; 24:30; 25:30; Luke 21:27; John 1:14, 17; Titus 2:11) and that the Church, the bride, will be caught up to meet Him in the air (I Thessalonians, 4:16-17). We admonish all who have this hope to purify themselves as He is pure.

DIVINE HEALING

The Church believes in and practices Divine Healing. It is a commandment of Jesus to the Apostles (St. Mark 16:18). Jesus affirms his teachings on healing by explaining to His disciples, who were to be Apostles, that healing the afflicted is by faith (St. Luke 9:40-41). Therefore, we believe that healing by faith in God has scriptural support and ordained authority. St. James' writings in his epistle encourage Elders to pray for the sick, lay hands upon them and to anoint them with oil, and that prayers with faith shall heal the sick and the Lord shall raise them up. Healing is still practiced widely and frequently in the Church of God Jesus Christ, and testimonies of healing in the Church testify to this fact.

MIRACLES

The Church believes that miracles occur to convince men that the Bible is God's Word. A miracle can be defined as an extraordinary visible act of Divine power, wrought by the efficient agency of the will of God, which has as its final cause the vindication of the righteousness of God's word. We believe that the works of God, which were performed during the beginnings of Christianity, do and will occur even today where God is preached, Faith in Christ is exercised, The Holy Ghost is active, and the Gospel is promulgated in the truth (Acts 5:15; 6:8; 9:40; Luke 4:36, 7:14-15; 5:5-6; St. Mark 14:15).

THE ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH

It is generally admitted that for an ordinance to be valid, Christ must have instituted it. When we speak of ordinances of the church, we are speaking of those instituted by Christ, in which by sensible signs the grace of God in Christ, and the benefits of the covenant of grace are represented, sealed, and applied to believers, and these in turn give expression to their faith and allegiance to God. The Mountain Movers Ministry recognizes three ordinances as having been instituted by Christ himself and therefore, binding upon the church practice.

A. THE LORD'S SUPPER (HOLY COMMUNION)

The Lord's Supper symbolizes the Lord's death and suffering for the benefit and in the place of His people. It also symbolizes the believer's participation in the crucified Christ. It represents not only the death of Christ as the object of faith which unites the believers to Christ, but also the effect of this act as the giving of life, strength, and joy to the soul. The communicant by faith enters into a special spiritual union of his soul with the glorified Christ.

B. FEET WASHING

Feet washing is practiced and recognized as an ordinance in our Church because Christ, by His example, showed that humility characterized greatness in the Kingdom of God, and that service, rendered to others gave evidence that humility, motivated by love, exists. These services are held subsequent to the Lord's Supper; however, its regularity is left to the discretion of the Pastor in charge.

C. WATER BAPTISM

We believe that Water Baptism is necessary as instructed by Christ in St. John 3:5 "**UNLESS MAN BE BORN AGAIN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT...**" However, we do not believe that water baptism alone is a means of salvation, but is an outward demonstration that one has already had a conversion experience and has accepted Christ as his personal Savior. As believers, we practice immersion in preference to "**SPRINKLING**", because immersion corresponds more closely to the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord (Colossians 2:12). It also symbolizes regeneration and purification more than any other mode. Therefore, we practice immersion as our mode of Baptism. We believe that we should use the Baptismal Formula given us by Christ for all "**...IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST...**" (St. Matthew 28:19).

DIVINE HEALING

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| 1. Jesus instructed and healing followed. | Matthew 4:23 |
| 2. All persons NEED healing. | Luke 9:11 |
| 3. Healing reverses the work of the devil. | Acts 10:38 |
| 4. Followers of Jesus SENT with his healing power. | Luke 9:6 |
| 5. Healing is the NATURE of the Lord. | Exodus 15:26 |
| 6. Healing results from the “sent” Word. | Psalms 107:20 |
| 7. Healing comes in answer to the “prayer of faith.” | Genesis 20:17;
James 5:16 |
| 8. Heaven is the resource of healing “waters.” | Philippians 4:19;
Revelations 22:2 |
| 9. Bitter waters can be healed. | II Kings 2:22 |

