

### Purpose Statement

Living from the Inside Out

### Mission Statement

The mission of this local assembly, Outward Ministries, is to impact the lives of others with the gospel of Jesus Christ and to work with people from all walks of life to realize their purpose and potential and to begin making the most of the life that they have been given thus becoming a benefit to themselves, their family and community.

### Vision

At Outward our vision is to continually pursue the realization of God's purpose for our lives. Utilizing relational, diverse and cross-cultural approaches we engage people from all walks of life and work together to understand and fulfill that purpose. At Outward we are working together to walk in purpose, benefiting ourselves, our family and community. Success will always initiate and perpetuate through the local church therefore we envision for Outward to operate a local assembly along with a community center that focuses on the development of families through the facilitation of:

- Weekend and weekday services that will provide participants with
  - Relevant and life changing messages
  - Inspiring and meaningful music
  - Children's programs designed to teach children the practicalities of living a purpose filled life
  - Ministry venues and outreaches for
    - Ministry Involvement
    - Men, Women and Teens
    - Community outreach and missions
- Community Complex – A donation based Non-Profit Christian based 'Club' designed to provide activities for the local community to be a part of for recreation, family fellowship, imparting moral standards and discipline through:
  - Martial Arts
  - Soccer
  - Volleyball
  - Wrestling
  - Fitness
  - Kids Discovery Zone
  - Events
  - Café
  - Educational Center
- The PEACE Center – A Non-Profit educational program designed to focus on parenting from pre-child birth to adulthood by providing:
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- Dream Girls – A Non- Profit program designed specifically for young girls to discover and understand their purpose and potential in life by providing:
  - Bi-weekly meetings and functions
  - Purpose oriented assignments
  - Practical education for young ladies
- Trail Blazers – A Non-Profit program designed specifically for young boys to discover and understand their purpose and potential in life by providing:
  - Bi-weekly meetings and functions
  - Purpose oriented assignments
  - Practical education for young men

### **Statement of Faith**

We believe the Triune Godhead is comprised of three separate and distinct personalities, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are eternally self-existent, self-revealed and function as one entity. Jesus Christ, who is God manifested in flesh, is the second member of the Godhead, co-existent and co-eternal with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

We believe that in the original created order, man was created in the image of God and filled with His Divine nature. But man forsook his position and entered into ultimate depravity through the voluntary transgression of the Law of God. As a result the only possible redemption for man is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. On the cross, Jesus Christ became sin, thereby providing atonement for those who are willing to believe and become justified by His grace. Salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ and not of human works. The inward evidence of the believer of his salvation is the direct and personal witness of the Holy Spirit. The outward evidence to all men is a life marked by our pursuit of God and striving to discover and live in God's purpose for our lives. While in that pursuit and process of discovery of purpose a true believer operates in understanding the principle of seed time and harvest; that being, there is always a direct result of the actions and decisions that we make. Grace and mercy are available when we fall short however, trusting in God and pursuing His purpose will lead one in avoiding the pitfalls of missing the mark.

(Genesis 1:26-27, Romans 5:12-21, 8:16, 10:8-10, Titus 3:5)

We believe that the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testament combined constitute the Holy Bible. The Holy Bible is the inspired word of God, a revelation from God to man, the rule of faith and conduct, and is superior to conscience and reason, but not contrary to reason. Furthermore, it is a filter for further revelation to be processed through, allowing what remains to be applied to our lives.

### **Statement of Faith (cont)**

We believe the church is the body of Christ and the habitation of God through the Holy Spirit. It is the healing community of Christ, and every believer born of the Spirit, is an integral and unique part. The purpose of the church is to be a bridge for the local community and world to realize and step into their God-given purpose by proclaiming the good news of the Gospel; nurture, disciple and support those amongst us, love our fellow man as we love ourselves, and exemplify the love of Christ through the local assembly of the church. (Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22, 3:10, Hebrews 12:23)

We believe in the expressions of biblical Praise & Worship. During this time the church has the opportunity to participate in; Psalms – scriptures put to music; songs of celebration and reverence for who God is and what He's done, Hymns – songs that instruct us as in doctrine, and Spiritual Songs – songs that are either spontaneous or written for the moment. During this time of expression and reverence we understand that God is a God of perfect order and there is not confusion or chaos in Him. While engaging in Praise & Worship biblical expressions include; singing, shouting, clapping, lifting hands, playing instruments, standing, bowing, and dancing. (Psalm 35:18, Psalm 5:11, Psalm 98:4, Psalm 28:2, Psalm 30:11, Psalm 28:7, Psalm 5:7, Psalm 47:6, Psalms 95:2, Matthew 26:30, Ephesians 5:19, Psalm 33:3, Psalm 150:3-5, Revelation 5:8, Habakkuk 2:20)

We believe in the ordinance of communion. In following Christ's example and until the time of His return we remember the ultimate sacrifice of His death and His gift of eternal life through Him, the elements being symbols of His body and blood. We believe that every Christian has the right to willingly partake of the elements of communion. (I Cor. 11:23-26)

We believe the ordinance of baptism in water should be observed by all who have repented and truly believe on Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. In doing so, we declare to the world that we have died to our own way of life and have begun a new life dedicated towards and empowered by Christ living in us. (Matthew 28:19, Romans 6:4-5, Colossians 2:12)

We believe all believers are entitled to, should expect and earnestly seek, the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. It is a gift and a promise from God the Father and His son Jesus. This was the normal experience for those in the early Christian Church. With this baptism comes the endowment of power for life and service and the bestowal of spiritual gifts. (Matthew 3:11, Acts 1:8, 2:4, 10:4-46, 19:2 & 6)

We believe in the covenant right of every believer to be blessed of God. This includes prosperity for the whole man spiritually, mentally, physically, financially, and socially. (II Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 3:14, II Timothy 1:7, I Peter 2:24, III John 1:2)

We believe in the present reign of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Kingdom of God is an everlasting kingdom the present administration of God's anointed Son. (Acts 2:32-36)

We believe in the absolute victory of the Gospel. Before Jesus returns, the nations will come to the knowledge of the Lord, and the whole earth shall be filled with the knowledge of His glory. We believe in the spiritual dynamics of revival, restoration, and reformation. (Numbers 14:21, Habakkuk 2:14, Acts 2:17-18, Ephesians 5:27)

### **Statement of Faith (cont)**

We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ will return at the end of history to consummate the Kingdom of God. When He returns, there will be a resurrection of the body, a final judgment and the last enemy will be defeated upon which God the Father will usher in the perfect day.