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A GUIDE FOR NEW MEMBERS



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Welcome
TO WOOMC
FROM
APOSTLE ALTON R. WILLIAMS AND
ELDER SHERRILYN WILLIAMS

Dear New Family Member, Attendee, and/or Online Member,
Sherrilyn and I are so glad you are part of our WOOMC family! Our vision here is to Love God, Embrace Others, and Touch Destiny. God assigns all believers to participate in a local church for spiritual growth, encouragement, connection, ministry, and His earthly covering of protection.

We believe every believer should be established in the basic foundations of Christ. We offer you and your family this opportunity to be spiritually discipled or mentored. A current WOOMC member will be assigned to disciple you spiritually if desired.

Enclosed are resources that will further explain to you the vision and mission of our church. For more information, please call 901-844-3000. We love you. Welcome to your new home and family!

Yours in Christ,

Apostle Alton R. Williams and Elder Sherrilyn Williams
Senior Pastor and First Lady of World Overcomers Church

WOOMC VISION



HOW TO BECOME A PART OF THE WOOMC CHURCH FAMILY

You can connect in one of two ways:

Become a WOOMC Member

1. WOOMC membership is for those who want to fully commit to their local church. Below are the membership requirements.

    A. Complete the membership card/form.
    B. Consistently support your church in attendance, online, or financially.

2. WOOMC members enjoy all rights and privileges of church membership, including:

    A. Voting privileges whenever necessary
    B. All aspects of ministry care offered by the church (ex: prayer, personal ministry, care such as counseling, spiritual freedom, hospital visitation from a minister as permitted by hospitals)
    C. Spiritual covering and spiritual protection from the church as members place themselves under church leadership's spiritual authority
    D. Use of church facilities for weddings or family funerals
    E. Participating in a small group with other believers of like interests
    F. Serving on a helps team in the church
    G. Training and equipping to serve, teach, pursue ministry opportunities, or become a leader after completing all training requirements
    H. Participating in ministry after being trained

Become a WOOMC Attendee

Attendees are non-members who desire to connect with the church, but they do not want to join the church or make any church commitments. They receive their spiritual feeding from the church, they give consistently, and they support the church financially. Their consistent tithing and financial support of the church entitles them to the following benefits:

1. Receive ministry care (counseling, prayer, personal ministry for healing, spiritual freedom, hospital visitations, prophetic utterances) for both the individual and their family members as needed.
2. Use facilities for funerals or weddings
3. Participation in a small group or any church fellowship opportunities
4. Opportunities to serve in a church helps ministry or Destiny Team

Attendees can pursue church membership at any time by visiting or calling WOOMC at **901-844-3000** and completing a membership form. Once attendees become members, they receive all other rights and privileges listed in the membership section above.



WHAT MAKES WOOMC DIFFERENT FROM OTHER CHURCHES?

WOOMC is not better or greater than other churches, but its vision, calling, and purpose is different from other churches. Apostle Alton R. Williams is a senior pastor, teacher, and an apostle. A church led by an apostle will have several ingredients. Here are some differences between the pastoral/bishop/elder anointing and the apostolic anointing.

1. The ***PASTORAL*** role centers around the people and their needs satisfying the sheep. The ***APOSTLE'S*** anointing gets the people centered on God's call and purposes for their lives.
2. Today's ***PASTORAL*** role is to love and feed the people as they put on spiritual weight. The ***APOSTLE'S*** anointing seeks to train the people so they can put on spiritual muscles that develop them for their call and to walk in their authority and faith.
3. Today's ***PASTORAL*** role takes upon itself the responsibility to perform services for the sheep and keep them happy, sustained and maintained. The ***APOSTLE*** encourages the people to serve God. He challenges them to get up off the pews to be used by God.
4. Today's ***PASTORAL*** role only equips the people to meet the needs of the people in the local church, for the local church, especially for church worship services. This is needed. Today's ***PASTOR*** only prepares the people to serve in the church. However, ***APOSTLES*** equip every believer to function effectively in the work of Christ's ministry outside and beyond the church (winning souls, praying, ministering to people, discipling them, etc.). ***APOSTLES*** move people in the works of Christ such as saving and discipling the lost, getting them healed, filled with the Holy Spirit, delivered, set free, and established on the truth of God's Word *(Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-20)*.
5. Today's ***PASTORAL*** role has maintenance as its goal. The APOSTLE'S anointing has maturing the people to believe God for themselves and be used by Him as his goal.
6. Today's ***PASTORAL*** role is limited to letting the people know that they are saved and forgiven. The ***APOSTLE*** emphasizes moving the saints from just saints and children of God to sons and daughters of God who will deliver people from their bondages.
7. Today's ***PASTORAL*** role works to meet the external needs of bringing comfort and relief to believers. ***APOSTLES*** will stir the spirits of the people to rise to the occasion and take up their spiritual resources in Christ and destroy their own yokes and the yokes of others.
8. Many of today's ***PASTORS*** tend to cause the people to become dependent on them and their ministry gift alone. ***APOSTLES*** lead the people to trust God and His word to receive what belongs to them and to find their own calling.



