

The Word of Life Temple Inc.
New Members Orientation Guide



New Member’s Orientation Handbook

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Welcome to Word of Life Temple Inc.

A Keep It R.E.A.L. Ministry

Welcome to Word of Life Temple Inc.! We are honored and excited that you have chosen to connect with this ministry family. Whether you are new to faith, returning to church, or seeking a place to grow spiritually, we believe that God has ordered your steps and led you here for a purpose.

At Word of Life Temple Inc., we are committed to advancing the Kingdom of Heaven while here on Earth by reaching, restoring, and rebuilding lives through relationships with Jesus Christ. We are more than a church building — we are a family of believers dedicated to worship, discipleship, outreach, spiritual growth, and authentic Kingdom living. Founded in 1988 in Raeford, Word of Life Temple Inc. has continued to serve as a beacon of hope, worship, prayer, teaching, and transformation in our community. Today, under the leadership of Bishop Arthur L. Tripp Sr., we continue building upon the strong spiritual foundation established by Bishop Dr. James O. Cunningham and Lady Doris Cunningham.

What Does R.E.A.L. Mean?

At WOLT, we proudly declare that we are a R.E.A.L. church:

- **Righteous** — striving to live according to God's Word
- **Excited** — passionate about worship, ministry, and Kingdom purpose
- **Anointed** — empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve and impact lives
- **Loving** — committed to demonstrating the love of Christ to all people

Our Mission

“Advancing the Kingdom of Heaven while here on Earth by reaching, restoring, and rebuilding lives through relationships with Jesus Christ.”

Reach

We are committed to reaching the lost, the broken, and the overlooked with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Restore

We believe God heals, delivers, renews, and restores lives spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and relationally.

Rebuild

We are dedicated to helping individuals and families rebuild their lives through discipleship, biblical teaching, accountability, and Kingdom community.

What You Can Expect at WOLT

As a member of Word of Life Temple Inc., you can expect:

- Dynamic worship experiences
- Powerful biblical teaching and preaching
- Prayer and altar ministry
- Opportunities for discipleship and spiritual growth
- Fellowship and Kingdom community
- Ministry involvement and leadership development
- A church family that genuinely cares for people

We believe every believer has gifts, purpose, and a Kingdom assignment. You are not called merely to attend church — you are called to grow, serve, and impact lives for the glory of God.

Our Foundation

Foundational Scripture

1 Corinthians 10:33 (KJV)

“Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.”

Our Prayer for You

It is our sincere prayer that through this New Members Journey, you will:

- Grow deeper in your relationship with Christ
- Understand the vision and culture of WOLT
- Discover your spiritual gifts and purpose
- Build meaningful Kingdom relationships
- Become rooted, grounded, and active in ministry

Welcome to the WOLT Family!

We are excited about what God is going to do in your life.



Chapter I - Our History & Legacy

The History of Word of Life Temple Inc.

Word of Life Temple Inc. stands as a testimony of faith, vision, sacrifice, and the power of God working through committed believers. Since its founding in 1988, WOLT has served as a place of worship, transformation, discipleship, and community impact in Raeford and beyond.

Humble Beginnings

In 1987, Bishop Dr. James O. Cunningham answered the call of God with a bold vision to establish a ministry where the Word of God would be preached with power, where worship would be authentic, and where lives would be transformed through the love of Jesus Christ. Alongside his wife, Lady Doris Cunningham, their family, and a faithful group of believers, the foundation for Word of Life Temple Inc. was established through prayer, sacrifice, and unwavering faith in God's promises.

A modest sanctuary was constructed, and in 1988, Word of Life Temple Inc. officially opened its doors. From the very beginning, the ministry focused on:

- Preaching the Gospel
- Worship and prayer
- Biblical teaching
- Community outreach
- Family and discipleship
- Kingdom service

Growth and Expansion

As the ministry continued to grow, so did the vision for greater impact. Through the faithfulness of God and the dedication of its members, WOLT experienced multiple phases of spiritual and physical expansion.

