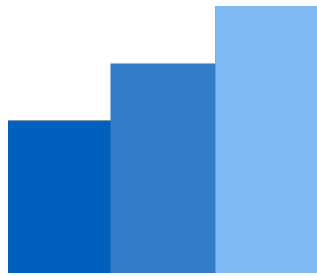


# Victory Growth Track



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*Step One – Become a Member*

# **Step One:** **Become a** **Member**

**Victory**  
**Growth Track**

# The Victory Story

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In March of 1989 Pastor Maria and Pastor Ralph, at God's direction founded Victory Assembly of God. With just a few people, in a very humble basement we had our first service. From the beginning of our church there was an excitement and a sense of God's blessing. Victory was established with much prayer and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Even in the beginning we made sure that every age group was ministered to and disciplined. The first Sunday we had children's ministry and the first Friday night we started our youth group. Outreach was at the core of our church. As a baby church we started conducting camper services at Parvin State Park and ran children's Bible outreaches in the trailer parks and local neighborhoods.

Jesus taught us to pray thy Kingdom Come, thy will be done. It is our heart that God uses Victory to bring about His Kingdom! Through Prayer, loving people and serving our community we believe we will change the spiritual atmosphere of South Jersey.

We desire to be an outward focused church and serve both our God and our community in practical and relevant ways! That is why we try to reach our community with the Love of God by doing ministries like The Pantry. Our heart and our goal is that we become family and reach this world with the Salvation message and the Love of our Heavenly Father!

# Part One:

# Our Purpose

*“Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—  
this is God, whose dwelling is holy.  
God places the lonely in families;  
he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy.”  
Psalm 68:5-6 (NLT)*

# Our Prayer for You

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“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people.”

Ephesians 1:17–18 NIV

Our spiritual journey consists of **four steps**:

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

“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

John 17:3 NIV

“Some of these people have missed the most important thing in life—they don’t know God...”

1 Timothy 6:21 TLB

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 7:21 NIV

“[I pray]...that you may know Him better [personally].”

Ephesians 1:17-18 NIV

At Victory, we help people know God through our weekly \_\_\_\_\_.

## Three Important Questions:

1. Are you Saved?
2. Are you Baptized
3. Are you filled with the Holy Spirit

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

“[I pray]...that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened [focused and clear].”  
Ephesians 1:17–18 NIV

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

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”  
John 8:36 NIV

“All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.”  
Acts 2:42 NLT

At Victory, we help people find freedom through \_\_\_\_\_.

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

“It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up”  
Ephesians 4:11-12

“[I pray]...that you may know the hope to which He has called you.”  
Ephesians 1:17–18 NIV

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.”  
Romans 12:6 NIV

At Victory, we help people discover their purpose through the  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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

"[I pray]...that you may grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life He has for His followers [in His holy people]."

Ephesians 1:17–18 MSG

"All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it."

1 Corinthians 12:27 NLT

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

John 15:8, 11 NIV

"God has given gifts to each of you from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

1 Peter 4:10 NLT

At Victory, we help people use their gifts to make a difference on the

\_\_\_\_\_.

# Part Two:

# Our Structure

*“For God is not a God of disorder; but of peace...  
Everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.”  
1 Corinthians 14:33,40*



# Victory Assembly of God Government

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Believers who invest their hearts, time, families, and finances in the building of a local church deserve to have confidence in church leadership. People are looking for leaders who conduct themselves with integrity and respect when making decisions that affect their lives.

Our church government is made up of four groups:

**1. Guided by \_\_\_\_\_.**

The pastoral staff is led by the Senior Pastor. This team oversees the day-to-day ministry and operations of the church. These staff pastors serve the congregation and are responsible for the development of the spiritual life of the church.

**2. Protected by \_\_\_\_\_.**

The Board consists of 3-7 members of the congregation. They serve alongside the Senior Pastor and help to oversee the finances and facilities of the church. They also provide counsel to the Senior Pastor regarding ministries and staffing.

**3. Strengthened by \_\_\_\_\_.**

The members of Victory are those individuals who call Victory their church home. They attend, give, and serve the Lord faithfully through this local body. The members would have completed the Growth Track, are serving in a team, and are faithfully supporting the church with their prayers, finances, and involvement.

