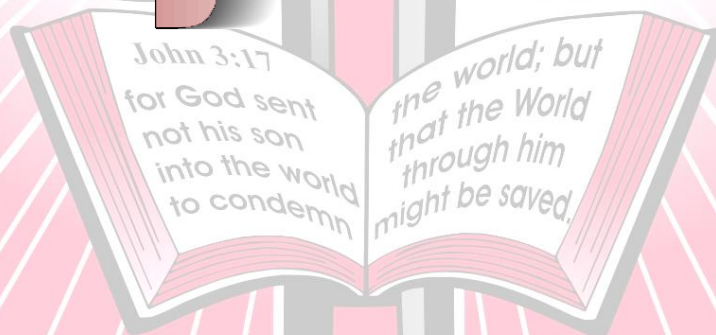




**Welcome  
to  
Central City  
Christian Fellowship**

**Ministry Information**



**A Ministry of Love, Faith, Commitment, & Dedication**

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# WELCOME!

We're excited that you've made the decision to become a part of Central City Christian Fellowship, a Ministry of love, faith, commitment, and dedication. Serita and I have an open door policy, our lives are transparent, and we make ourselves available for you. This guide is intended to introduce you to the Ministry of CCCF and those who serve as leaders. There may be many questions concerning the Ministry, and we pray that all of yours are answered, if not by this guide, than by asking us. We do not believe in pressuring anybody to be a part of any auxiliary, committee, or board, we're more concern about you developing and maintaining a relationship with the Lord and supporting the Ministry through your prayers, presence, commitment, and dedication. It is never our intent to call or single out anybody, however, I can almost assure you that the Word of God will at some point in time, step into your closet. Listen beloved, do not get angry, or think we're picking on you, If it happens to you just say amen and let God do a work in you.

Again we say, WELCOME!

Pastor Darren & Serita Walker





## **2. THE CHURCH**

CCCF believe that the Church is a unique organism composed of individuals who have placed their faith in Christ as Savior. We believe that the Church exists in both a universal aspect, as the Body of Christ, and in a local assembly of believers. The local church, we believe, has a twofold purpose of the edification of believers and the evangelization of the lost.

### **WE BELIEVE CHRIST IS:**

#### **The Founder of the Church**

**Matt. 16:18**

**And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

#### **The Foundation of the Church**

**1 Cor. 3:11**

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

#### **The Head of the Church**

**Ephes. 5:23**

For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is open to all who testify of their salvation by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and agree with both the Purpose and Doctrinal Statements. It is expected of each member to support their church by participation in worship, instruction, and the giving of their time, talents, and treasures (finance) to the accomplishment of the purpose of the church. Members should take seriously the great commission and admonition of the Lord Jesus Christ to love one another.

#### **The Ideal Church Member:**

##### **Must Be Presented to God**

**Romans 12:1**

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

##### **Attends Scheduled Services**

**Hebrews 10:23-25**

Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) <sup>24</sup>And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: <sup>25</sup>Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

##### **Consider Others**

**Romans 12:15-17**

Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. <sup>16</sup>*Be* of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. <sup>17</sup>Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

