**Welcome to Step One of the Growth Track**

God has an incredible purpose for your life, and the Victory Growth Track is designed to help you connect with that purpose. On this Growth Track, you will spend 3 Sundays diving into what it looks like to connect to the church & with those that are here, discover your purpose and then make a difference with your life. This 1st class is the basic introduction to our church family and is designed to clearly explain who we are, what we believe, and how you can make Victory your home.

**Our Story**

On Easter Sunday, 1981, Pastors Billy Joe and Sharon Daugherty pioneered Victory Christian Center. From that first service, Victory has met in all kinds of places – from a large tent, to a car dealership, to the Mabee Center to our home at the Victory Worship Center. From its earliest years, the ministry of Victory has grown to include Victory Bible College, Victory Christian School, the Victory Leadership Network, the Dream Center, Camp Victory and International Bible Schools in over 100 nations.

On November 22, 2009, Pastor Billy Joe Daugherty passed from this life into the next. During the next 5 years Pastor Sharon Daugherty took lead as the senior pastor and empowered a strong team of leaders around her to help carry the vision forward.

In April of 2014, Pastor Sharon announced to the church that we would step in as lead pastors. In August 2014, we stepped into the position as the Lead Pastors of Victory. We are humbled & excited about the call of God on our lives to lead this church. If God is calling you here, we invite you to be part of this journey as we continue to fulfill the purpose of God on Victory. We believe that Victory is a family that you can belong to & a place to call home.

OUR BEST DAYS ARE RIGHT IN FRONT US

**Our Mission:**  Love God . Love People .

The greatest commandment is to Love the Lord God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. The second is equally important: “Love your Neighbor as yourself.” (Mark 12:30)

**Our Vision:** Victory exists to **connect** people to God and each other, **equip** people to fulfill their God- given purpose, and empower the church to **reach** out locally and globally with God’s love.

**Connect: Connect with God & each other.**

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24 NIV)

**This is how we Connect:**

1. **Our Services:** We are a church all about JESUS!Our services are about you having an encounter with God: as well as about you being around others that will encourage you to fulfill your God- given purpose.

**Weekend Services:**

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8:30am, 9am, & 11am

Water Baptisms happen quarterly in our weekend services

**Mid-Week Services:**

Wednesday 7pm: Main Service & Youth

Victory Youth meets at the 81st & Delaware building

1. **Victory Groups**: Our Groups offer two things, community & discipleship. We are a church about doing life together. We believe that a huge part in us fulfilling our God-given purpose is about WHO we are doing life with. Our groups are a way that we can help you find life-giving relationships, while at the same time providing an opportunity for you to go deeper in your walk.

Find your people .

**We have groups for:**

* Kids
* Youth
* Young Adults
* Singles
* Married Couples
* Single Parents
* Senior Adults
* Internationals
* All Ladies groups
* All Men’s groups

1. **Dream Team:** We are a church about helping you discover YOUR ROLE in the local church & how you are UNIQUELY equipped for that role. By joining a serve team, you can experience the joy & fulfillment of what it means to be used by God.

Find your place .

**Main Church Services**:

* Altar Ministry
* Creative Arts - (Choir, Musician, Dance)
* Host Team - (Greeters, Ushers, Parking Lot Team, VIP Team)
* Production - (Technical & Media)
* Translation - (Foreign Language & Deaf Interpretation)
* Bookstore

**Pastoral Care:**

* Hospital Ministry
* Nursing Home & Home Visits
* Victory Groups Leader - (Connect Groups, Class Groups, Prayer Groups)

**Church Ministries:**

* Victory Kids
* Victory Youth
* Victory Young Adults
* Singles
* Single Parents
* Senior Adults
* International Ministry

**Local & Global Outreach:**

* Walk It Out
* Outreach Groups
* Christmas Toy Give Away
* Thanksgiving Harvest Feast
* Prison & Jail Ministry
* Camp Victory
* Tulsa Dream Center
* Bus Driver

**Equip: Equip yourself to discover & fulfill your God-given purpose.**

“He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ’s followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ’s body, the church, until we’re all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God’s Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.” (Eph. 4:12 MSG)

**This is how we Equip:**

1. Growth Track- Step 1, 2, 3, 4 {refer to handout}
2. Victory Groups & Victory Men’s & Woman’s Discipleship Track
3. Victory Christian School
4. Victory Bible College
5. Victory Internship
6. Services

**Reach: Reach out locally and globally with Gods love.**

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation” (Mark 16:15)

**This is how we Reach:** We are a church about showing compassion to our city & the world. Being a part of our local & global outreaches takes this church outside of these walls!

1. **Local Outreach:**

* Walk It Out
* Outreach Groups
* Elementary School Grocery Give
* Easter Egg Hunt Outreach
* Thanksgiving Harvest Feast
* Christmas Toy Give Away
* Christmas & Easter Productions
* Tulsa Dream Center
* Prison & Jail Ministry
* Camp Victory

1. **Global Outreach:**

* Victory Leadership Network
* International Victory Bible Institutes
* Missions

**Being A Church Member:**

“You are a member of God’s very own family...and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.” (Ephesians 2:19 LB**)**

1. The church is a family .
2. God expects you to be a member of a church family.
3. A Christian without a church family is an orphan .