**4. Overseen by \_\_\_\_\_.**

Victory is blessed to be part of the New Jersey Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God. The Network is there to give advice and leadership when requested. Victory is accountable to the AG to uphold the 16 Fundamental Truths and to conduct our lives according to Biblical standards.

*\*The 16 Fundamental Truths can be found on the last page of this booklet. Or online at [victoryaog.org/about/beliefs](http://victoryaog.org/about/beliefs)*

# Church Finances

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At Victory Assembly of God, we believe in the principle of tithing. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the biblical standard for giving, and we practice tithing for the support of Christ's body, the Church, as God commands.

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.”

Proverbs 3:9-10 NIV

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

Malachi 3:10 NIV

Giving is one of the central themes in the Bible. Jesus talked more about this subject than Heaven, hell, or prayer. To understand what it means to be a Christ-follower, we must also understand what it means to be a giver.

1. \_\_\_\_\_.  
The tithe, or “first fruits,” of our income belongs to God. We find this principle all through God's Word. Tithing, giving God the first 10% of our income through the local church, is the primary way we acknowledge that God is first (Proverbs 3:9–10).

2. \_\_\_\_\_.  
An offering is giving over and above the tithe. The Bible says that by giving generously, we are able to “take hold of the life that is truly life” (1 Timothy 6:18-19).

We encourage everyone to pray about giving a generous monthly gift to the Kingdom Builders fund which enables Victory to grow and support missions and ministries at home and around the World!

3. \_\_\_\_\_.  
The gift of giving is a spiritual gift that God gives to some people (Romans 12:8). It is a Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by giving of your material resources, far beyond the tithe, to further the work of God.

Many people love to give to God and want to feel confident in the organization through which they give. At Victory, we want people to understand they are giving to God through the church, not to the church. As we openly share the honesty, integrity, and spiritual values that guide the financial practices of Victory, we believe people can focus on what God is calling them to give and trust that He is leading our church to steward it well.

# Part Three:

# Our Hope for You

*“We hope that your faith will grow and that the boundaries of our work among you will be extended.”*  
2 Corinthians 10:15 (NLT)

# Next Steps

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of Victory Assembly of God.

Membership at Victory is not about adding your name to a roster; it's about connecting with the people and the vision of the church. We would love for you to be a part of our church family.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ a Small Group.

Browse our online Small Groups directory at [victoryaog.org/smallgroups](http://victoryaog.org/smallgroups). Once you find a few groups that interest you, contact the leaders to learn more and make plans to check out the group(s) in person.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ the Growth Track.

Step One - Become a Member  
Step Two - Discover Your Design  
Step Three - Join the Team

4. \_\_\_\_\_ on the Dream Team.

You're invited to be a part of the team! Find a serving opportunity that fits your gifts and get ready to make a difference in the lives of others.

# Becoming a Member

## Victory Assembly of God Membership Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with the values and ideas presented in Step One of the Growth Track, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Victory family. In doing so, I make the following commitment to God and my fellow church members:

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

- Acting in love toward other members.
- Refusing to gossip.
- Following the leaders.

“So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.”

Romans 14:19 NLT

“May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus.”

Romans 15:5 NLT

“Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.”

1 Peter 1:22 NIV

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs.”

Ephesians 4:29 NIV

“Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.”

Hebrews 13:17 NIV

### 2. I will share the \_\_\_\_\_ of my church by:

- Praying for its growth and health.
- Inviting the unchurched to attend.
- Warmly welcoming those who visit.

“To the church...we always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.”

1 Thessalonians 1:1–2 NIV

“Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in, so that the house will be full.”

Luke 14:23 TLB

“So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified.”

Romans 15:7 TLB

### **3. I will serve the \_\_\_\_\_ of my church by:**

- Discovering my gifts and talents.
- Using my God-given gifts to make a difference in the lives of others.
- Developing a servant’s heart.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4:10 NIV

“So Christ Himself gave...pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

Ephesians 4:11–12 NIV

“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...taking the form of a bondservant...”