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH?

1. To recognize ***Jesus Christ as Lord*** and sovereign head of the church.
2. To do the ***work of Jesus*** in the earth (Luke 4:18).
3. To ***demonstrate the love of Christ*** to the world and the power of the Holy Spirit.
4. To ***teach and preach the Word of God*** uncompromisingly, through weekly worship services and other such gatherings.
5. To encourage positive, ***victorious successful living*** by Christ's ability.
6. To work with and assist the ***universal Body of Christ worldwide.***
7. To share the responsibility in ***fulfilling the Great Commission***, that is to evangelize all nations.
8. To promote ***unity and fellowship*** among the members of the Body of Christ.
9. To regularly administer the ordinances of Christ, namely, ***communion and water baptism.***
10. To perfect, mature, ***equip the local body*** to do the work of the ministry and establish ministries in the church to accomplish this goal.
11. To promote and ***support world missions***.
12. To care for the poor, needy, aged, destitute, and to ***provide ministry*** to the sick, oppressed, bound, and the captive.
13. To ***develop the fivefold ministry gifts*** for the spiritual growth of members.
14. To provide ***biblical, educational instruction*** opportunities to the adult, youth, and children.
15. To examine candidates for the ministry, to ***license and ordain ministers*** and elders.



PASTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO YOU



1. To ***please and obey God*** in order to lead you.
2. To ***hear from God*** through spending time with Him in prayer.
3. To ***mature, equip, and train*** believers to work for God.
4. To ***edify or build up*** the Body of Christ.
5. To ***feed or teach the flock*** with the Word of God.
6. To be an ***example to the flock.***
7. To ***administrate and oversee*** the local body.
8. To ***provide ministry to the flock*** by delegating other mature believers/ leaders.

Some people come from traditional churches where pastors do everything for everyone, including witnessing, getting everyone saved, visiting the sick, counseling, praying, etc. Biblically speaking, God did not design churches and pastors to function this way. Although the senior pastor's job is to meet its members' various needs for ministry, it does not mean that the pastor will always be the person to do the ministry directly. At World Overcomers Church, when people call Apostle Williams' office, he will either delegate elders, ministers, or staff members who are gifted in various capacities to minister to their needs or take the calls himself, if led by the Lord.



YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE CHURCH

1. To ***allow the pastor of that church to pastor you or exercise pastoral influence and spiritual authority*** upon your life *(1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:7,17).*
2. To ***see your pastor as a gift*** and to draw on that gift and other ministry gifts that God has set in the local church*(1 Timothy 2:15).*
3. To ***support and submit to the rules and regulations*** of that church and pastor, walk in obedience and submission to his leadership and those he designates *(Hebrews 13:17).*
4. To ***support the church and pastor*** with your attendance on Sunday *(Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:41-47; Acts 20:7).*
5. To ***pray for your church and pastor*** *(1 Timothy 2:1-4; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2).*

6. To ***be a witness for the Lord by sharing your faith*** and leading your family and others to Christ and His church *(Acts 1:8; Mark 5:14; John 1:40-46; 1 Peter 3:15)*.
7. To ***serve the Lord, get involved in helps ministry,*** receive training and help the vision God gives to the pastor to come to pass *(1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-12)*.
8. To ***be trained and equipped to do the work of the ministry*** *(Ephesians 4:11-12)*.
9. To ***consistently support the church with tithes and offerings*** *(Malachi 3:8-10; Luke 6:38; Hebrews 7:6-10; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2)*.
10. To ***support your pastor financially*** *(Galatians 6:6; 1 Timothy 5:17; 1 Corinthians 9:11-14)*.
11. To ***be faithful and committed in all things***; to your God, your church, pastor, and all areas that concern your growth and maturity in the Lord: your prayer life, study of the Word, personal morality, exercise of faith, patience in trials and tests, and in your relationship to other Christians *(1 Corinthians 4:2; Luke 16:10-12; Matthew 25:23; Colossians 4:12; 1 Peter 2:2; 1 Peter 1:15; 1 Thessalonians 3:10; James 1:2-4; John 13:34-35; 1 Peter 1:22)*.