Over the years, the ministry expanded to include:

- Overflow worship space
- Additional classrooms for Christian education
- Fellowship and gathering spaces
- Dedicated children's ministry areas
- Community-centered ministry opportunities

In 2004, Bishop Cunningham led the church into one of its greatest milestones — the construction of a multimillion-dollar ministry facility designed not only for worship, but also for community transformation and Kingdom outreach.

Through extraordinary faith, generosity, and stewardship, the mortgage for the facility was paid off in just two years — a remarkable testimony of God's provision and the commitment of the WOLT family.

A Ministry Beyond the Walls

Word of Life Temple Inc. has always believed that ministry extends beyond Sunday services. Throughout its history, WOLT has remained committed to serving the community through:

- Prayer and spiritual support
- Outreach ministries
- Youth development
- Christian education
- Fellowship initiatives



- Community care and assistance
- Leadership development

WOLT continues to impact lives by reaching people where they are and pointing them toward Christ.

A Legacy Continued

As we honor the legacy of Bishop Dr. James O. Cunningham (May 6, 1944 – May 1, 2026) and Lady Doris Cunningham, we also celebrate the continued vision and leadership of Bishop Arthur L. Tripp Sr., who was installed as Senior Pastor on September 7, 2024.

Under his leadership, WOLT continues moving forward with renewed vision, fresh momentum, and a commitment to advancing the Kingdom of Heaven while remaining rooted in biblical truth and apostolic legacy.

Today, WOLT continues to grow as:

- A worshiping church
- A teaching church
- A praying church
- A serving church
- A discipling church
- A Kingdom-minded church

Our Foundation Remains Strong

Though methods may evolve and ministries may expand, the heart of Word of Life Temple Inc. remains the same:

- To love God
- To love people
- To preach the Gospel
- To build disciples
- To impact the community
- To advance the Kingdom of Heaven

Looking Ahead

As we look toward the future, we believe God still has greater in store for WOLT. We remain committed to:

- Reaching the lost
- Restoring lives
- Rebuilding families and communities
- Raising leaders
- Developing disciples
- Serving with excellence
- Walking in the power of the Holy Spirit

The story of Word of Life Temple Inc. is still being written — and now, you are part of that story.

Welcome to the legacy. Welcome to the family.

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Chapter II - The Biblical Church

The Church According to Scripture

The Church is not simply a building, denomination, or organization — the Church is the living Body of Christ made up of believers who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. According to Scripture, the Church was established by Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry out the work of the Kingdom on Earth.

The Church exists to:

- Worship God
- Preach the Gospel
- Make disciples
- Strengthen believers
- Serve the community
- Demonstrate the love and power of Jesus Christ

The Beginning of the New Testament Church

The New Testament Church began on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the believers gathered in the Upper Room.

Acts 2:1–4 describes how the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered for ministry. This moment marked the birth of the Church and the beginning of a worldwide movement that continues today.

From that moment forward, believers were united through:

- Prayer
- Worship
- Fellowship
- Teaching
- Evangelism
- The power of the Holy Spirit

Jesus Christ: The Head of the Church

Jesus Christ is the founder, foundation, and head of the Church.

The Church belongs to Him and operates according to His Word and His will. Every ministry, leader, and believer is called to function under the authority of Christ.

The Bible teaches that:

- Christ is the head of the Church
- Believers are members of His body
- The Church is called to represent Him in the Earth

What Is the Church?

The Church is:

- A spiritual family
- A community of believers
- A place of healing and restoration
- A training ground for disciples
- A place of worship and spiritual growth
- A place where people discover purpose and assignment

At Word of Life Temple Inc., we believe the Church should be a place where people can encounter God, grow in faith, build relationships, and become equipped to impact the world around them.

The Purpose of the Church

Worship

The first responsibility of the Church is to worship God. Worship is more than singing songs — it is a lifestyle of honoring God through our lives, obedience, service, and devotion.

Discipleship

The Church is called to teach believers the Word of God and help them mature spiritually. Through teaching, mentorship, fellowship, and prayer, believers grow stronger in their relationship with Christ.



Evangelism

Jesus commanded the Church to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. Every believer has a responsibility to share the love and message of Jesus Christ with others.

Fellowship

The Church is designed to function as a spiritual family where believers encourage, strengthen, support, and pray for one another.