1. Give as you have been prospered (II Corinthians 9:26).
2. Teaches you to put God first (Deuteronomy 14:23).
3. You cannot out-give God (Galatians 6:7).
4. Proves that you love the Lord (I Corinthians 8:8).
5. The percentage is constant, equitable to all (I Corinthians 16:2).
6. It is both a pre-law and New Testament covenant provision (Genesis 14:20; Hebrews 7:4).
7. Tithes should always come to the local church (Malachi 3:10; I Corinthians 16:2).
8. God commands it (Malachi 3:10).
9. Proves God's Word is true (Malachi 3:10).
10. God will rebuke the devourer for your sake (Malachi 3:10).
11. Jesus reaffirms our obligation (Matthew 23:23).
12. An investment towards eternity (Matthew 6:20).
13. God has sacred claim on the 10th; it particularly belongs to Him (Leviticus 27:30).
14. Tithes should be consecrated and allocated by the local leadership (Acts 4:35, 37).
15. A splendid witness of God's increase upon the believer (Luke 6:38).

THE SEVEN VOWS OF THE MEMBER

1. Will you strive to live a saved and sanctified life?
2. Will you be faithful to the services of this church?
3. Do you believe and will you follow the Doctrine of the Church?
4. Will you continue to be faithful in your giving?
5. Will you be subject to the God-given spiritual leading of your Pastor?
6. Will you accept and give love to the members of this church?
7. Will you find somewhere to work in the church?

GENERAL INFORMATION

We want to have a well disciplined church. If our church is to take its place among the effective churches (i.e., churches which have the people, the community, the work of God at heart), then we will have to have the cooperation of everyone—especially YOU!

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements should be received early in the week, in time to be included in the Weekly Reminder (preferably by Wednesday afternoon). Please minimize as much as possible the practice of sending notices during all scheduled services. In case of an emergency, please utilize the service of the ushers.

DEDICATION OF INFANTS: Infant dedications will be announced in advance and generally occur following the message. Parents and relatives should be assembled in the front pews. Prior to the date of the blessing, the church secretary should have all of the pertinent information such as: parents' name, name and age of the child, date of birth or as soon as possible after the guardian affiliates with the church, whichever comes earlier. These matters are discussed in a class designed for christening preparation. It is the responsibility of the parents to inform the pastor of the particulars in this matter.

BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER: Dates and times will be specified for the observation of these holy ordinances. All members are expected to attend all these services. Each member is expected to further use these services as occasions for spiritual preparation, rejoicing, and soul searching.

FELLOWSHIP: All persons desiring to unite with this church will be given a New Members orientation guide and then will complete the New Members Orientation course at which time they will be recognized as official members. This entitles him/her to all privileges and responsibilities of Mountain Movers Ministry.

SEATS AND PEWS: With the exception of the physically disable, no one has priority over any seat or pew in the sanctuary. If seats are not available in the front, worshippers may find it comfortable in the rear of the church. Except on special occasions (weddings, funerals, infant blessing, membership reception, etc.) seats are on a first-come basis. Of course, courtesy for the aged and visitors is assumed.

OBSEQUIES: In the event of a death of a member, the pastor should be notified immediately. Communication with the pastor regarding funeral arrangements should be as soon as possible. The standard order of service is the hymn, Scriptures, prayer, acknowledgments, remarks, obituary, eulogy, revival. Other particulars may be added at the family's request.

WEDDINGS: When a couple plans to marry, an interview and counseling sessions should be scheduled with a member of the pastoral team. It is contrary to our pastoral policy and ethics to solemnize a marriage without godly advice and counsel. It is critical to seek counsel and take the time to prepare for marriage in a orderly manner.

COUNSELING: Mountain Movers Ministry is blessed with a staff of trained and experienced spiritual advisers. Those desiring pastoral counseling for spiritual, vocational, academic,

premarital, marital, grief, financial needs should make an appointment. Counselees are assured absolute confidentiality and privileged communication status in the pastoral context. By law, only pastoral counseling can protect this degree of confidentiality. There is no charge to members for this service.

SICKNESS: The Senior Pastor, Pastoral team, and members are committed to giving special attention to the needs of members who become ill or afflicted. We are here to serve you and would be grateful for the opportunity to pray and minister to you during times of affliction.

USHERS: Ushers have been especially trained to serve and to assist you during worship in a variety of ways. Please cooperate with their guidance. Excessive walking, talking, gum chewing, eating, drinking, etc. are irreverent and distracting behaviors. Obey them for they have your well being and the interest of the church at heart.