WHY WE NEED TO BE DISCIPLED



God is more interested in changing our minds than changing our circumstances. If we can transform our minds, then our lives will change. *(Romans 12:2).*

The ***Change Your Life Discipleship Bible Study*** helps us align our minds and lives with God and His best. It highlights essential foundational topics new believers need when starting their walk with the Lord. Long-time believers who have never received this foundation and seasoned saints who need a refresher in these truths will also benefit from it. This invaluable resource helps disciples empower others to start and build a vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ.

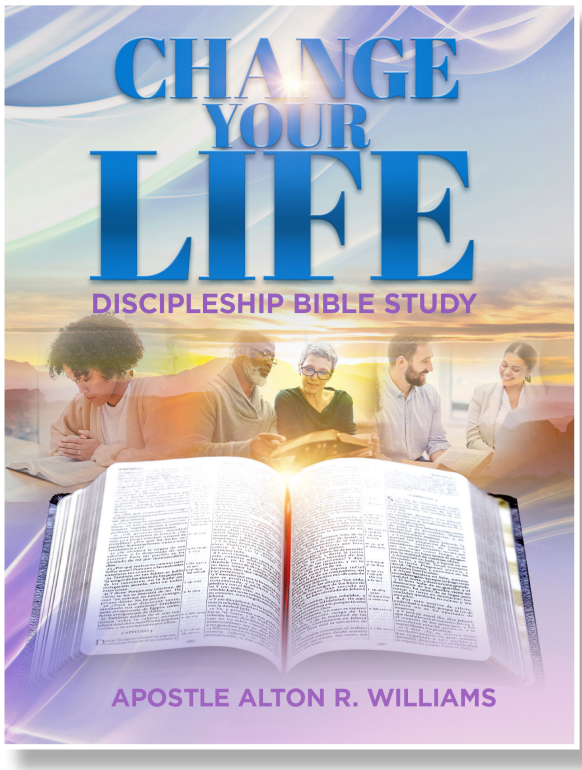
Each lesson features questions and scriptures where readers can find answers. It also includes an exhaustive scripture reference list with verses that address virtually every concern we may face. It can be used for self-study, one-on-one discipleship, group sessions, or class study. ***Change Your Life Discipleship Bible Study*** empowers readers to lead fruitful lives that honor God and bless us, our families, and future generations.

We offer discipleship in four different ways:

- In person one-on-one
- In person in a Sunday morning class
- In person in a Wednesday night group
- Online self-study

Learn the following topics through discipleship.

- **How Do We Know the Christian God is the Real God?**
- **We Must Know Who Jesus Is**
- **Why Do We Need to Be Saved, and How Can We Be Sure We Are Saved?**
- **How Do We Know We Are Right with God?**
- **How Do We Get Right with God After We Sin or Mess Up?**
- **God's Love and Forgiveness**
- **Will We Allow Jesus to Rule Our Lives?**
- **Why Do We Need to Obey God?**
- **Knowing How God Created Us**
- **We Have an Enemy**
- **How Do We Talk to God? (Prayer)**
- **How to Get Our Friends and Loved Ones Saved**
- **We Are Called to Disciple Others in Christ**
- **And more!**





