# MEMBERSHIP





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#### OUR STORY



Dennis & Colleen Rouse Founding Pastors

**The dream of Victory Church began in 1987** when Pastor Dennis Rouse received a vision from God for a church that would bridge the cross-cultural gap in Atlanta through the reconciliation of culture.

Pastors Dennis & Colleen, along with their daughter Lauren, began what was then known as Victory Christian Center on a Friday evening **in 1989** with a Bible study in their apartment home. Our first official church service was held on **February 4, 1990**, in a Doraville daycare center with seven people in attendance. **By 1992**, the vision of bridging the gap between cultures was becoming a reality in our congregation.

**In December 1995**, we relocated to the Financial Drive location in Norcross. We continued to grow from 500 to 2,100 members and soon began holding three weekend services.

It has always been Victory's vision to reach as many as possible with the good news of Jesus Christ. Today, we minister to over 19,000 people from more than 140 nations weekly between **three locations: Victory Norcross, Victory Hamilton Mill** and **Victory Midtown**. Between these locations we hold ten weekend services and live stream five of them online.

We're glad to welcome you as you join with our vision to reach metro-Atlanta and the world with the message of love and acceptance through Jesus Christ!

# LOCATIONS





# VICTORY NORCROSS

# victoryatl.com

**In 1996**, God showed Pastor Dennis that the land on Brook Hollow Parkway was destined to belong to Victory. Four years later, we moved into our newly constructed building and changed our name to Victory World Church. **By 2019**, we simplified our name once more to Victory Church. The Norcross campus has grown over the years and offers ministry to our babies all the way through our over-50 ministry! From Victory World Christian School (VWCS) to Atlanta Leadership College (ALC) to Victory Vida (Spanish ministry), Victory Norcross is engaging and equipping the next generation of disciples to impact their city for Jesus!

**In August 2020**, as we continue to move forward, Johnson and Summer Bowie will become the senior pastors of Victory Church and lead pastors of Victory Norcross, carrying on the mantle of leadership from the founding pastors, Dennis and Colleen Rouse.

# VICTORY HAMILTON MILL

# victoryhm.com

Randy and Cheri Cochran became the lead pastors of Victory Hamilton Mill in **January 2020**. The Hamilton Mill campus has continually grown since its launch in **August 2010**! We opened our 700-seat sanctuary and café as well as an expanded children's ministry space in **January 2014**.



# VICTORY MIDTOWN

#### victorymidtown.com

Launched in **October 2016**, our Midtown location makes Victory one church in three locations. We are excited to bring Victory's DNA, vision and mission to Atlanta with lead pastors Andrew & Dr. Kendra Momon. Our three weekend services take place at The Gathering Spot, where we enjoy live worship and messages with occasional live streaming from our Norcross location. VicKids is also available on-site. We feel incredibly blessed to be a part of the amazing things God is doing in the heart of the city!

#### ACTS 1:8 KJV

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea**, and in **Samaria**, and unto the **uttermost part of the earth**.

# FOUR PILLARS OF VICTORY

BUILDING FAMILIES (Jerusalem)

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES (Judea)

**RECONCILING CULTURES** (Samaria)

KINGDOM CULTURE + EARTHLY CULTURE

**IMPACTING NATIONS** (uttermost part of the earth)



#### THE SCRIPTURES

The Bible is the inspired Word of God – the product of men who spoke and wrote. His holy Word is what we accept as our infallible guide in all matters of life and doctrine (2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21).

# THE TRINITY

There is one God, eternally existent in three persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit being coequal (1 John 5:6-8; Philippians 2:6). God the Father is the sender of the Word (John 16:28; John 1:14). The Son is the Word made flesh, and has existed with the Father from the beginning (John 1:1; John 1:18; John 1:14). The Holy Spirit proceeds forth from both the Father and the Son, and is eternal (John 15:26).