Service

The Church serves both the body of Christ and the surrounding community through ministry, outreach, compassion, and Kingdom work.

Biblical Order and Leadership

God established leadership within the Church to provide:

- Spiritual guidance
- Teaching
- Protection
- Accountability
- Organization
- Encouragement

Scripture teaches that church leadership should operate with integrity, humility, wisdom, and spiritual maturity. Leaders are called to serve the people of God while remaining submitted to the authority of Christ and His Word.

The Church and the Holy Spirit

The Church was never intended to function without the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit:

- Guides believers
- Gives spiritual gifts
- Brings conviction
- Provides wisdom
- Strengthens the believer
- Empowers ministry

At WOLT, we believe in the active work of the Holy Spirit through worship, prayer, preaching, discipleship, evangelism, and daily Christian living.

Why the Church Matters

The Church matters because:

- People need hope
- Families need restoration
- Communities need healing
- Believers need fellowship
- The Gospel must be preached

God uses the Church as a vessel to reveal His love, power, grace, and truth to the world.

As members of the Body of Christ, we are called not only to attend church, but to actively participate in the mission of the Kingdom.

Our Commitment at WOLT

At Word of Life Temple Inc., we are committed to being:

- A worshiping church
- A praying church
- A teaching church
- A serving church
- A discipling church
- A Spirit-led church

We believe the Church should be alive, impactful, loving, biblically grounded, and focused on advancing the Kingdom of Heaven while here on Earth.



Chapter III - Our Beliefs & Doctrine

What We Believe

At Word of Life Temple Inc., our beliefs are rooted in the Holy Scriptures and centered on Jesus Christ. We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and serves as the final authority for faith, doctrine, and Christian living.

The following Articles of Faith summarize the foundational beliefs of Word of Life Temple Inc.

The Scriptures Inspired

We believe the Bible is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. Scripture provides guidance for salvation, instruction for daily living, and truth for every generation.

Key Scriptures:

2 Timothy 3:15–17

Hebrews 4:12

1 Peter 1:23–25

The One True God

We believe there is one true and living God who eternally exists as:

- Father
- Son
- Holy Spirit

God is sovereign, holy, loving, and all-powerful.

Key Scriptures:

Deuteronomy 6:4

Matthew 28:19

Isaiah 43:10–11

Jesus Christ

We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God, born of a virgin, fully God and fully man. He lived a sinless life, died on the cross for our sins, rose again with all power, and will return again.

Jesus Christ is:

- Savior
- Redeemer
- Lord
- King

Key Scriptures:

John 3:16

Romans 5:8

1 Corinthians 15:3–4

Salvation

We believe salvation is available to all people through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. Salvation is not earned through works, but received by the grace of God.

Through salvation:

- Sins are forgiven
- Lives are transformed
- Believers are made new in Christ

Key Scriptures:

Romans 10:9–10



Titus 3:5–7
Acts 4:12

Water Baptism

We believe in baptism by immersion in water as a public declaration of faith in Jesus Christ.

Water baptism symbolizes:

- The death of the old life
- Burial with Christ
- Resurrection into new life

Baptism does not save us, but it demonstrates obedience and identification with Christ.

Key Scriptures:

Matthew 28:19–20

Romans 6:3–4

Holy Communion

We believe in observing Holy Communion as a sacred remembrance of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

The bread and cup symbolize:

- The body of Christ
- The blood of Christ

Communion is a time of:

- Reflection
- Worship
- Gratitude
- Spiritual examination

Key Scriptures:

Luke 22:19–20

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

The Holy Spirit

We believe in the active work and power of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer and the Church.

The Holy Spirit:

- Empowers believers
- Gives spiritual gifts
- Provides guidance
- Brings conviction
- Strengthens the believer

We believe believers should seek to live Spirit-filled lives that honor God.

Key Scriptures:

Acts 1:8

Acts 2:1–4

1 Corinthians 12

Sanctification

We believe sanctification is the ongoing process of becoming more like Christ through obedience to God's Word and the work of the Holy Spirit.

As believers grow spiritually, they are called to live holy, righteous, and separated lives that reflect Christ.



Key Scriptures:

1 Peter 1:15–16

Hebrews 12:14

Divine Healing

We believe God has power to heal physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.