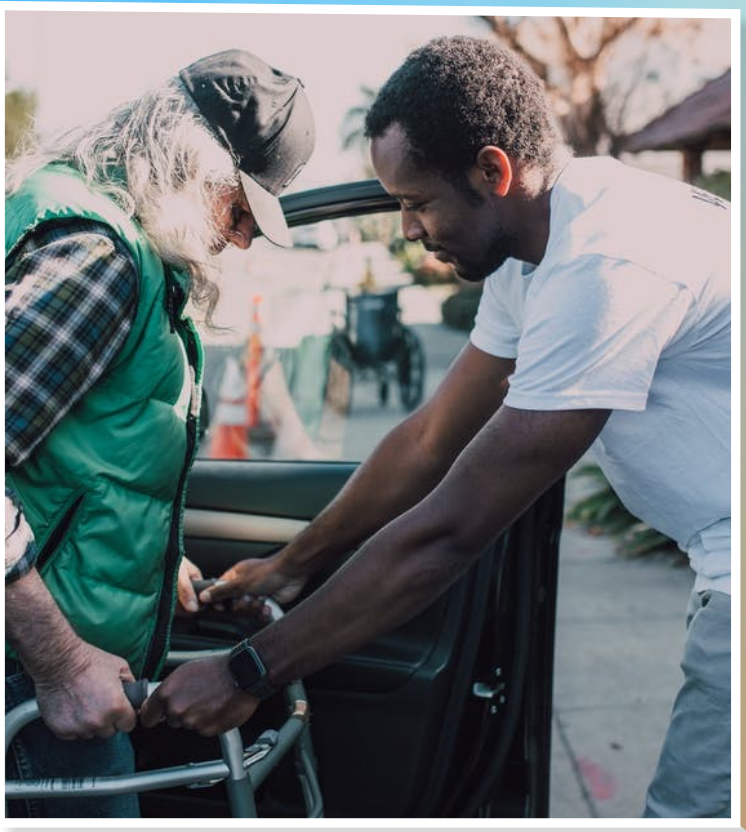
FINDING COMMUNITY
(SMALL GROUP CONNECTION)

There is no greater way to mature in our walk with God than to find a small community of believers where we can ask questions, receive ministry, and find our own gifts to help others. Below are reasons why we need to participate in a small community.

1. Be coached and learn how to follow Christ.
2. Connect with other believers in a more intimate way.
3. Find a sense of belonging and connection in the church.
4. Grow spiritually and find stability in life.
5. Have your spiritual needs met.
6. Find an environment where you can feel safe and secure.
7. Receive accountability for your spiritual life.
8. Find support and strength.
9. Receive ministry when needed. Have someone pray for you when in a crisis.
10. Find answers to spiritual and biblical questions.
11. Learn how to exercise your gifts and be used by God.
12. Learn how to do life with others.
13. Help others benefit from the gifts within you.

For more information, please contact our **WOOMC Connect Life Department** at **901-844-3819.**

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES AT WOOMC



Serving God is an important part of our spiritual growth. God honors those who serve Him (John 12:26). WOOMC offers many serving opportunities for you and your family. Getting involved in our church is important when we find our place in it. We grow spiritually and in life when we learn how to work with and serve others. We serve God because we love Him. He demonstrated His great love for us when He died on the cross for us.

HOSPITALITY TEAMS

- Hostesses
- Ushers
- Parking Lot Team
- Watchmen
- Pathway Greeters
- Culinary Team
- Special Events Team

MUSIC AND WORSHIP ARTS

- Music Team
- Drama Team
- Prophetic Dance Team

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- Destiny Kidz Team
- Nursery Team
- Xchange Team

MEDIA

- Media Duplication Team
- Photography Team
- Television Editing Team
- Sound/Audio Team
- Multimedia Team