Philippians 2:4–5, 7 NKJV

### **4. I will support the \_\_\_\_\_ of my church by:**

- Attending church and Small Groups faithfully.
- Living a godly life.
- Giving regularly.

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

Acts 2:42 NIV

“Let us not neglect our meeting together...but encourage one another.”

Hebrews 10:25 NLT

“But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the Gospel of Christ.”

Philippians 1:27 Phillips

# What's Next?

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## Complete the Step One Card

Scan the QR code or go to  
[victoryaog.org/grow/step1](http://victoryaog.org/grow/step1)



# The 16 Fundamental Truths

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## 1. The Scriptures Inspired

The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct.

- 2 Timothy 3:15-17
- 1 Thessalonians 2:13
- 2 Peter 1:21

## 2. The One True God

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent "I AM," the Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

- Deuteronomy 6:4
- Isaiah 43:10,11
- Matthew 28:19
- Luke 3:22

## 3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declare:

- His virgin birth (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31,35).
- His sinless life (Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22).
- His miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38).
- His substitutionary work on the cross (1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21).
- His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:39; 1 Corinthians 15:4).
- His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9,11; 2:33; Philippians 2:9-11; Hebrews 1:3).

## 4. The Fall of Man

Man was created good and upright; for God said, "Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness." However, man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God.

- Genesis 1:26,27
- Genesis 2:17
- Genesis 3:6
- Romans 5:12-19



## **5. The Salvation of Man**

Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God. Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, being justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God, according to the hope of eternal life.

- Luke 24:47
- John 3:3
- Romans 10:13-15
- Ephesians 2:8
- Romans 5:12-19
- Titus 2:11
- Titus 3:5-7

## **6. The Ordinances of The Church**

### *Baptism In Water*

The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded by the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Savior and Lord are to be baptized. Thus, they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life.

- Matthew 28:19
- Mark 16:16
- Acts 10:47,48
- Romans 6:4

### *Holy Communion*

The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements --bread and the fruit of the vine-- is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:4), a memorial of his suffering and death (1 Corinthians 11:26), and a prophecy of His second coming (1 Corinthians 11:26), and is enjoined on all believers "till He come!"

## **7. The Baptism In the Holy Spirit**

All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it comes the enduement of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry.

- Luke 24:49
- Acts 1:4
- Acts 1:8
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

## **8. The Initial Physical Evidence of The Baptism In The Holy Spirit**

The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance. (Acts 2:4)

The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same in essence as the gift of tongues, but is different in purpose and use.

- 1 Corinthians 12:4-10
- 1 Corinthians 12:28

## **9. Sanctification**

Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God.

- Romans 12:1,2
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- Hebrews 13:12

## **10. The Church and It's Mission**

The Church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn, which are written in heaven.

- Ephesians 1:22,23
- Ephesians 2:22
- Hebrews 12:23

## **11. The Ministry**

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for the fourfold purpose of leading the Church in:

1. Evangelization of the world (Mark 16:15-20)
2. Worship of God ( John 4:23, 24)
3. Building a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son
  - Ephesians 4:11-16
4. Meeting Humans need with ministries of love and compassion
  - Psalms 112:9
  - Galatians 2:10; 6:10
  - James 1:27

## **12. Divine Healing**

Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement and is the privilege of all believers.

- Isaiah 53:4,5
- Matthew 8:16,17
- James 5:14-16

### **13. The Blessed Hope**

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the church.

- 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17
- Romans 8:23
- Titus 2:13
- 1 Corinthians 15:51,52

### **14. The Millennial Reign Of Christ**

The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on earth for one thousand years.

- Zechariah 14:5
- Matthew 24:27
- Matthew 24:30
- Revelation 1:7
- Revelation 19:11-14
- Revelation 20:1-6

### **15. The Final Judgement**

There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, will be consigned to the everlasting punishment in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

- Matthew 25:46
- Mark 9:43-48
- Revelation 19:20
- Revelation 20:11-15
- Revelation 21:8

### **16. The New Heavens and The New Earth**

"We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness."

- 2 Peter 3:13
- Revelation 21, 22