CHOIRS: As the pastor is the official worship conductor, the services of the choir are ultimately under his charge. The choir is to represent and constitute the best leadership of song worship. The true idea of singing in church is not that of performances or entertainment, but the worship of the Lord in song and praise **with the anointing**. Please feel free to patronize the choir of your choice. If choirs are not your ministry at this time, support the choir ministry and join the congregation in corporate singing, through response and worship.

DEACONS AND TRUSTEES: These men and women have much responsibility in the church and all candidates must meet the requirements as stated in the Bible. Deacons are lay extensions of the pastoral office of service. Their appointments are renewed annually so long as their **lives adorn the Gospel**. Trustees are the representatives for the temporal needs of this ministry in cooperation with the pastoral team. They are appointed for a two year term.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CHURCH

BE A *WITNESSING* CHURCH

BE A *PRA YING* CHURCH

BE A *SCRIPTURAL* CHURCH

BE A *HEALTHY* CHURCH

BE A *GIVING* CHURCH

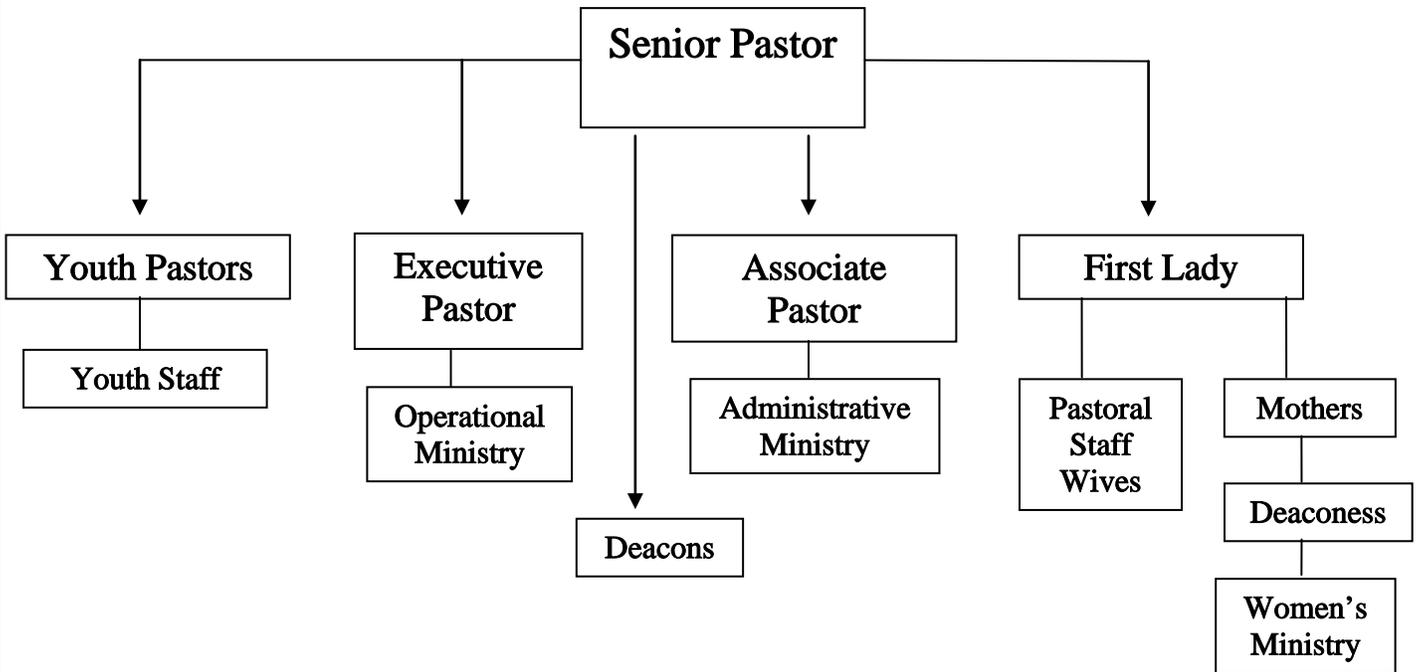
BE A *LOVING* CHURCH

BE A *GROWING* CHURCH

BE AN *ANOINTED* CHURCH

BE A *FORGIVING* CHURCH

BE A *GRACIOUS* CHURCH



AUXILIARY LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

**Executive
Pastor**

Church Finances
Benevolence
Budgetary Committee
Finance Committee

Ministry of Helps

Greeters
Nurses
Mothers
Pastor's Aide
Transportation
Ushers

Outreach Ministry

Evangelism
Homeless Shelter
Jail
Juvenile
Witnessing

**Senior
Pastor**

Board of Trustees

Ministerial Alliance

Family

Christian Ultimate
Reconciliation
Experience(CURE)
Divorce Care
Home Visitation
Marriage Enrichment
Ministry
Men of Righteousness
Singles/Heads of
Household
Women of Honor