#### MAN, HIS FALL AND REDEMPTION

Man is a created being, made in the likeness and image of God, but through Adam's fall, sin came into the world. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Jesus Christ came in the form of man and gave His life to restore us back to God, undoing the work of the Devil (Romans 5:14; Romans 3:10 & 23; 1 John 3:8). Salvation is the gift of God to man, which we receive by faith in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8).

# ETERNAL LIFE AND THE NEW BIRTH

Man's first step toward salvation is godly sorrow through repentance. The New Birth is necessary for all men, and when experienced, produces eternal life (2 Corinthians 7:10; 1 John 5:12; John 3:3-5; Romans 10:9-10).

# HELL AND ETERNAL RETRIBUTION

The one who dies in his sins without accepting Christ is hopelessly and eternally lost in the Lake of Fire and, therefore, has no further opportunity to hear the Gospel or repent. The terms "eternal" and "everlasting," which are used in describing the duration of the punishment of the damned in the Lake of Fire, carry the same meaning of endless existence as used in denoting the duration of joy and ecstasy of the saints in the presence of God (Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:15).

# WATER BAPTISM

Baptism in water by immersion is a direct commandment of our Lord, and is for believers only. The ordinance is a symbol of the Christian's identification with Christ, His death, burial, and resurrection (Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12; Acts 8:36-39).

# **BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The promise of the baptism in the Holy Spirit as a commensurate experience is available to all believers with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, as well as the demonstration of spiritual power in daily life (Acts 2:4; Acts 10:44-46; Acts 19:6; Acts 1:8; Matthew 3:11).

# SANCTIFICATION

The Bible teaches that, without holiness, no man can see the Lord. We believe in the Doctrine of Sanctification as a definite, yet progressive work of grace, beginning at the time of salvation, and continuing until the return of Christ (Hebrews 12:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 2 Peter 3:18; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Philippians 3:12-14; 1 Corinthians 1:30).

# SEXUALITY

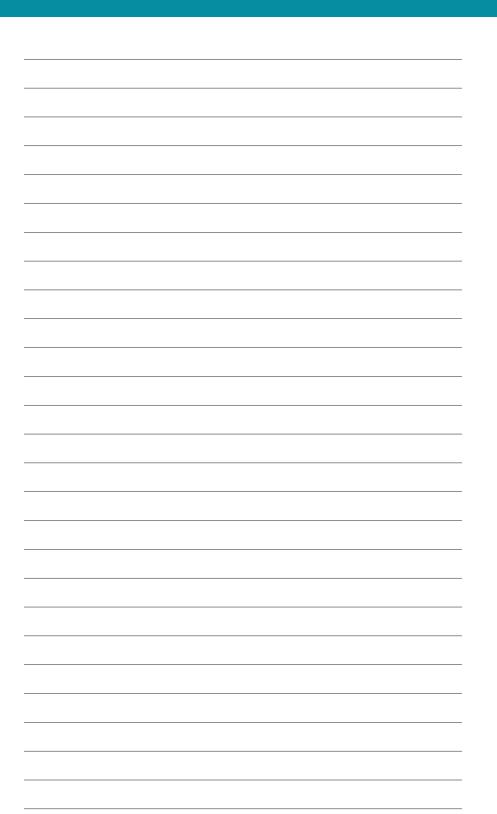
God's plan for us is to walk in holiness in all areas, especially in what we do with our bodies. God's Word affirms heterosexual union for married persons and committed celibate behavior for unmarried persons as the only biblical options for human sexual conduct. All alternative sexual activity outside of heterosexual marriage, such as homosexuality/bisexual practices, adultery, fornication, bestiality, incest, polygamy, pedophilia, and pornography are sin (Genesis 1:27 & 2:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8; Hebrews 13:4; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

# **DIVINE HEALING**

Healing is for the physical ills of the human body and is available to us by the power of God through the prayer of faith and the laying on of hands. Jesus Christ made this available to all believers at Calvary (Mark 16:18; James 5:14-15; 1 Peter 2:24; Matthew 8:17; Isaiah 53:4-5).