FACILITIES

- Silas O' Bryant Artisan Team

MEMBERSHIP AND FAMILY SERVICES

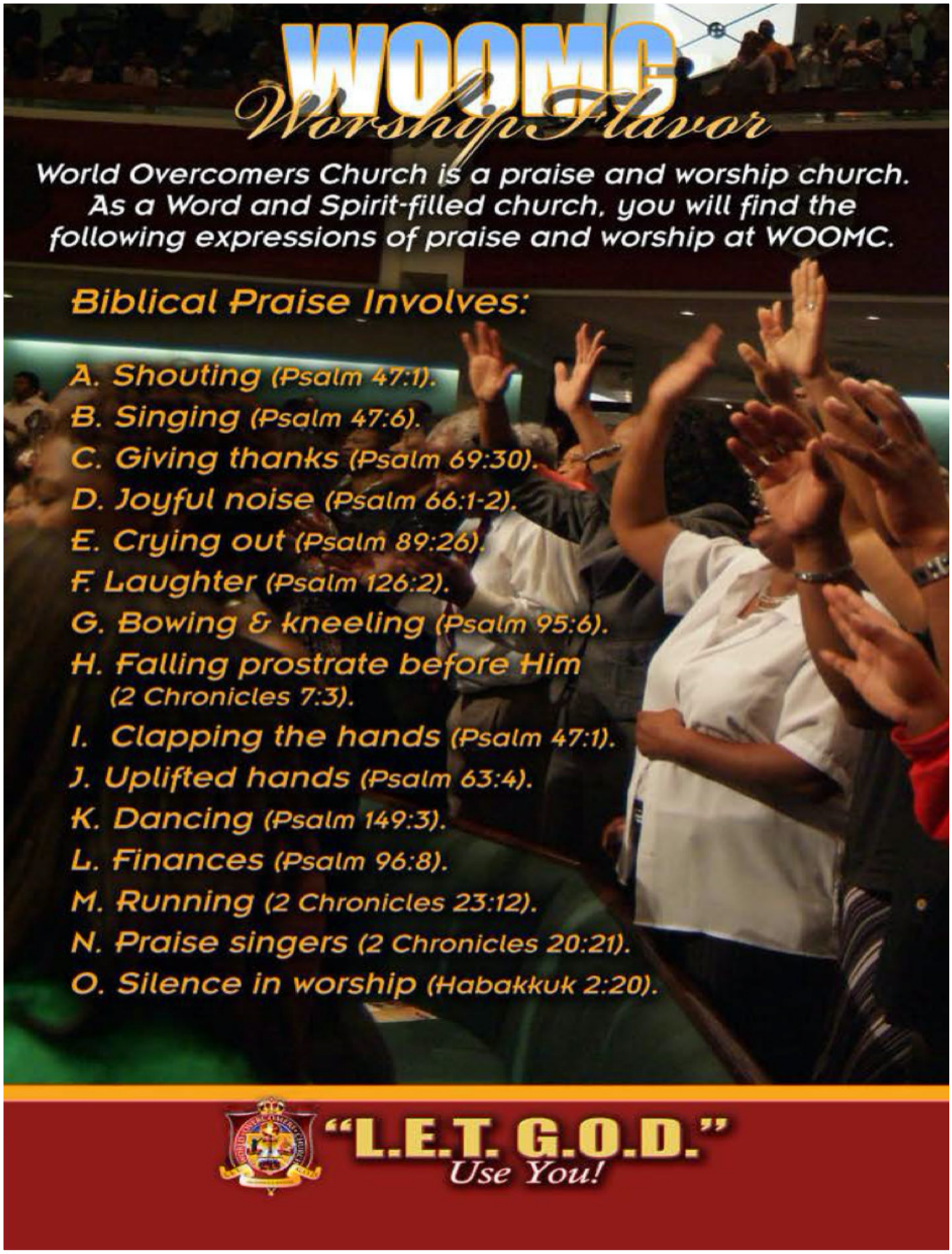
- Bereavement Team
- Bookstore Team
- Bus Transportation Team
- Connect Life Administration Team
- Family Life Center
- Hearing-Impaired Team
- Information Desk Team
- Medical Emergency Team
- Membership Information Center Team
- The Pathway Center Team

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Content Creator Team
- Social Media Moderator Team

Please contact World Overcomers Church at **901-844-3000** for more information.

WOOMC WORSHIP FLAVOR

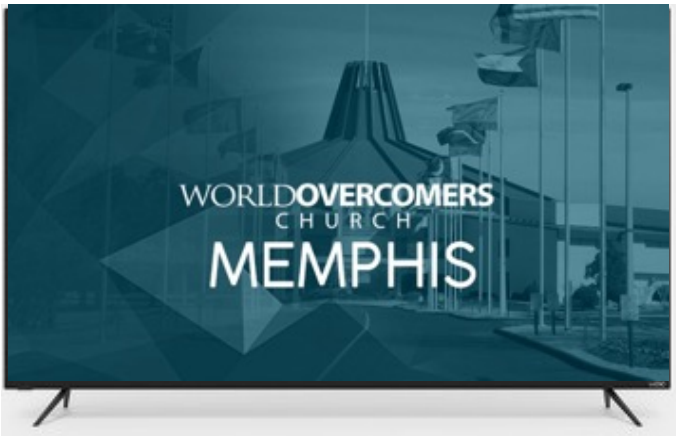


WOOMC OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



WOOMC's vision involves reaching out beyond the four walls of the church and touching those who are lost and unchurched. Several outreach opportunities are provided for those who desire to share their faith with others. For more information, contact our Outreach Ministry at **(901) 844-3000**.

