

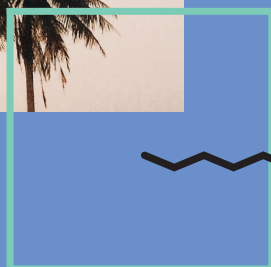


Growth Track

stepTwo: Connect



The best is yet to come



What to expect

The VOUS Growth Track guides you to discover your redemptive purpose and live the life God created for you.

The Growth Track is made up of four steps that equip you to follow Jesus, connect to the church, discover your purpose, and serve others.

Pro Tip
Join in at any time!

The VOUS Story

Our lead pastors, Rich and DawnChéré Wilkerson have a heart to reach our city and beyond with the life transforming message of Jesus. They believe in the next generation and value the wisdom and guidance of those that have gone before us.

1st
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2nd
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3rd
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4th
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stepOne: Follow

Learn the spiritual journey that God has for each of us: to follow Jesus.



stepTwo: Connect

Explore the ministry of VOUS Church, and find out how to connect with our church.



stepThree: Discover

Discover your personality and gifts and see how they indicate your purpose in life and your best fit in ministry.



stepFour: Serve

Connect to the opportunities available at VOUS Church to live out your purpose and serve others by using your gifts.

Our prayer for you

“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people.”

Ephesians 1:17-18

“I ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers.”

Ephesians 1:17-18 Message



Our values:

01 Jesus: Is Our Message

The purpose of VOUS Church is to share the hope of Jesus. Jesus is our message. We are Jesus people, not religious people. Methods will come and go, yet our message will remain the same.

02 People: Are Our Heart

Our heart is for ALL people. All people are loved by Jesus. We make no apologies for being specifically focused on reaching those far away from God. We desire to bring the broken home at all costs. We believe that our light is best seen in the night.

03 Generosity: Is Our Privilege

Generosity is about giving more than what is required. We see generosity as a privilege. We're generous with our time, talents and treasure. We go first in our giving. God has given richly towards us, it's our honor to give back to Him.

04 Excellence: Is Our Spirit

We are going to always do the best with what we have. We're on time, engaged and prepared. We don't do things half way. If we're gonna do it, it's to the best of our ability.

05 Servant Leadership: Is Our Identity

If you're too big to serve then you are too small to lead. We believe the greatest leadership is service to others. Every leader is a servant first. From the parking lot to the pulpit, everyone serves. Every role is different but they are all important. If you ain't helping, you ain't helping!

06 Honor: Is Our Calling

We are vocal with our honor, meaning we are not stingy with our words. We submit to leadership and are thankful for spiritual authority. We choose joyfully to submit to those God has placed over us. We honor and care for those God has placed under us.

07 Passion: Is Our Pursuit

Everything we do, we do it with passion. From our worship to our service we do it with Holy Spirit energy. Passion drives us. Passion for Jesus. Passion for people. Passion for His church.

The mission of VOUS Church is simple:
To bring people that are far from God close to Him.

VOUS Church purpose:

We believe God has always had it in His heart
to take people on a four-step spiritual journey:

01

02

03

04



We organize ourselves around these four steps:
Know God, Find Freedom, Discover Purpose, Make a Difference.

01.

Know God



We consider reaching people who do not know God personally one of our greatest responsibilities. Our Sunday services are for people at all stages in their spiritual journey but are primarily geared toward those who do not have a genuine relationship with God.



Sunday Services:

Our Sunday services focus on four values:

01



We believe church should be enjoyable.

“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go into the house of the Lord.’”

Psalms 122:1 NKJV

“The kind of worshipers the Father seeks...worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

John 4:23-24

02



We believe church should be a place where people experience God's presence.

“But...when some unbelievers or ordinary people come in, they will be convinced of their sin by what they hear. They will be judged by all they hear, their secret thoughts will be brought into the open, and they will bow down and worship God, confessing, ‘Truly God is here among you!’”

1 Corinthians 14:24-25 GNT

Sunday Services:

Our Sunday services focus on four values:

03

We believe church should be a place where people learn how the Bible applies to their daily lives.

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

Ephesians 4:11-12

04

We believe church should be a place where people can accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

“‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?”

Romans 10:13-14 NLT

How to share Christ with others:

One of our primary purposes is to reach people far from God.
Every one of us can do our part by following these four principles:

01 Accept the personal

02 Build a personal

03 Share your personal

04 Give a personal

We share Christ in our city, our nation and our world.