Music Ministry

Choir
Instrumentalist
Praise and Worship

**Associate
Pastor**

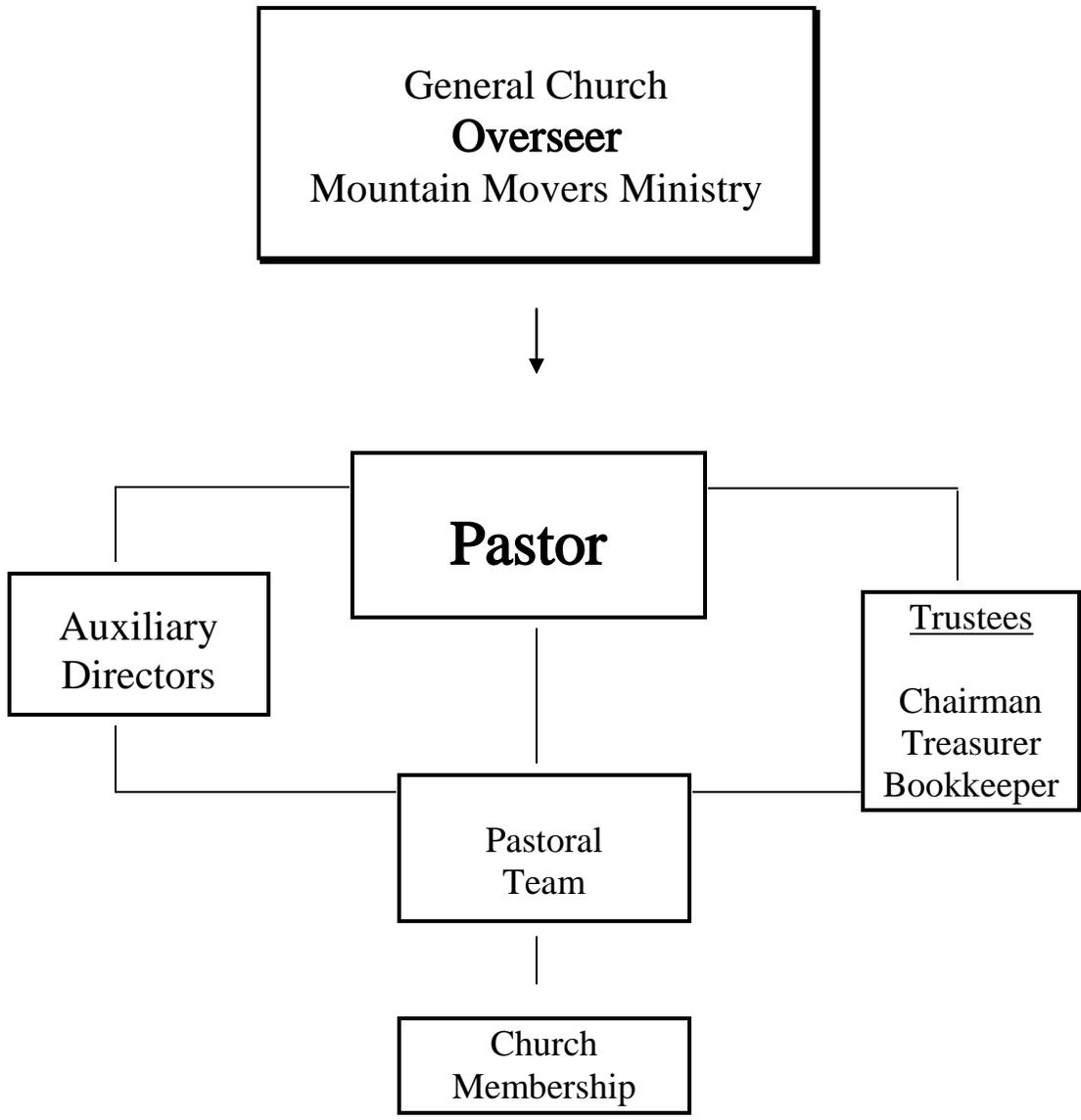
**Education/Spiritual
Readiness**

Bible Study
Discipleship Training
Foundation Building
Sunday School
Vacation Bible School
Health and Wellness