WOOMC MEDIA COMMUNICATION





TV SCHEDULE

Friday: **WTWV Good News TV Channel 23, Cable Channel 14 – 12:30 pm**
Saturday: **WTWV Good News TV Channel 23, Cable Channel 14 – 4:00 pm**
Sunday: **WTWV Good News TV Channel 23, Cable Channel 14 – 6:00 am**

RADIO SCHEDULE

Access our **New Flow Online Radio Station** 24/7 at **newflow247.com**

Website: www.worldovercomers.org
Watch WOOMC Services Live on Sundays @ 8 am & 11 am: **worldovercomers.org/watch-live/**
Facebook: **https://www.facebook.com/WOOMCfanpage/**
Instagram: h**ttps://www.instagram.com/world_overcomers/**
YouTube: **https://www.youtube.com/user/WorldOvercomersMem**



WOOMC IS A TITHING CHURCH

We believe in tithes and offerings as instructed by the scriptures *(Malachi 3:8-11; Hebrews 7:8-9; Matthew 23:23)*.

The tithe means the tenth. God expects ten percent or one dime out of every dollar that comes through our hands to be given to God's kingdom through his church.

The tithe is used for expenses and upkeep of the building such as building maintenance, staff salaries, church repairs, landscaping, contract workers, and all other expenses.

The offerings are used for ministry-oriented functions such as: radio and TV broadcasting outreach activities, mall outreach, global outreach to Haiti and other local outreaches.

WHAT ARE WE DOING WHEN WE TITHE?

- Tithing demonstrates honor to God (Proverbs 3:9-10).
- Tithing is proof that we make God first (Proverbs 3:9-10).
- Tithing is proof that money and greed do not rule us.
- Tithing demonstrates obedience to God (Malachi 3:8-11).
- Tithing proves that we are good stewards over God's money.
- Tithing proves that we trust God for all of our needs.
- Tithing is an act of worship to God. We always come before God with our gifts.
- Tithing demonstrates the sincerity of our love and appreciation for God.
- Tithing proves that God is our source.
- Tithing demonstrates that our hearts are into the things of God.
- Tithing proves that we want to see the gospel go forth.
- Tithing connects us to God's covenant and all its benefits.
- Tithing gives God the opportunity to prove Himself.
- Tithing protects us from the devourer who seeks to steal and destroy what we bring in.
- Tithing stops the curse of poverty and lack.
- Tithing moves God's hands to bring supernatural help when needed.
- Tithing will always bring a return (Proverbs 11:24-25).
- Tithing is a personal choice. No one will ever be forced or compelled to tithe at WOOMC. If it is forced, then it can't be by love.

WOOMC ENVELOPES

You have an opportunity to give in four ways on Sundays:

- The white envelope is the tithe or your 10% for all church expenses.
- The beige envelope is the offering, which is over and above the tithes for church ministries.
- The pink envelope is for Apostle Alton R. Williams and Elder Sherrilyn Williams' Understanding for Life Ministries.
- The purple envelope is for special offerings such as our annual first fruit offering.

WOOMC DIGITAL DISCIPLESHIP

Our Online Campus



Welcome to World Overcomers Community where our senior pastor is Apostle Alton R. Williams! We are glad you're here.

Want to get more out of life and looking for a community that loves God, embraces others, and touches destiny? We're it! This community has removed barriers of isolation, time, and distance to extend the reach of the church. We're excited to know that others have already expressed their interest by signing up.

Our modern-day discipleship community is making a difference by being accessible to support your need to grow spiritually and face life's challenges with your church family by your side. Our staff is here to ensure this community lives up to the vision of our church. This community thrives off engagement with others, and our LAUNCH DAY will be just that, a celebration!

We invite you to call **901-844-3000** for more information about our digital discipleship community. Please join us as we connect with others all over the world. Also invite your friends and family to connect with us as well. See you soon…

WOOMC POLICIES

WOOMC offers several policies for weddings, funerals, facility usage, and financial assistance. Please call **901-844-3000** for this information.


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G.O.D.
AN OUTREACH MINISTRY
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