**You Matter.**

Your Presence matters.

Your Serving matters.

Your Worship matters.

**What We Believe**

**We believe** the Bible is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God.

(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

**We believe** that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (1 John 5:6-8)

**We believe** that man was created in the image of God, but as a result of sin is lost and powerless to save himself. (Genesis 1:26; Romans 6:23)

**We believe** that the only hope for man is to believe on Jesus Christ, the virgin-born Son of God, fully God, fully man. Through faith in Christ’s life, death and resurrection, mankind is redeemed. (Romans 10:9, 10, 13; John 3:16; Ephesians 2:1-10)

**We believe** in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return in power and glory.

(1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 1 Peter 2:18-24; John 3:16)

**We believe** that salvation is by grace through faith alone. No amount of good works will produce justification before God. We further believe that the manifestation of grace and faith is a holy life expressed through righteous works.

(Romans 3:21-30; Galatians. 4:4-7; Ephesians 2:8-10)

**We believe** that the Holy Spirit indwells all believers, and through the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, believers are empowered for Christian service and gifted for this service. We believe that the gifts of the Spirit are active and necessary for today.(1 Corinthians 12)

**We believe** that eternal life in heaven is the reward of all who believe and receive Christ as their Lord. According to the Scriptures, “For God so loved the world that He sent His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). “But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars – their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death” (Revelation 21:8)

**We believe** that deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers. (Isaiah 53:4, Matthew 8:16-17, Mark 16:18, John 5:6-14, 1 Peter 2:24)

**We believe** that the Church is the Body of Christ, both universal and local, and is composed of individuals who, through faith in Jesus Christ, have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit. We believe that Christ Jesus is the Head and Lord of the Church. The mission of the Church is worship, evangelism, discipleship and the nurturing and care of one another.

(Matthew 28:18-20; Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 2:19-22)

**We believe** in the imminent and personal return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 22:20, John 14:3)

**Victory’s Governance**

1. **Guided By Pastors.**

Victory’s Staff and Pastoral Team are led by the Senior Pastor. The staff oversees the day-to-day ministry and operations of Victory. Our Pastoral Team is here to serve the congregation and is responsible for the development of the spiritual life of the church. The Senior Pastor’s Lead Team is comprised of elders from the staff who serve as leaders for Victory.

**2. Protected By Trustees.**

The trustees are a board of non-staff elders of the church appointed by the Founding and Senior Pastors to oversee the finances and operations of the church. They provide counsel to the Senior Pastor regarding the major financial commitments of the church.

**3. Strengthened By A Spiritual Covering.**

The Spiritual Covering is a group of well-respected Christian ministers and leaders who have a heart for Victory and its Pastors. This group serves as a source of accountability in our pastors’ lives and come to speak to the church family on occasion.

1. **Financial Giving And Accountability.**

We believe that God is the source of all things for Victory! The God-given vision and impact of this church relies on the faithful stewardship and accountability of our resources and the partnership with our members through the giving of tithes and offerings. It has been a core value and conviction from the beginning that Victory operates on a cash basis and as a debt-free ministry.

As a church we are committed to advancing God’s Kingdom both locally and globally. Our vision is to minister to our congregation and its families, our communities and the nations. We sow hundreds of thousands of dollars monthly into fulfilling this vision and as our vision grows we will continue to believe God to supply all of our needs and to invite our members to be involved in partnering in that vision.

**A Place For You**

Victory has a place for you! One of the most exciting things about this church body is its diversity. Represented in our church are over 100 nations and all generations. We value all nations, all generations and all backgrounds.

Our desire is to provide opportunities for community, growth and discipleship for those who call Victory their home. A great place to start is by completing VICTORY’S GROWTH TRACK. This will help you find your place here at Victory and get you plugged in to the life of this body of believers.

Families are important to us. We consider it an honor and privilege to care for and raise up the next generation. We make it a high priority to provide excellent and appropriate experiences for your children to encounter a living relationship with Jesus Christ through Victory Nursery, Victory Kids and Victory Youth.

**What’s Next?**

We would love to see you continue on the journey to being a part of Victory. Here are some next steps that will help you become part of our church family.

1. **Become a member.**
2. **Complete the GROWTH TRACK.**

(See Growth Track schedule on the next page.)

1. **Join a Victory Group.**

(You can find a group in our Victory Groups Guide or go online to victory.com/connect/groups.)

1. **Serve on the Dream Team.**

(You can find out more about opportunities for serving at step 4 of VICTORY’S GROWTH TRACK.)

REMINDERS

* Membership cards are on table. Please fill one out and take to tables outside both entrances.
* Don’t forget Step Two is next Sunday! “Discover your Design”
  + 9:30am in the 2nd floor chapel
* Our GT team is here ready to answer questions that you may have!
* We also have Dream Team Applications on the table if you would like to get a head start!