**Performing Arts
Ministry**

Expressions of Gifts
(Theater/Plays)
Inspired Motions
Praise and Worship
Liturgical Ministry
Mime Ministry
Anointed Brothers
Anointed Sons

ECCLESIASTICAL STRUCTURE



CHURCH AUXILIARIES/DEPARTMENT

Senior Pastor – *Wade S. Runge*

Responsibility

Ministerial Alliance

Elders
Deaconess
Deacons
Ministers

Pastoral Staff

Associate Pastor
Executive Pastor
Youth Pastor

Spiritual Guidance

Crisis
Family and Youth
Financial
Pre-Marriage & Marriage

Executive Pastor—Barnabas Ministry-

Responsibility

Ministry of Helps

Administration
Transportation
Ushers/Greeters

Multi-Media

Sound/Video

Public Relations

Advertisement
(Events Coordinator)
Clothing/Apparel

Associate Pastor—Tabernacle Ministry –

Responsibility

Expressions

Inspired Motions
Expressions of Gifts (Drama)

Family

Marriage
Men
Singles
Single Parents

Young Adults
Women

Worship Service

Levitical Leaders

Education Ministry—*Sister Sherrie L. Runge*

Responsibility

Spiritual Readiness

Bible Study

Adults

Young Adults

Youth

Teenagers

Preteens

Middlers

Little People

New Members Classes

Discipleship/Foundations

New Converts

Sunday School

Adults

Young Adults

Youth

Teenagers

Preteens

Middlers

Little People

Vacation Bible School

Outreach/Evangelism Ministry –

Responsibility

CARE and Visitation

Adult Care Facilities

Home Visitation

Homeless Shelter

Hospital/Sick & Shut-in

Health & Wellness

Evangelism

Baptism

Follow Up

Intercession

Witnessing (Community)

Missions

Foreign

Juvenile

Prison

Ministry of Music –

Responsibility

Ministry of Music

Choirs

Voices of Honor (Women)

Men of Excellence (Men)

Fellowship Choir

Musicians

Praise Warriors

Youth Choirs

Praise Team (Teenagers)

Pure Praise (“Little People”)

Youth Choir

Youth Ministry – *Antonio Middleton*

Responsibility

Youth Tabernacle Ministry

Agape Steppers

Toddler Activities

Worship Service

Ages 1-4

Ages 5-8

Ages 9-12

Mentoring

Girls

Little Lilies (5-8)

Shining Stars (9-12)

Royal Jewels (13-18)

Boys

Little Arrows (5-8)

Josiah's Reign (9-12)

Sons of Promise (13-18)

Tutoring

Girls

Little Lilies (5-8)

Shining Stars (9-12)

Royal Jewels (13-18)

Boys

Little Arrows (5-8)

Josiah's Reign (9-12)

Sons of Promise (13-18)