# **RESURRECTION OF THE JUST AND HIS RETURN**

Jesus will return to the earth as King of kings and Lord of lords. Those who have died in Christ will rise first and those of us who live will rise to meet Him also. Then God will make all things new – a new heaven and a new earth. His coming is imminent and we must live as such! (Acts 1:11, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Revelation 21:1-8)

Not only do we want you to become a member of Victory Church, but our greatest desire is that you become a member of the Body of Christ.

# Salvation is the saving of the soul from SIN and its CONSEQUENCES.

ROMANS 6:23 NKJ

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# Salvation = Eternal Life

# THE ASSURANCE OF ETERNAL LIFE

#### Assurance in the WORD of God.

#### 1 JOHN 5:13 NKJ

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life...

# Assurance in the WORK Jesus Christ did on the cross.

#### ROMANS 5:9 NLT

And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation.

#### Assurance in the WITNESS of the Holy Spirit.

**ROMANS 8:16** NKJ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God...

# STEPS TO RECEIVING SALVATION

# ADMIT you are a sinner.

#### 1 JOHN 1:8 NKJ

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

# BELIEVE that Jesus is the only way to salvation.

#### ACTS 4:12 NLT

There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.

# CONFESS Jesus as your Lord.

#### MATTHEW 10:32-33 NKJ

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven."

# DEVOTION

We're so excited about your decision to follow Christ! Now that you have accepted this gift of salvation through Jesus, your next step is to **devote your life to becoming a fully committed disciple of Jesus Christ!** We've put together a few inspirational videos to help you in this new journey.

Log on to *newfaithatl.com* to get started.

*"Use every opportunity of humbling yourself before your fellow-men as a help to abide humble before God." – Andrew Murray, Humility* 

Jesus is the GREATEST of all, but He chose to become the SERVANT of all.

# QUALITIES OF A SERVANT

# A servant must be HUMBLE.

#### MATTHEW 20:26, 28 NLT

"Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant... For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

#### MATTHEW 23:11 NLT

"The greatest among you must be a servant."

# A servant must be FAITHFUL.

#### MATTHEW 25:21 NLT

"...Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!"

# A servant must SACRIFICE.

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 10:33 NLT

...I don't just do what is best for me; I do what is best for others so that many may be saved.

#### Find serving opportunities at victoryatl.com/serve.


# FOUR STAGES OF A CHURCH

- 1. Community
- 2. Crowd
- 3. Committed
- 4. Core

#### TITHING: giving the first 10% of all your increase

#### MALACHI 3:7-10 NLT

"'Ever since the days of your ancestors, you have scorned my decrees and failed to obey them. Now return to me, and I will return to you,' says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. But you ask, 'How can we return when we have never gone away?' 'Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me!' But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?' 'You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,' says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, 'I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!'"

#### COVENANT: an agreement that you will never break

#### How much should I give?

The tithe is the first 10% of all your increase. Anything over and above your tithe is considered an offering.

#### Where should I give?

You should give to the Local Church where you receive your spiritual feeding and are taken care of.

# What is the result of giving?

You will receive blessings in every area of your life.

#### MALACHI 3:16-18 NLT

"Then those who feared the Lord spoke with each other, and the Lord listened to what they said. In his presence, a scroll of remembrance was written to record the names of those who feared him and always thought about the honor of his name. They will be my people," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. "On the day when I act in judgment, they will be my own special treasure. I will spare them as a father spares an obedient child. **Then you will again see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.**"

#### MATTHEW 6:19-21 NLT

"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."

#### MATTHEW 6:24 NLT

"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. **You** cannot serve God and be enslaved to money."

# UNDERSTANDING MONEY

- 1. God is the owner and I am the steward.
- What I do with money demonstrates the devotion of my heart.