Jesus gave His Church a mandate to reach the world in three areas:

“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

01 “In Jerusalem”



“Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight.”

James 1:27 Message

The primary way we reach our city is through our monthly *I Love My City* projects and weekly Sunday gatherings.

02 “In Judea and Samaria”



“Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.”

1 Corinthians 9:22 TLB

We are committed to supporting other church plants nationwide.

The annual *VOUS Conference* hosts thousands of delegates from across the country and is televised around the world.

03 “To the ends of the earth”



“Jesus said to His followers, ‘Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone.’”

Mark 16:15 NCV

VOUS Church strategically invests a portion of its resources in missions works all around the world with a focus on unreached people groups, children and church planting.

How you can join us:

01

Pray for each of these areas that we might reach people with the Good News of Jesus.

“Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’”

Matthew 9:37-38

02

Go to these areas to serve others and show them God’s love.

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’ He said, ‘Go and tell this people...’”

Isaiah 6:8-9

How you can join us:

03

Give your time and resources to reach people for Christ.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:19-21



02.

Find freedom



We believe real life change happens in the context of authentic relationships, which is why we are a church made up of small groups. In the Bible, they worshiped in the temple, but personal ministry happened “house to house.”

“You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.”

Acts 20:20



VOUS Crews provide three things:

01 A place to with others.

“Yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.”

1 Corinthians 9:22 TLB

02 A place to each others.

“We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.”

1 John 3:16 NLT

03 A place to together.

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”

Proverbs 27:17



How VOUS Crews work:

A VOUS Crew is an intentional gathering of people who meet regularly.

Since God designed us for relationships, we believe it is through the connections made in small groups that God will help us grow.

VOUS Crews are small gatherings of 10-15 people who meet at different cafe's around Miami to hang, eat and talk about life.

VOUS Crews are also where we pray for each other and support each other. These gatherings take place every other week.

We would love for you to join us at any of our Crews – simply check out the schedule, choose a Crew, and sign up online.

Visit: vouschurch.com



Two things you should know about Crews:

01 We have three seasons every year.

Life flows in seasons, and we want to make it easy for you to be in the right Crew for you in each season. New Crews start and stop three times a year in a cycle we refer to as “seasons.” Our Crew seasons are:

SZN 1 — January to March

SZN 2 — May to July

SZN 3 — September to November

02 You can join a Crew.

We would love for you to get connected in a Crew.

To find the a Crew for you, simply visit vouschurch.com or visit the Connect Corner.



03. Discover purpose



The VOUS Growth Track offers information and experiences designed to help you discover and develop your redemptive purpose and live the full life God wants for you. Our process is made up of four steps, which guide you to follow Jesus, connect to the church, discover your purpose and serve others.

“Let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity.”

Hebrews 6:1

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

John 10:10



The VOUS Growth Track:

01 stepOne



This step explains the spiritual journey that God has for each of us and invites you to follow Jesus personally and publicly. Step One happens the first Sunday of every month.

02 stepTwo



This step is a basic introduction to the ministry of VOUS Church and offers you the opportunity to become a part of our church and joining a VOUS Crew. stepTwo happens the second Sunday of every month.

03 stepThree



This step guides you through a discovery of your personality and gifts, which point you to your purpose in life. Step Three happens the third Sunday of every month.

04 stepFour



This step offers you the opportunity to become part of team by connecting with the team of your choice and learning how you can serve others by using your gifts and living out your purpose. Step Four happens the fourth Sunday of every month. The big-picture goal of the Growth Track is to see every person living God's ultimate purpose for their life, which is to share His love and make an eternal difference in the life of another person. Joining team is the fourth step toward this goal and marks your completion of the Growth Track.



04.

Make a difference



All of us were created by God to make a difference in the life of another person. God has a place for you where your unique abilities and passions can impact the lives of others. We believe your life will never make sense until you find, develop and fulfill that purpose.

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Ephesians 2:10

“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, my aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me.”

Acts 20:24

“Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities...There are different kinds of service to God [ministry]...All of you together are the one body of Christ, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.”


Acts 20:24

At VOUS Church

01 Every servant leader is

02 Every task is

03 Every servant leader is a “10” in



Join the VOUS Church team

Join the VOUS Church Team at Growth Track stepFOUR

To join the VOUS Team, you need to complete Growth Track.
At Step Four, you will take the following steps to join the team:

01 Orientation

Attend, Growth Track Step Four, learn about the different teams and how to get involved.