We believe prayer, faith, and the power of God still bring healing and restoration today.

Key Scriptures:

Isaiah 53:4–5

James 5:14–15

The Church

We believe the Church is the Body of Christ made up of believers throughout the world. The Church exists to:

- Worship God
- Make disciples
- Preach the Gospel
- Serve others
- Advance the Kingdom of Heaven

Every believer has a purpose and place within the body of Christ.

Key Scriptures:

Ephesians 4:11–13

1 Corinthians 12

Ministry

We believe God calls and equips leaders and believers for the work of ministry.

Ministry exists to:

- Evangelize the lost
- Build up believers
- Serve the community
- Demonstrate the love of Christ

Every believer is called to serve in some capacity within the Kingdom of God.

Key Scriptures:

Mark 16:15

Ephesians 4:11–13

The Return of Christ

We believe Jesus Christ will return again for His Church.

We live with hope, expectation, and readiness for His return while continuing the work of the Kingdom on Earth.

Key Scriptures:

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17

Titus 2:13



Eternal Life

We believe those who place their faith in Jesus Christ receive eternal life with God.

We also believe there will be a final judgment and eternal separation from God for those who reject Him.

Key Scriptures:

John 14:1–3

Revelation 20:11–15

Revelation 21:1

Our Commitment to Biblical Truth

At Word of Life Temple Inc., we are committed to teaching and living according to the Word of God. We believe sound doctrine produces spiritual growth, strong disciples, healthy families, and Kingdom-minded believers.

As members of WOLT, we are encouraged to:

- Study the Word
- Pray consistently
- Grow spiritually
- Live holy
- Walk in love
- Serve faithfully
- Represent Christ well

We believe the Word of God transforms lives and remains the foundation for everything we do.



Chapter IV - Leadership Structure, Divisions & Church Governance

The Leadership Structure of Word of Life Temple Inc.

At Word of Life Temple Inc., we believe effective ministry requires both spiritual leadership and organizational excellence. Our structure is designed to ensure that the ministry operates biblically, responsibly, and efficiently while advancing the mission and vision of the church.

We believe leadership should:

- Honor God
- Serve people
- Protect the vision
- Maintain accountability
- Develop disciples
- Operate in excellence
- Advance the Kingdom of Heaven

Christ Is the Head of the Church

Jesus Christ is the ultimate head and authority of the Church. Every ministry, department, leader, and member functions under His authority and according to the principles of God's Word.

The mission, vision, and direction of WOLT are rooted in Scripture and guided through prayer, wisdom, spiritual leadership, and biblical order.

The Senior Pastor

The Senior Pastor serves as the spiritual leader, visionary, President, and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Word of Life Temple Inc.

The Pastor is responsible for:

- Spiritual oversight
- Vision casting
- Biblical teaching and preaching
- Ministry development
- Organizational leadership
- Protecting the mission and doctrine of the church
- Leading the church spiritually and strategically

The Pastor works closely with church leadership to ensure the spiritual and operational health of the ministry.

The Board of Directors

Word of Life Temple Inc. is governed organizationally by a Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors oversees the day-to-day operational and administrative affairs of the ministry, including:

- Financial stewardship
- Legal and corporate matters
- Policy implementation
- Facility management
- Strategic planning
- Organizational accountability
- Administrative oversight
- Long-term ministry sustainability

The Board works alongside the Pastor to ensure the ministry operates with excellence, integrity, and accountability.



Clergy & Spiritual Leadership

The clergy oversee the spiritual operations and ministerial functions of the church.

This includes:

- Prayer and altar ministry
- Spiritual counseling
- Biblical teaching
- Discipleship
- Worship support
- Ceremonial responsibilities
- Member care
- Spiritual accountability

The clergy serve alongside the Pastor to strengthen and spiritually guide the congregation.

The Five Divisions of WOLT

The ministries of Word of Life Temple Inc. are organized into five major divisions, also referred to as “ships.” These divisions help organize ministry operations while ensuring that every area of church life functions effectively and fulfills the mission of WOLT.

Each division is led by leadership teams and ministry leaders who work under the direction of the Pastor and church leadership.

