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# *Introduction To Our Church Family*

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One Way Church of Christ



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# Knowing Christ!!!

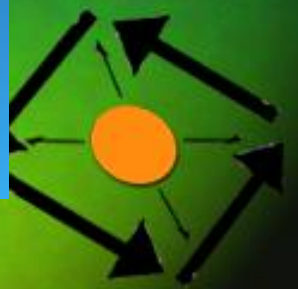
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# Strengthening the Congregation!



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# The Basics For This Class

- ◆1. The church is a FAMILY.
- ◆2. God expects you to be A MEMBER of a church family.
- ◆3. A Christian without a church family is ORPHAN.





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# The Goal Of This Class

That I will commit myself to CHRIST and  
to the CHURCH FAMILY!



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# What Makes *(One Way Church)* A Family?

- ◆ Our Strategy (How we fulfill our purpose)
- ◆ Our Statement (Why we exist as a church)
- ◆ Our Structure (When and where we fulfill our purpose)
- ◆ Our Salvation





# Session One: One Way Church Strategy

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Who Are We Trying To Reach

Inreach – To bring believer into spiritual maturity

Outreach – To bring soul into God Kingdom

5 Circles of Commitment



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# The Four OWCOC Covenants:

- ◆ 1. The *Membership* Covenant...  
is a commitment to CHRIST and  
THE CHURCH FAMILY.

*“You are members of God’s very own family...and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.” Eph. 2:19 (LB)*





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# The Four OWCOC Covenants:

## ◆2. The *Maturity* Covenant...

is a commitment to the HABITS necessary for spiritual growth.

*“Continue to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”*

2 Peter 3:18



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# The Four OWCOC Covenants:

## ◆3. The *Ministry* Covenant...

is a commitment to discovering and using my God-given gifts and abilities in SERVING God and others.





# The Four OWCOC Covenants:

## ◆4. The *Missions* Covenant...

is a commitment to SHARE the Good News with others.

*“...you will be My witnesses for me...to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (GN)*

*“God has given each of you some special abilities:*

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# How Our Church Is Structured

## I. The Church Is A FELLOWSHIP!

*“They continued steadily learning the teaching of the apostles, and joined in the fellowship...”*

Acts 2:42 (Ph)

A top priority in a fellowship is HARMONY and UNITY.





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# How Our Church Is Structured

## ◆ Implication:

A good structure promotes unity and downplays DIFFERENCES.

“Voting” tends to CREATE CONFLICT.



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## II. The Church Is A...

### FAMILY!

*“You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.” 1 Peter*

3:8 (LB)

◆ So we operate on the basis of RELATIONSHIPS not RULES.





# III. The Church Is A...

## BODY

We are a body — not a business!  
We are an organism — not an organization!

- ◆ Therefore, we function on the basis of SPIRITUAL GIFTS not ELECTED OFFICES.



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# Our Structure

- ◆ The people are the “MINISTERS”.
- ◆ The pastors are the “ADMINISTERS”.





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# IV. The Church Is A...

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Therefore it is cared for and led by  
SHEPHERDS.



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# Our Purpose Statement

“We believe a great commitment to the Great COMMANDMENT and the Great COMMISSION will grow a great church!”





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# Our Purpose Statement

- ◆ To *“Love God with all your heart”* is **“WORSHIP”**.
- ◆ To *“Love your neighbor as yourself”* is **“MINISTRY”**.
- ◆ To *“Go...make disciples”* is **“EVANGELISM”**.
- ◆ To *“Baptize...”* is to **“FELLOWSHIP”**.
- ◆ To *“Teach them...all things”* is **“DISCIPLESHIP”**.



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# One Way Church Exists:

1. To CELEBRATE God's Presence  
(Worship)
2. To DEMONSTRATE God's Love  
(Ministry)
3. To COMMUNICATE God's Word  
(Evangelism)