02 Application

Complete the team application and submit to a team leader during Growth Track Step Four.

03 Conversation

Participate in a one-on-one conversation with one of our team members to make a personal connection to the team.

04 Serve

Start serving to be trained and equipped to fulfill your purpose on the VOUS Team!

Join the family:

01 Become part of VOUS Church family.

02 Join a VOUS Crew.

03 Complete the Growth Track.

04 Serve on the Team.

VOUS Church Covenant:

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with the values and ideas presented in Growth Track stepTwo, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with VOUS Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

01 I will protect the unity of my church:

By acting in love toward other members.

By refusing to gossip.

By following the leaders.

“So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of one another’s character.”

Romans 14:19 PH

“Live in complete harmony with each other—each with the attitude of Christ toward the other.”

Romans 15:5 TLB

“Have a sincere love for other believers, love one another earnestly with all your heart.”

1 Peter 1:22 GNT

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs.”

Ephesians 4:29

“Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.”

Hebrews 13:17

02 I will share the responsibility of my church:

By praying for its growth and health.
By inviting the unchurched to attend.
By warmly welcoming those who visit.

“To the church...we always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.”

1 Thessalonians 1:1-2

“Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.”

Luke 14:23 TLB

“So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified.”

1 Peter 1:22 GNT

03 I will serve the ministry of my church:

By discovering my gifts and talents.
By being equipped to serve by my pastors.
By developing a servant's heart.

“Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you.”

1 Peter 4:10 PH

“So Christ himself gave...pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

Ephesians 4:11-12

“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...taking the form of a bondservant.”

Philippians 2:4-5, 7 NKJV

04 I will support the testimony of my church:

By attending church and VOUS Crews faithfully.
By living a godly life.
By giving regularly.

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

Acts 2:42

“Let us not neglect our meeting together...but encourage one another.”

Hebrews 10:25 NLT

“But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the Gospel of Christ.”

Philippians 1:27 PH



Next steps

Connect



01 Join the Family of VOUS Church.
Being apart of VOUS Church is not about adding your name to a roster; it's about connecting with the people and the vision of the church.

02 Join a VOUS Crew.
Browse our online directory of Crews at vouschurch.com.
Find the Crew for you, contact the leader and make plans to try it out in person.

03 Complete all four steps of the Growth Track.

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Statement of faith:

Holy Bible

The Holy Bible, and only the Bible, is the authoritative Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining all doctrinal truths. In its original writing, it is inspired, infallible and inerrant.

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5; Romans 16:25-26

Trinity

There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These three are coequal and co-eternal.

1 John 5:7; Genesis 1:26; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 3:7-11

Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is God the Son, the second person of the Trinity. On earth, Jesus was 100% God and 100% man. He is the only man ever to have lived a sinless life. He was born of a virgin, performed miracles, died on the cross for mankind and thus, atoned for our sins through the shedding of His blood. He rose from the dead on the third day according to the Scriptures, ascended to the right hand of the Father, and will return again in power and glory.

John 1:1,14, 20:28; 1 Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 9:6; Philippians 2:5-6; 1 Timothy 2:5

Virgin Birth

Jesus Christ was conceived by God the Father, through the Holy Spirit (the third person of the Trinity) in the virgin Mary's womb; therefore, He is the Son of God.

Matthew 1:18, 25; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:27-35

Redemption

Man was created good and upright, but by voluntary transgression he fell; his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Gen. 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21

Regeneration

For anyone to know God, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

John 6:44, 65; Matthew 19:28; Titus 3:5

Salvation

We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ: His death, burial, and resurrection. Salvation is a gift from God, not a result of our good works or of any human efforts.

Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16, 3:8; Titus 3:5; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 9:22

Repentance

Repentance is the commitment to turn away from sin in every area of our lives and to follow Christ, which allows us to receive His redemption and to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Thus, through repentance we receive forgiveness of sins and appropriate salvation.