Division of Worship

The Division of Worship focuses on creating an atmosphere where people can encounter the presence of God through worship, creativity, media, and ministry expression.

Ministries within the Division of Worship include:

- Praise & Worship
- Musicians
- Choirs
- Praise Dance
- Drama & Creative Arts
- Audio/Visual Ministry
- Media & Livestream
- Photography & Content Creation
- Social Media & Marketing

The Division of Worship exists to prepare hearts for worship, usher in the presence of God, and support ministry through creative expression and excellence.

Division of Discipleship

The Division of Discipleship focuses on spiritual growth, biblical education, leadership development, and equipping believers to mature in Christ.

Ministries within the Division of Discipleship include:

- WOLT University
- Bible Study
- Sunday School
- Leadership Development
- New Members Ministry
- Evangelism
- Christian Education
- Vacation Bible School

The goal of the Division of Discipleship is to build spiritually mature believers who are rooted in the Word of God and prepared for Kingdom service.



Division of Fellowship

The Division of Fellowship focuses on strengthening relationships, family connection, encouragement, and Kingdom community.

Ministries within the Division of Fellowship include:

- Women's Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Youth & Young Adult Ministry
- Seniors Ministry
- Couples Ministry
- Hospitality & Food Service Ministry

This division exists to cultivate healthy relationships and strengthen the church family spiritually and socially.

Division of Friendship

The Division of Friendship focuses on outreach, compassion, hospitality, and serving both the church and the surrounding community.

Ministries within the Division of Friendship include:

- Food Bank Ministry
- Transportation Ministry
- Pastor's Aide & Guest Services
- Usher Ministry
- Health & Wellness Ministry
- First Touch Ministry

The Division of Friendship reflects the heart of Christ through service, compassion, outreach, and community care.

Division of Stewardship

The Division of Stewardship focuses on leadership, administration, operations, accountability, and ministry excellence.

Ministries within the Division of Stewardship include:

- Board of Directors
- Finance Department
- Trustees
- Deacons & Deaconess Ministry
- Security Ministry
- Clerical Support
- Planning Team
- Campus Beautification
- Armor Bearers

The Division of Stewardship helps maintain order, integrity, structure, accountability, and operational excellence throughout the ministry.

Ministry Participation

At WOLT, we believe every believer has purpose and a place within the Kingdom of God.

We encourage every member to:

- Join a ministry
- Serve faithfully
- Discover spiritual gifts
- Grow through discipleship
- Build relationships
- Support the vision of the church

We believe ministry is not limited to leadership positions — every believer is called to serve.



Leadership Through Servanthood

At Word of Life Temple Inc., leadership is based on biblical servanthood, not status or personal power.

We believe leaders should:

- Lead with humility
- Serve with integrity
- Operate with accountability
- Reflect Christ
- Protect unity
- Maintain excellence

Our leadership structure exists to help the church function effectively while remaining spiritually healthy and mission focused.

Working Together for Kingdom Purpose

The Pastor, Board of Directors, clergy, ministry leaders, and congregation work together to fulfill the mission of Word of Life Temple Inc.:

“Advancing the Kingdom of Heaven while here on Earth by reaching, restoring, and rebuilding lives through relationships with Jesus Christ.”

Together, we are committed to building a ministry that honors God, impacts people, strengthens families, and advances the Kingdom of Heaven.



Chapter V - Stewardship

Biblical Stewardship

At Word of Life Temple Inc., we believe stewardship is the responsible management of everything God has entrusted to us.

A steward is someone entrusted to manage the resources, responsibilities, and opportunities given to them by another. As believers, we recognize that everything ultimately belongs to God.

Scripture Foundation

Psalm 24:1

“The earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof...”

We believe believers are called to honor God through wise, faithful, and consistent stewardship.

Areas of Stewardship

Stewardship of Time

God expects believers to use their time wisely and purposefully.

This includes:

- Attending worship services
- Participating in prayer and Bible study
- Serving in ministry
- Spending time in personal devotion and spiritual growth

Scriptures

Ephesians 5:16

Colossians 4:5

Stewardship of Finances

We believe giving is an act of worship, obedience, and trust in God.