##### **Contributes Faithfully**

**Malachi 3:10**

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

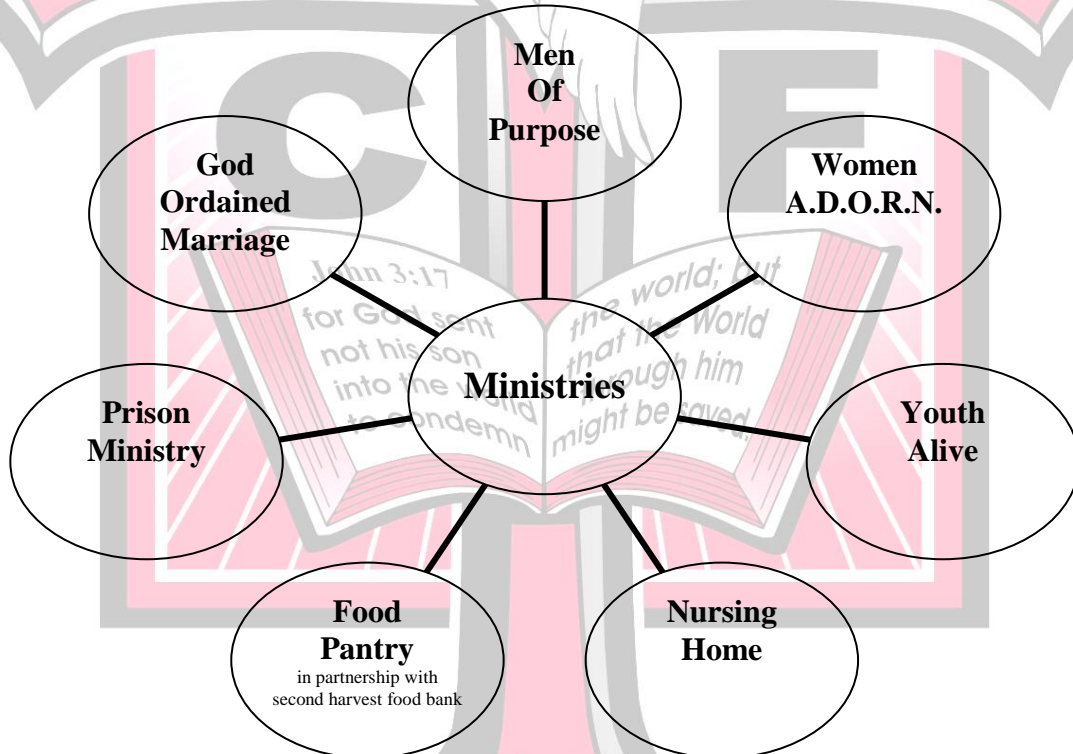
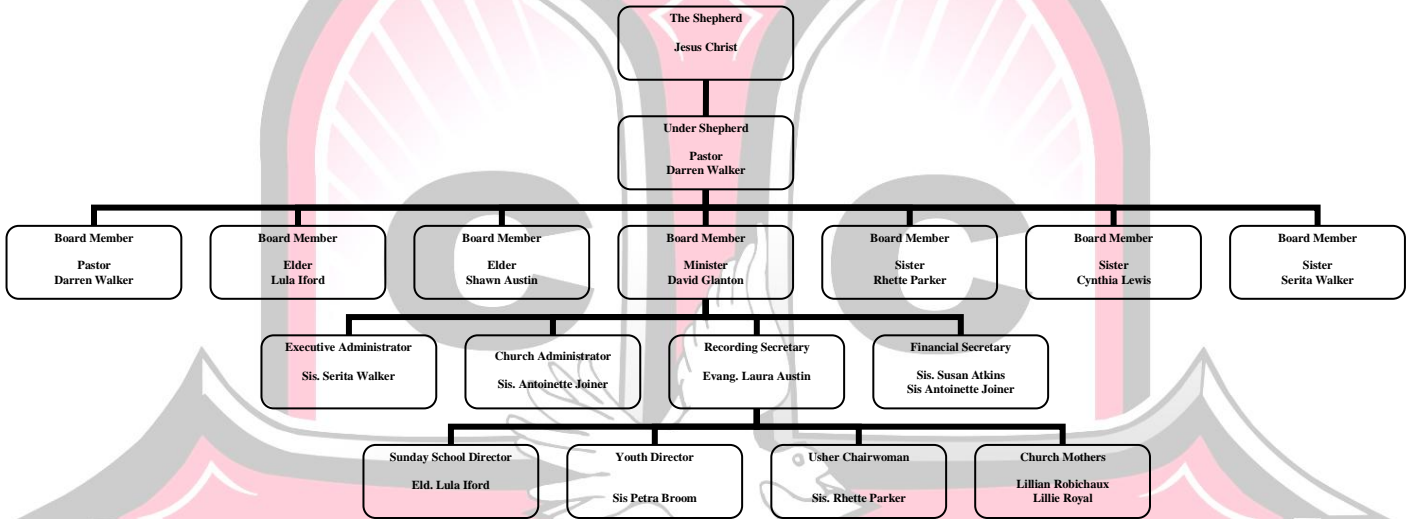
**Luke 6:38**

*Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*

**2 Cor. 9:7**

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

## 4. STRUCTURE & MINISTRIES





## **5. DOCTRINE & CREED**

### **CCCF's Doctrine** (Content of what is Taught)

CCCF believe that the Bible is the Word of God and contains one harmonious and sufficiently complete system of doctrine; that all of their parts are consistent with each other, and that it is our duty to trace out this consistency by a careful investigation of the meaning of particular passages. We also believe in the full inspiration of the Word of God. (By inspiration we mean the act whereby God, the Holy Ghost, gave us the scriptures communicating the truth to us through the agency of fallible men, of any kind and that even to most minute detail, we might receive the truth which God, the Primary Author, intended to convey to us.) (2Timothy 3:16,17)

