

# Victory International Life Changing Ministries

## VI New Member Convert Handbook



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What Does It Mean To Be a Member of  
Victory International Life Changing Ministries?

You must know the Spirit of the House.....

The word membership brings to mind many things ~ belonging, family, and being included just to name a few. Any time you become a member of something, it generally is a very good idea to find out just what that membership provides you and what you as a member are expected to provide in return.

Becoming a member of Victory International Life Changing Ministries is a very excited and rewarding decision. This is a fellowship of believers that will support, encourage, uplift, and challenge you to be the best you possible can for the Kingdom of God. We will also help you to expand your vision of your future, help you reach your goals, and support you as you deal with life's everyday issues.

Members of VI have rights to all the benefits of VI have to offer. If you experience a birth, death, sickness, or any other life-changing event, you can expect VI to be there for support and pray with you through the hard times and rejoice with you during your happy times. You have a right to speak with Pastor Dunn & Lady Dunn about issues in your life that you need guidance with. You can actively participate in any of the auxiliaries and ministries of VI. If you have an idea you feel will enhance the membership, please feel free to communicate with the appropriate auxiliary leader.

We want you to know and feel that this is YOUR church! This church does not belong to one person, or one family but we all are members of this great assembly. Please feel at home.

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When you find yourself wondering, drifting, or feeling isolated, remember, you are a part of a great family of believers that love you and want to see you succeed. In the words of the song....

*I need you, you, need me  
We're all a part of God's body*

*Stand wit me, agree with me  
We're all a part of God's body*

*It is his will that every need be supplied  
You are important to me, I need you to survive!*

Sincerely,

Pastor James Dunn

First Lady Inger Dunn

“The Doors of the Church Are Open ”

Victory International Life Changing Ministries Inc, was founded by Pastor James Dunn and First Lady Inger Dunn.

On March 1, 2004 Pastor Dunn and his family moved their membership from Original Christ Temple (O.C.T) where Pastor Dunn served as the Assistant Pastor to Bishop William Johnson.

Pastor Dunn and Lady Dunn along with their three beautiful children Karyn, Destiny, and James Jr. served faithfully under the strong leadership and spiritual guidance of Bishop William Johnson and Lady Ruth Johnson until being called away to give birth to a new ministry “ Victory international Life Changing Ministries Inc,” and to devote their time and effort spreading the gospel, where they truly believe the church is where we understand needs, meet needs, and build relationship through the “Success in Remodeling Your Life”

Victory International open its doors on April 4<sup>th</sup> , 2004 with only three families located at 707 E. Old Hickory Blvd. in Madison, TN for six months, then later the church relocated to 705 E. Old Hickory Blvd. in Madison ,TN until May 2005.

On April 4<sup>th</sup> , 2005 Victory International moved to its current location 600 E. Old Hickory Blvd. Madison, TN. Membership has grown from 3 families to over 100 families since the doors of the church were open in 2004.

Pastor Dunn and Lady Dunn have been blessed with the opportunity to preach, teach and conduct seminars throughout the country, both in religious and corporate settings. Their children have been

## **Victory International Life Changing Ministries Membership Class Syllabus**

### **Week One**

1. Welcome
2. Introduction and History
3. What it means to be a member of Victory International
4. Basic Beliefs

### **Week Two**

The purposes of the Church

#### **a. Worship**

What is worship?

Worship is supreme honor given either in thought or in deed to one of “greater” authority. **Psalms: 29:2**

“Everybody can not worship God, but everybody can praise God”

An act of reverence or a deep respect. Love, awe, and esteem having a heart after God’ own heart. **Mathew: 22:37-40**

The highest calling of true worship is **obedience** doing what God tells you to do, and the blessing that come with it. **Deuteronomy: 28: 11-13**

#### **Reference scriptures:**

John: 4:24, Psalms: 34:3, and Exodus: 20:3

#### **b. Ministry**

The act of serving to meet the needs of others. **Mathew: 22:39**

### **c. Evangelism**

To reconcile men and women back to God through the gospel, the object of which is to transform people and bring them to peace with God. **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians: 5:18**

The zealous preaching of the Gospel (Good News) through missionary work etc. **Luke: 4:18**

For the perfecting of the Saints.

#### **Reference scriptures:**

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:10, Ephesians: 2:10, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians: 5:19-21, Mathew: 28: 18-20 and Ephesians: 4:11-12

### **d. Fellowship**

Belonging, coming together, and exhorting one another (lifting each other up, speaking to yourselves with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs-Ephesians: 5:19)

**Reference scripture:** Hebrews: 10:25, and Mathew: 28: 19

### **e. Discipleship**

Spiritual maturity and conduct, to model Christ character.

Mathew: 28:20

## **Week Three**

1. Conclusion of the purposes of the church
2. Ordinances of the church

- a. Baptism
- b. Communion

## **Week Four**

1. Admission into Membership
2. Responsibility of membership
  - a. Attendance
  - b. Holy Living
  - c. Support

### **The Basic Beliefs of Victory International Life Changing Ministries**

The following is a brief overview of the basic beliefs of the Christian church, and Victory International Life Changing Ministries in particular. Please read over these and familiarize yourself with them. When you come across a concept that you don't quite understand, please feel free to ask for further clarification. Remember, an un-asked question can never be fully resolved.