WOLT is a tithing church and teaches biblical giving according to Scripture.

Tithing

The tithe is the first 10% of a believer’s increase returned to God.

While the tithe is 10%, we recognize that 100% belongs to God and that we are stewards over everything He has entrusted to us.

Offerings

Offerings are gifts given beyond the tithe to support ministry operations, outreach efforts, missions, and Kingdom advancement.

Members are encouraged to give:

- Cheerfully
- Consistently
- Prayerfully
- Faithfully

Scriptures

Malachi 3:8–10

2 Corinthians 9:6–8

Proverbs 3:9–10

Stewardship of Gifts & Talents

God has given every believer gifts, talents, abilities, and purpose.

Members are encouraged to:

- Discover their spiritual gifts
- Use their talents for God’s glory
- Serve faithfully within ministry



- Help strengthen the body of Christ

Stewardship includes how we use:

- Spiritual gifts
- Skills
- Influence
- Leadership
- Creativity
- Service abilities

Scriptures

Romans 12:6–8

1 Corinthians 12

1 Peter 4:10

Stewardship & Kingdom Responsibility

Good stewardship reflects:

- Faithfulness
- Maturity
- Obedience
- Integrity
- Gratitude
- Trust in God

We believe stewardship is not only about finances, but about honoring God with every area of life.

Believers are encouraged to be:

- Responsible
- Accountable
- Generous
- Faithful
- Kingdom-minded

Stewardship at WOLT

Through stewardship, members help support:

- Worship services
- Outreach ministry
- Christian education
- Youth and family ministries
- Community initiatives
- Church operations
- Kingdom expansion

Stewardship helps the ministry continue advancing the Kingdom of Heaven while reaching, restoring, and rebuilding lives through relationships with Jesus Christ.

Our Commitment

At WOLT, we believe:

- God is the source of everything
- Stewardship honors God
- Giving supports ministry
- Serving strengthens the church
- Faithfulness produces growth

We encourage every member to practice stewardship with excellence, integrity, consistency, and gratitude.



Chapter VI - Church Responsibilities

The Responsibility of the Church

At Word of Life Temple Inc., the Church exists to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ by serving God, strengthening believers, and impacting the community through ministry, discipleship, worship, and outreach. The Church is responsible for carrying out biblical principles and providing a healthy spiritual environment where believers can grow, serve, and mature in their faith.

Spiritual Responsibilities

The Church is responsible for:

- Teaching and preaching the Word of God
- Providing biblical instruction and discipleship
- Promoting spiritual growth and maturity
- Encouraging prayer and worship
- Equipping believers for ministry and service
- Teaching sound doctrine according to Scripture

WOLT is committed to providing clear, biblically grounded teaching that helps believers grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Worship Responsibilities

The Church is responsible for creating an atmosphere where people can:

- Worship freely
- Hear the Word of God
- Experience fellowship
- Receive encouragement
- Grow spiritually

WOLT strives to maintain worship services that reflect:

- Reverence
 - Biblical order
 - Excellence
 - Unity
 - The leading of the Holy Spirit
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Leadership Responsibilities

Church leadership is responsible for:

- Providing spiritual oversight
- Leading with integrity and accountability
- Protecting the mission and doctrine of the church
- Supporting the spiritual and practical needs of the congregation
- Maintaining biblical order within ministry operations

Leadership should model Christ-like character, humility, service, and wisdom.

Discipleship Responsibilities

The Church is responsible for helping believers:

- Grow spiritually
- Understand Scripture
- Develop spiritually mature lifestyles
- Discover spiritual gifts and purpose
- Become active participants in ministry

This includes providing opportunities through:

- Bible Study



- Sunday School
- WOLT University
- Leadership development
- Evangelism training
- New Members classes

Fellowship & Care Responsibilities

The Church is responsible for supporting the spiritual and practical needs of the congregation and community. This includes:

- Prayer support
- Encouragement
- Fellowship opportunities
- Community outreach
- Member care
- Support during illness, bereavement, and difficult seasons

WOLT strives to create a church environment where people feel welcomed, supported, and spiritually connected.