Acts 2:21, 3:19; I John 1:9

Sanctification

Sanctification is the ongoing process of yielding to God's Word and His Spirit in order to complete the development of Christ's character in us. It is through the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life

I Thessalonians 4:3, 5:23; II Corinthians 3:18, 6:14-18, II Thessalonians 2:1-3, Romans 8:29, 12:1-2, Hebrews 2:11

Jesus' Blood

The Blood that Jesus Christ shed on the Cross of Calvary was sinless and is 100% sufficient to cleanse mankind of all sin. Jesus allowed Himself to be punished for both our sinfulness and our sins, enabling all those who believe to be free from the penalty of sin, which is death.

I John 1:7; Revelation 1:5, 5:9; Colossians 1:20; Romans 3:10-12, 23, 5:9; John 1:29

Jesus Christ indwells all believers

Christians are people who have invited the Lord Jesus Christ to come and live inside them by His Holy Spirit. They relinquish the authority of their lives over to him thus making Jesus the Lord of their life as well as Savior. They put their trust in what Jesus accomplished for them when He died, was buried, and rose again from the dead.

John 1:12; John 14:17, 23; John 15:4; Romans 8:11; Revelation 3:20

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Given at Pentecost, it is the promise of the Father, sent by Jesus after His Ascension, to empower the Church to preach the Gospel throughout the whole earth.

Joel 2:28-29; Matthew 3:11; Mark 16:17; Acts 1:5 ,2:1-4, 17, 38-39, 8:14-17, 10:38, 44-47, 11:15-17, 19:1-6

The gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is manifested through a variety of spiritual gifts to build and sanctify the church, demonstrate the validity of the resurrection, and confirm the power of the Gospel. The Bible lists of these gifts are not necessarily exhaustive, and the gifts may occur in various combinations. All believers are commanded to earnestly desire the manifestation of the gifts in their lives. These gifts always operate in harmony with the Scriptures and should never be used in violation of Biblical parameters.

Hebrews 2:4; Romans 1:11, 12 :4-8; Ephesians 4:16; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6-7; I Corinthians 12:1-31, 14:1-40; I Peter 4:10

The Church

The church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of Jesus' Great Commission. Every person who is born of the Spirit is an integral part of the church as a member of the body of believers. There is a spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23; John 17:11, 20-23

Sacraments

- **Water Baptism:** Following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the new convert is commanded by the Word of God to be baptized in water in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12, 36-38; 10:47-48

- **The Lord's Supper:** A unique time of communion in the presence of God when the elements of bread and grape juice (the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ) are taken in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross.

Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-25

- **Marriage:** We believe marriage is defined in the Bible as a covenant, a sacred bond between one man and one woman, instituted by and publicly entered into before God.

Matthew 19:4-6

Healing of the sick

Healing of the sick is illustrated in the life and ministry of Jesus, and included in the commission of Jesus to His disciples. It is given as a sign, which is to follow believers. It is also a part of Jesus' work on the Cross and one of the gifts of the Spirit.

Psalms 103:2-3; Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 16:17-18; Acts 8:6-7; James 5:14-16; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28; Romans 11:29

God's will for provision

It is the Father's will for believers to become whole, healthy and successful in all areas of life. But because of the fall, many may not receive the full benefits of God's will while on Earth. That fact, though, should never prevent all believers from seeking the full benefits of Christ's provision in order to better serve others.

- Spiritual

John 3:3-11; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 10:9-10

- Mental and Emotional

2 Timothy 1:7, 2:11; Philippians 4:7-8; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3

- Physical

Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24

- Financial

Joshua 1:8; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Psalm 34:10, 84:11; Philippians 4:19

Resurrection

Jesus Christ was physically resurrected from the dead in a glorified body three days after His death on the cross. In addition, both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; those that are saved to the resurrection of life and those that are lost to the resurrection of eternal separation.

Luke 24:16, 36, 39; John 2:19-21, 20:26-28, 21:4; Acts 24:15; 1 Corinthians 15:42, 44; Philippians 1:21-23, 3:21

Heaven

Heaven is the eternal dwelling place for all believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 5:3, 12, 20, 6:20, 19:21, 25:34; John 17:24; 2 Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 11:16; 1 Peter 1:4

Hell

After living one life on earth, the unbelievers will be judged by God and sent to Hell where they will be eternally separated from God.

Matthew 25:41; Mark 9:43-48; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 14:9-11, 20:12-15, 21:8

Second Coming

Jesus Christ will physically and visibly return to earth for the second time to establish His Kingdom. This will occur at a date undisclosed by the Scriptures.

Matthew 24:30, 26:63-64; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8; Revelation 1:7

The best is yet to come