#### MATTHEW 6:21 NKJV

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

3. My faithfulness determines my fruitfulness.

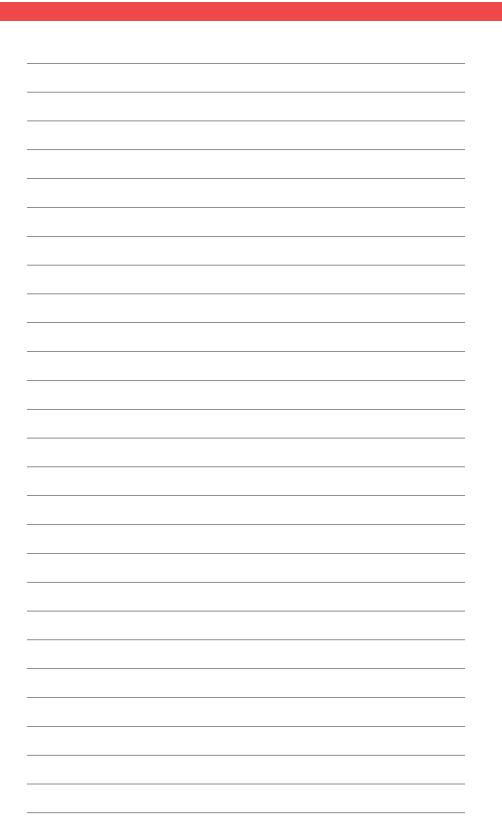
#### LUKE 16:10-12 NIV

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"

#### MATTHEW 6:33 NKJV

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

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# COMMUNITY

Biblical community is at the heart of Victory. When we are connected to each other, it gives us the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus, reconcile cultures, and transform the world together!

# GROUPS

# victoryatl.com/smallgroups

Small Groups are located all across the metro-Atlanta area and many different types are available – married groups, singles groups, workplace groups, interest groups, families with kids and all age brackets.

# STUDENT/YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

# VicKids (Nursery-5th Grade)

#### victoryatl.com/vickids

From passionate and engaged Children's Ministry teams to lifegiving environments, our goal is to capture the hearts of children and point them toward Jesus.

# The City (6th-8th)

# victoryatl.com/thecity

Provides middle school students an opportunity to come together for games, worship, engaging teaching and a safe place for them to truly be themselves.

#### The Capitol (9th-12th)

#### victoryatl.com/thecapitol

We aim to give high school students an environment to worship God, hear the Bible taught in creative, relevant ways, and provide community and discussion through small groups.

# Fusion (18-30)

# fusionatl.org

We are a ministry of young adults in pursuit of becoming fully committed disciples of Jesus.

# RELATIONSHIPS

# victoryatl.com/marriage

Wherever you are in your relationship – pre-married, married or blended – our marriage ministry is designed to provide you with the best tools to equip, maintain strength, reignite and stay connected.

# MENS MINISTRY

#### victoryatl.com/menunited

In a culture where manhood is undefined and trivialized, we gather to reclaim the purposes for which men were created. We're an actiondriven ministry uniting behind the mission and vision of Victory – to increase our impact for Jesus in our families and interactions with others.

# WOMENS MINISTRY

# victoryatl.com/true

We want the women at Victory to be energized, encouraged and excited about what it means to be a woman of God.

# **Thrive Today**

#### victoryatl.com/thrivetoday

We also want to empower women in the workplace to grow in faith and influence, and to elevate your personal and professional development by providing community and content tailored just for you.

# CARE MINISTRY

#### victoryatl.com/care

We all experience challenging circumstances, relational pain or transitional seasons – how we respond during these times has a direct impact on our futures. We provide a network of ministries, helpful resources, trained volunteers and professional counselors to help you move forward.

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After deciding to have faith in Jesus, it's important for your spiritual development that you move from just believing in Jesus to becoming His fully committed disciple. Membership class is uniquely designed to provide access to on board our discipleship path. We encourage you to continue your journey of becoming a fully committed disciple of Jesus!