Ministry & Outreach Responsibilities

The Church is responsible for advancing the Kingdom of Heaven by:

- Sharing the Gospel
- Serving the community
- Supporting outreach efforts
- Demonstrating the love of Christ
- Building relationships with people inside and outside the church

Ministry should reflect compassion, integrity, excellence, and biblical truth.

Operational Responsibilities

The Church is responsible for maintaining:

- Safe worship environments
- Organizational accountability
- Financial integrity
- Facility stewardship
- Ministry excellence
- Effective communication and administration

WOLT believes excellence and order honor God and support effective ministry operations.

The Church's Commitment

Word of Life Temple Inc. is committed to:

- Reaching the lost
- Restoring lives
- Rebuilding families and communities
- Teaching the Word of God
- Developing disciples
- Supporting believers
- Serving with excellence
- Advancing the Kingdom of Heaven

Our desire is to remain a ministry that honors God, serves people, and impacts lives through the power of Jesus Christ.



Chapter VII - Member Responsibilities

The Responsibility of Church Membership

Membership at Word of Life Temple Inc. is more than attendance — it is a commitment to spiritual growth, fellowship, service, and supporting the mission of the church.

Every member plays an important role in helping the ministry function effectively and fulfill its assignment in advancing the Kingdom of Heaven.

Members are encouraged to live in a way that reflects Christian character, biblical principles, and the mission of Word of Life Temple Inc.

Worship & Attendance

Members are encouraged to:

- Attend worship services faithfully
- Participate in Bible Study, prayer, and discipleship opportunities
- Support church services and ministry activities
- Arrive prepared to worship and receive the Word of God

Consistent participation strengthens both personal spiritual growth and the overall health of the church body.

Spiritual Growth

Members are responsible for:

- Developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Studying the Word of God
- Maintaining a prayer life
- Applying biblical principles to daily living
- Pursuing spiritual maturity and holiness

Members should seek continual spiritual growth through worship, discipleship, fellowship, and obedience to God's Word.

Ministry Participation

Every member is encouraged to participate in ministry and serve within the church according to their gifts, talents, and abilities.

Members are encouraged to:

- Join a ministry
- Serve faithfully
- Support ministry leadership
- Use their gifts to strengthen the body of Christ
- Participate in the life and mission of the church

WOLT believes every believer has purpose and a place within ministry.

Fellowship & Conduct

Members are expected to:

- Treat others with love, respect, and kindness
- Maintain unity within the church
- Support fellow believers
- Avoid gossip, division, and unnecessary conflict
- Conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner

Members should strive to build healthy relationships and demonstrate integrity both inside and outside the church.



Stewardship & Giving

Members are encouraged to support the church through:

- Tithes
- Offerings
- Service
- Prayer
- Volunteerism

Giving should be:

- Cheerful
- Consistent
- Faithful
- Prayerful

Stewardship helps support ministry operations, outreach efforts, discipleship, worship, and community impact. The Constitution and By-Laws of WOLT also state that members should contribute regularly to the support of the church according to their ability through tithes and offerings.

Respect for Leadership & Church Order

Members are expected to:

- Respect church leadership
- Follow church guidelines and policies
- Support the vision and mission of the church
- Conduct themselves respectfully during worship services and ministry activities

Biblical order and unity help maintain a healthy and effective ministry environment.

Evangelism & Outreach

Members are encouraged to:

- Share the Gospel
- Invite others to church
- Represent Christ positively
- Support outreach and community ministry efforts

Every believer has a responsibility to demonstrate the love of Christ through both words and actions.

Commitment to the Mission

As members of Word of Life Temple Inc., we are committed to helping fulfill the mission of the church:

“Advancing the Kingdom of Heaven while here on Earth by reaching, restoring, and rebuilding lives through relationships with Jesus Christ.”

Members should strive to support that mission through:

- Worship
 - Service
 - Giving
 - Fellowship
 - Outreach
 - Prayer
 - Spiritual growth
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A Commitment to Christian Living

Members of WOLT are encouraged to live lives that:

- Honor God
- Reflect biblical principles
- Demonstrate integrity



- Show love and compassion
- Represent Christ well

Our goal is to grow together as disciples while helping others encounter the love and truth of Jesus Christ.