### **CCCF's Creed** (Confession of Faith)

CCCF believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontious Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell: The third day he rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. CCCF believe in the Holy Spirit; the communion of the saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and Spiritual life everlasting. Amen

## **6. ORDINANCES**

### **Baptism**

A symbolic act of cleansing practiced among believers of Jesus Christ by immersion in a pool or body of water. It is commanded of Jesus Christ that you must be baptized, born again of water and of the Spirit. It is an outward expression of our inner change. Like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life. (St. John 3:5-8 Romans 6:1-4)

**WATER APART FROM PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO CHRIST  
MAKES NO DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF ANYONE**

### **The Lord's Supper**

Also known as Holy Communion is an ordinance instituted by Christ Himself, to be observed by all believers in remembrance of Him. Symbolically represented, bread and wine is received as the literal body and blood of Christ. Every third Sunday is dedicated to this ordinance. Each member is asked according to the scripture, to discern the Lord's body, to examine his or her life, and pray that he or she is worthy to partake. At the free will of that individual he or she may partake, no one is refused. (St. Luke 22:14-20 1Corinthians 11:23-30)



## **7. CEREMONIES**

### **Weddings**

According to the scripture, man (male) is to leave his father and his mother and cleave to his wife (female) and they become one flesh. Marriage is an institute ordained by God and is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, and in the fear of God. This service is open to all members of CCCF upon request with the restriction that arranged Biblical instructions be performed. The couple prepares and rehears their planned ceremony, which must be approved by the Church board when using Church facilities. It is the couple's responsibility to obtain a marriage license from the state's vital records. On the wedding day the Pastor or an Ordained Elder will conduct the ceremony.

**(Must Complete an Application)**

### **Christening**

Also known as infant or child dedication, is performed at the request of the parent(s) whether a single parent or married couple. It is the blessing and dedicating of the infant or child to God, with the parent(s) and the extended persons making a vow to help raise the child in the knowledge of Christ and to encourage the child to receive Christian training and guidance. The Pastor gives instructions to the extended persons concerning their participation in the child's life spiritually and naturally.

**(Must Complete an Application)**

### **Funerals**

The Church is made available for use to celebrate the life of its members who have passed on from one side of consciousness to the other. The Pastor and members gather in strength and faith to be in support of those left behind. The purpose of the service is not to exalt the deceased but to glorify God who creates and receives us. The Pastor and the congregation make themselves available to the family to participate in the services if needed.

**(Must Complete an Application)**

## **8. LICENSE & ORDINATION REQUIREMENTS**

### **Requirements and Qualifications** **to be** **License or Ordained**

#### **License**

A person must be personally convinced of his call to the ministry before being granted a license. He / She should be able to convince others that God called him / her to preach, possess a holy conversation, sound understanding of the things of God, and have a good report of those within and without. Must be willing to complete a prescribed course and study to show himself / herself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. Must be one that has served faithfully in attendance, tithing, offering, and obedience for at least one year before being granted a license.

#### **Ordination**

A person must be licensed for at least one year and recommended by the Pastor to the ordination committee of the church. The Pastor presents the credentials and qualifications of the candidate to the committee. If the committee approves the application of the candidate after examination and investigation of the credentials and qualifications, the Pastor shall thereupon schedule an ordination date and the candidate thereby becomes an ordained elder of the church (CCCF).

## 9. CHURCH COVENANT

### **Church Covenant**

Having been led, as I believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour and on the profession of my faith, I do now, in the presence of God, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with Central City Christian Fellowship.

I engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of the Kingdom of God and of this Church, in it's prosperity and spirituality; to sustain it's worship, ordinances, and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the needy and the spread of the Gospel.

I also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate myself and my children; to seek the salvation of my kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in my dealings, faithful in my appointments, and exemplary in my deportment: to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger, and to be zealous in my efforts to advance the Kingdom of God.

I further engage to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

I moreover engage, that when I remove from this Church I will, as soon as possible, unite with some other Church, where I can carry out the spirit of this covenant, and the principles of God's Word.