Youth Empowerment

Job Placement

Youth Council

CRISIS SCRIPTURE GUIDE

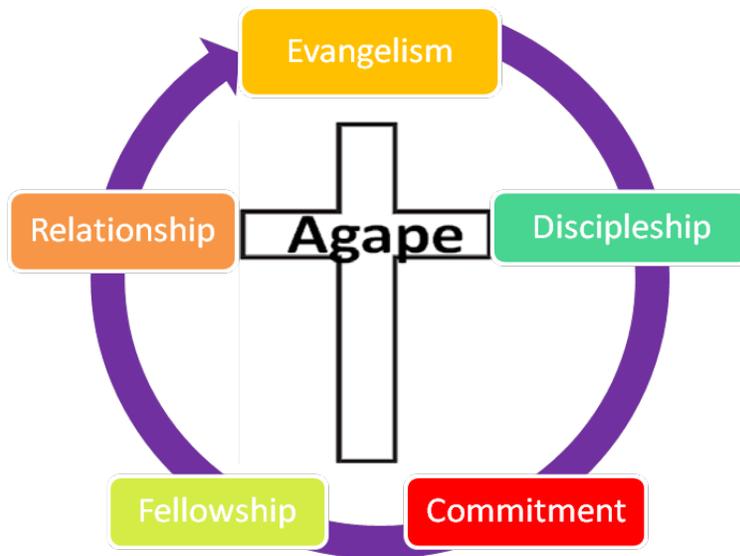
ADDITION.....	Galatians 5:1; John 8:32; Proverbs 20:1
AGING.....	Proverbs 9:11; Ecclesiastes 11:10; Proverbs 10:27
ANGER.....	I Peter 2:23; Ephesians 4:26-27; I Thessalonians 5:9
ANXIETY.....	John 14:27; Philippians 4:6-8; Psalms 46:1
BACKSLIDING.....	Proverbs 28:13; Psalms 51:10; John 6:37
BEREAVEMENT.....	I Corinthians 15:54-57; Isaiah 25:8; I Thessalonians 4:13-14
BITTERNESS.....	Ephesians 4:31; Hebrews 12:15; James 3:14-15
CARNALITY.....	Romans 6:6-9; Ephesians 4:22-24; II Corinthians 4:16
CONDEMNATION.....	Romans 8:1; Romans 3:10-12; Isaiah 64:6-8
CONFUSION.....	Isaiah 26:3; I Corinthians 14:33; Isaiah 55:8-9
DEATH.....	Romans 14:7-8; Job 19:25-27; Isaiah 25:8;
DEPRESSION.....	Nehemiah 8:10; Philippians 4:8; Romans 8:28
DISSATISFACTION.....	Proverbs 27:20; Hebrews 13:5-6; I Timothy 6:6-8
DOUBT.....	James 4:8; Romans 10:17; Hebrews 10:32, 35-39
FAILURE.....	Proverbs 24:16-18; Psalms 145:14-16; II Corinthians 3:5
FEAR.....	II Timothy 1:7; Philippians 4:13; Revelations 1:17-18
FINANCES.....	Matthew 6:31-34; Psalms 37:25-26; Philippians 4:19
HEAVEN.....	Genesis 1:1, 28:12; Deuteronomy 9:14, 26:15; Judges 5:20; I Kings 8:38; II Kings 2:11; Psalms 73:25; Mark 18:16; Luke 10:20, 15:7; Acts 2:2; Colossians 1:5; I Thessalonians 4:16; Hebrews 9:24; James 5:12; I Peter 3:22; I John 5:5; Revelations 14:2; 13, 19:17; Revelations 21:1, 22:1
HELL.....	Psalms 9:17; 86:13; Proverbs 7:22; 23:14; Isaiah 5:14; Matthew 5:29; 18:9; Luke 16:23; II Peter 2:4; Revelations 1:8, 20:13

ILLNESS	James 5:14; Psalms 23:2-4; Psalms 43:5
INSECURITY	II Thessalonians 3:3; Psalms 91:3-7; II Corinthians 3:4-5
JUDGING	I Corinthians 4:5; Matthew 7:3-5; John 5:22
LONELINESS	John 14:18; Psalms 147:3; Psalms 27:10
LUST	II Peter 2:9; Matthew 18:8-9; Proverbs 6:25-26
MARRIAGE	II Corinthians 6:14-17; I Corinthians 7:10-17; Hebrews 13:4
PRIDE	Matthew 18:2-4; Proverbs 27:1-2; Luke 18:11-14
SATAN	Ephesians 6:10-17; I John 4:1-3; Luke 10:18-19
SUFFERING	Hebrews 5:8-9; II Corinthians 4:8-10; I Peter 4:19
TEMPTATION	James 1:12; II Peter 2:9; James 1:2-4
TRIALS	II Timothy 2:3; I Peter 4:12-13; Psalms 34:17
WEAKNESS	II Corinthians 12:9; Matthew 11:28-30; Psalms 121:2-3
WORLDLINESS	Mark 4:18-20; I John 5:5; I John 2:15-17

PROCESS FOR GROWTH

WINNING THE COMMUNITY TO CHRIST; ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

MOUNTAIN MOVERS MINISTRY



“Not Church as Usual”

DISCIPLESHIP—“So his master said, “Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full” Luke 14:23

COMMITMENT—“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed” Proverbs 6:3

FELLOWSHIP—“God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus our Lord, is faithful.” I Corinthians 1:9

RELATIONSHIP—“Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.” Ephesians 4:16

EVANGELISM—“For God so loved the world that he gave his One and Only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16

AGAPE—“Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” John 13:55