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Chapter VIII – Church Covenant

Salvation and Baptism

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior (John 6:44), and on the profession of our faith (Rom 10:9), having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost (Matt 28:19-20), we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ. Paragraph two addresses the covenant and our duties to the church.

Covenant and Duties

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge and holiness (Phil 1:27, 2 Tim 2:15, 2 Cor. 7:1, 2 Pet 3:11), to give it a place in our affections, prayers and services above every organization of human origin; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines (Heb. 10:25, Matt 28; 19, 1 Cor. 11:23-26); to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us, towards its expenses, for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. In case of difference of opinion in the church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern. (Mal 3:8-12, Matt 23:23, 1 Cor. 16:2, 2 Cor. 9:6-8).

Responsibilities to Families and a Christian Lifestyle

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; (1 Thess. 5:17, Acts 17:11) to study diligently the word of God; to religiously educate our children (Prov. 22:6, 1 Tim 3:15) to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance (Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8, Matt 4:19); to walk circumspectly in the world (Eph. 5:15-16, Phil 2:14-15, 1 Pet 2:11-12); to be kind and just to those in our employ (Eph. 4:31-32, 1 Per 2:21, Col 3:8), and faithful in the service we promise others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and good will towards all men to exemplify and commend our holy faith (Titus 2;13-14).

Duties to fellow members

We further engage to watch over (1 Pet 1:22); to pray for (Jam 5:16); to exhort and stir up each other unto every good word and work (Gal 6:1, 1 John 3:17, 1 Pet 3:8, 1 Thess. 4:18, Phil 2:3); To guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to participate in each other's joys, and with tender sympathy bear one another's burdens and sorrows (Gal 6:2); to cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense but always ready for reconciliation (Eph. 4:32), being mindful of the rules of the Savior in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew (Matt 18:15-17), to secure it



without delay (Matt 5:23-24); and through life amid evil report, and good report, to seek to live to the glory of God, who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light 1 Pet 2:9).

Our Responsibility to fellowship with other believers

When we remove from this place, we engage as soon as possible to unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word (Heb. 10:25)



Chapter X – New Members Review Quiz

Chapter I – Welcome to Word of Life Temple Inc.

1. What does R.E.A.L. stand for?

2. What is the mission statement of Word of Life Temple Inc.?

3. What are the three key mission words used by WOLT?

4. What foundational scripture is used by WOLT?

Chapter II – Our History & Legacy

5. In what year was Word of Life Temple Inc. founded?

6. Who founded Word of Life Temple Inc.?

7. In what city was WOLT established?

8. Who currently serves as Senior Pastor of WOLT?

Chapter III – The Biblical Church

9. According to Scripture, who is the head of the Church?

10. On what day did the New Testament Church begin?

11. Name two purposes of the Church.

12. What book of the Bible records the beginning of the New Testament Church?

Chapter IV – Our Beliefs & Doctrine

13. What does WOLT believe about the Bible?

14. What are the two ordinances observed by the church?

15. What does water baptism symbolize?

16. What does Holy Communion represent?

Chapter V – Leadership Structure, Divisions & Church Governance

17. What leadership roles does the Senior Pastor serve in at WOLT?

18. What is the role of the Board of Directors?

19. What area do the clergy oversee?



20. Name the five divisions "ships" of WOLT.

Chapter VI – Stewardship

21. What is stewardship?

22. What is the tithe?

23. Name two areas of stewardship discussed in the manual.

24. Why is giving important in the life of the church?

Chapter VII – Church Responsibilities

25. Name one spiritual responsibility of the Church.

26. What role does the Church have in discipleship?

27. Why is outreach important to the mission of the Church?

28. What operational responsibilities should the Church maintain?

Chapter VIII – Member Responsibilities

29. Name one responsibility of church membership.

30. Why is regular worship attendance important?

31. How should members conduct themselves toward one another?

32. What are members encouraged to do with their gifts and talents?

Chapter IX – Church Covenant

33. What two subjects are addressed in the first paragraph of the covenant?

34. What does the covenant teach about our duties to the church?

35. What responsibilities does the covenant mention regarding family and Christian living?

36. What should believers do when relocating from the church?

