

TOGETHER CHURCH

Lifestyle Guidelines

To make the vision of Together Church your vision. We are a team that exists to support the vision of the House and our Senior Pastor. We look for people who are consistent and faithful in Church attendance, as well as conferences, events, meetings and rehearsals. We accomplish that by:

Becoming an owner of Together Church. Planted in the house of the Lord, they shall flourish in the courts of our God. Psalm 92:13

Giving of their first fruits. (Tithe and offerings) As soon as the order went out, the Israelites generously gave the first fruits of their grain, new wine, oil and honey and all that the fields produced. They brought a great amount, a tithe of everything. 1 Chronicles 31:5

Being committed to the house. And you, your lives must be totally obedient to God, our personal God, following the life path he has created, alert and attentive to everything he has made plain this day. Psalm 23:6 NIV

To maintain a good reputation, (be likeable) and get along well with others. It is the spirit of our ministry to have an upstanding lifestyle, and reinforce the integrity and message of our Church, and ultimately God's Word.

Leading by example. Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced. You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor. James 3:17-18 (Message) Be cheerful. Keep things in good repair. Keep your spirits up. Think in harmony. Be agreeable. Do all that, and the God of love and peace will be with you for sure. Greet one another with a holy embrace. All the brothers and sisters here say hello. 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (Message)

To respect, honor, submit to and support functional authority. We are a team that understands and submits to authority, recognizing that all authority is established by God

Follow the vision of the Pastor and leaders of Together Church. Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. Hebrews 13:17

To be a problem solver. We are a team with a "whatever it takes" attitude toward challenges when they arrive. It is also our primary goal that no service would suffer, and no spot would ever be unfilled. We ask every team member to do everything in their power to be part of the solution when challenges arise by:

Seeking responsibility and taking responsibility for their actions. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders. Make the most of every opportunity. Colossians 4:5

Being the solution, not the problem. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom, and in all your getting get understanding. Proverbs 4:7

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Being resourceful. Abigail flew into action. She took two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five sheep dressed out and ready for cooking, a bushel of roasted grain, a hundred raisin cakes, and two hundred fig cakes, and she had it all loaded on some donkeys. Then she said to her young servants, "Go ahead and pave the way for me. I'm right behind you." 2 Samuel 25:18-19

To display a mindset of being coachable, teachable and trainable. In the spirit of excellence, we will constantly focus on improving ourselves, personally and spiritually. We look for people who are teachable and open to training.

Live a life conducive to teaching. Show me Your ways, Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day. Psalm 25:4-5

Be receptive to correction. He who heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads other astray. Proverbs 10:17

Adapt to change and be receptive to others ideas. Flexicute (be flexible and execute)! We know that change will come; when it does, do not complain, make it happen. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:4

To be prompt, responsible and dependable. Team members commit to being responsible, punctual and prepared for every service and event we attend. We look for people who arrive on time prepared to serve.

Exercise diligence. Cultivate these things. Immerse yourself in them. The people will all see you mature right before their eyes! Keep a firm grasp on both your character and your teaching. Don't be diverted. Just keep at it. Both you and those who hear you will experience salvation. 1 Timothy 4:15-16

To live a God honoring life and be a good example for others. By abstaining from behavior that is contrary to God's plan for our lives. This behavior includes but is not limited to

Substance abuse - drunkenness, prescription and non-prescription drugs.

Inappropriate sexual conduct and addictions (sex outside marriage, cohabitation, homosexuality, and pornography) It is obvious what kind of life develops out of trying to get your own way all the time: repetitive, loveless, cheap sex; a stinking accumulation of mental and emotional garbage; frenzied and joyless grabs for happiness; trinket gods; magic-show religions; paranoid loneliness; cutthroat competition; all-consuming-yet-never-satisfied wants; a brutal temper; an impotence to love or be loved; divided homes and divided lives; small-minded and lopsided pursuits; the vicious habit of depersonalizing everyone into a rival; uncontrolled and uncontrollable addictions; ugly parodies of community. I could go on. This isn't the first time I have warned you, you know. If you use your freedom this way, you will not inherit God's kingdom. Galatians 5:19-21 Message

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To have the heart of a servant. The nature of our team is one of service and support. When we see a need, we meet it.

Serve because you get to serve, not because you have to serve. (Have an attitude of gratitude) Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. Philippians 2:3, 4-7

To not be easily offended. We highly value team spirit. We are successful when our team is successful. Changes and adjustments are constantly needed for the good of the service. It is the spirit of our team to maintain a positive attitude, regardless of how changes affect us personally.

Be a team player. If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves, each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of other. Philippians 2:1-4 NIV

Overlook offense. A fool shows his annoyance at once but a prudent man overlooks an insult. Proverbs 12:16

Be Slow to anger. My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. James 1:19-20

Be quick to forgive. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13

To display a positive attitude. It is the culture of our house to be Builders. We look for opportunities to add value to those around us through encouragement. As a team, we should constantly encourage and help build each other. Regardless of the personal challenges we might be facing, we believe that we are at our best when we choose to have a positive attitude, and worship God from a place of faith. We've made a commitment to arrive at every service and/or events full of energy and faith.

By living a life of faith, and not a life of fear. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that He exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6