# **BE WATER BAPTIZED**

#### victoryatl.com/baptism

Baptism literally means "to be immersed in water." It is a physical act of obedience where you identify yourself with Jesus' death, burial and resurrection – symbolizing the death of your old self and resurrection to a new life in Christ, and publicly declaring your faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

# ATTEND FORWARD

#### victoryatl.com/forward

No matter who you are or where you are, everyone is called to move forward. Our FORWARD classes will help you discover how God sees you and free you to reach the next level in your life and relationship with Him.

# LIVE OUT THE 10 QUALITIES

# victoryatl.com/10qualities

At Victory, we believe that it is our life's purpose to be more than just believers, but to become fully committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

# **BECOME A MEMBER**

# victoryatl.com/membership

Membership is an important part of the Victory experience; it's the starting point for understanding our church values and vision. You are in the midst of taking this step, and we're excited to have you on the journey!

# JOIN OR LEAD A SMALL GROUP

# victoryatl.com/smallgroups

We all need community. Small groups can help cultivate some of the most important relationships in your life. Our small groups are located throughout the metro Atlanta area.

# SERVE

# victoryatl.com/serve

Serving is a great opportunity to connect with others, grow and thrive in your God-given gifts and talents while using them to transform lives for God's kingdom.

Take these next steps even further at *victoryatl.com/nextsteps*.



# LEAD WELL

#### victoryatl.com/leadwell

Come get equipped to lead well in all spheres of life, through baseline leadership training available for anyone desiring to develop their influence.

# MONEY + WORK

#### victoryatl.com/moneyandwork

Whether you want to set and stick to a budget, get rid of debt, or discover purpose in your work, these classes will help you take control of your finances!

# VICTORY WORLD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

#### victoryatl.com/vwcs

Victory World Christian School (VWCS) is a unique school, offering grades K-8, that provides a high level of academics, as well as unwavering commitment to students' growth in their Christian faith and service.

# ATLANTA LEADERSHIP COLLEGE

# victoryatl.com/atlanta-leadership-college

ALC is a Christian-based higher education school for young adults, focused on helping students discover their purpose and increase their level of influence with an education that goes beyond the classroom.


# JOIN US IN PERSON

# NORCROSS

Service | Sat 6pm Sun 9am, 11am & 1pm Prayer | Sat 9am

# HAMILTON MILL

Service | Sun 9am, 11am & 1pm

Prayer | Wed 6:30pm

# **MIDTOWN**

Service | Sun 9am, 11am & 1pm

Prayer | Sun 8:15am

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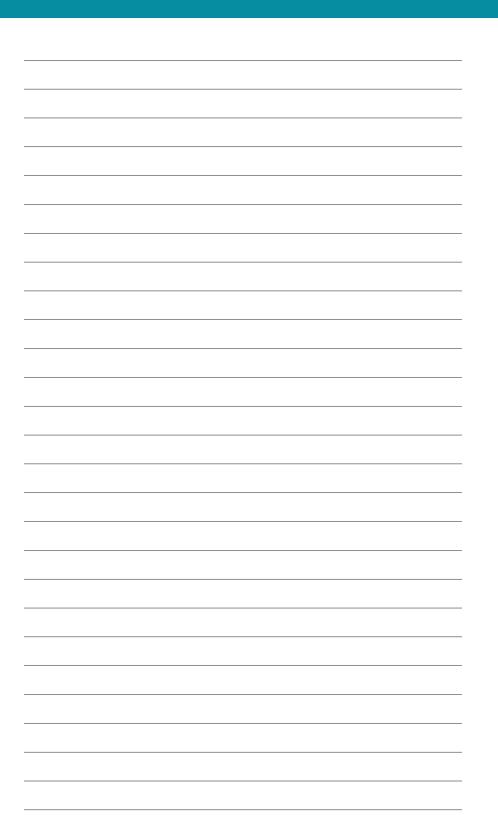
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