#### **Monotheism**

Monotheism is a big word that basically means belief in one God. The Christian world as a whole has this belief. We do not believe that there are several God's and/or Goddesses in the universe to which we can ascribe worship. We do not believe that we ourselves can achieve a God-like status. The scripture in Deuteronomy 6: 4 -5 *Hear, O, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.* God is one. He is not plural and he is not separated.

We further understand and believe that God was revealed to us in three very different and distinct ways: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To better understand the concept of God in three manifestations, please refer to: Isaiah 9:6-7, John 1: 1-15 John 14: 7-11. John 20:26-29.

### **Virgin Birth**

The doctrine of the virgin birth of Jesus Christ is essential to the doctrine of the deity of Jesus Christ. We believe that as Luke recorded in his gospel, the Holy Ghost overshadowed Mary and she conceived the Holy One, which is Jesus Christ-Luke 1:26-37. This miraculous conception was foretold in Old Testament prophecy – Isaiah 7:14.

### **Authority of Scripture**

We believe and teach that the 66 books of scripture known to us as The Holy Bible is the infallible and true word of God. Without this belief nothing else that we teach matters. Every doctrine taught at Victory International must find its basis in the Word of God. The scripture says of itself, "...no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost:-2 Peter 1:20-21. The Bible that we use is God-breathed and God-ordained – 2 Timothy 3:16. Though many have tried to stop its influence, or water down its message it is our guidebook and the final authority on doctrine.

### **Doctrine of by Grace**

This particular doctrine is one that separates the Christian religion from most every other religion in the world. We believe and teach that we are saved by the grace of God in giving his son, Jesus Christ to die in our place as a sacrifice. Our salvation is not dependent on our works, but on The Work-the Finished Work of Jesus Christ on Calvary. The concept of sacrifice is found throughout the Old Testament and was used to show an example of the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We are saved because we believe and

accept the sin sacrifice of Jesus Christ as payment for our sins. For further study, please read: Romans 10: 1-13, Romans 3: 10-25, and Romans 5:1-2.

### **Holy Spirit**

We believe and teach that the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, or Holy Ghost is a gift for every believer. Romans 8:9 tells us that *“if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”* Scripture teaches us that on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Ghost was poured out on those gathered in the upper room. The initial evidence that they had received the promised gift was that they spoke in other tongues as the Spirit of God gave them utterance, or what to say. Acts 2:1-4. Throughout the history of the New Testament Church, you will find several references to believers receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit and subsequently speaking in tongues. At Victory International Life Changing Ministries, we believe this gift is still available and viable for you today! If you have not yet received this wonderful gift, don't despair, it is yours for the asking. Please read the following passages as you grow in your faith: Acts 1:8, 2:1-4, 10:34-48, and 19:1-6

### **Water Baptism**

We sincerely believe that all of God's people are to be buried with Christ in the waters of the baptism, subsequent to the conversion experience. There are many opinions in the Christian world about the mode, method, and means for baptism, and we don't fight against those who feel differently. However, since this is a Bible believing church, we feel that we should practice what the early church did. In every instance of baptism in the New Testament church, you will find that the only method and formula used when administering baptism, was In the Name of Jesus Christ, or in the Name of the Lord. This is the formula used at Victory International Life Changing Ministries. In acts 2:38 we find Peter preaching to the crowd and admonishing them to repent and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. Why is this so important? Because, if we really believe that Jesus is the one who died for our sins and paid the price, we are to be identified with him, by taking on His name in the waters of baptism. The only method used by the early church was to identify with Jesus Christ, their leader. Please read the following passages as you grow in you faith: Acts 2:38, 8:14-17, 8:35-38, 10:48, 22:12-16; Colossians 3:17.

## **Attendance**

Regular church attendance is vital to your spiritual growth. **Hebrews: 10:25**

## **Holy Living**

As children of God we are to live a life that is separate and apart from the world. The Bible tells us that as who name the name of Christ should depart from iniquity. *2 Timothy 2:19*. This means that as much as possible, we are to live lives free from sin and other encumbrances that keep us from fulfilling God's purpose and calling on our lives. It is impossible to live in this world and not be affected by sin, but we do not have to allow sin to reign in our lives, Romans 6:12. This may sound like a tall order, but with the help of the Lord, we can do it. As you become more acquainted with God's word and his spirit, you will become more aware of ways that you can please Him and be all that he wants you to be. Living a holy life is not an overnight event, but a life-long process. We are constantly being conformed (made) into the image of Jesus Christ. Please allow him to help you live the life you were destined to live.

## **Support**

Your support financially is biblical and will bring more happiness than receiving; it is God like and will bless you forever.

Reference Scriptures: Malachi: 3:8-12, and Acts: 20: 32-38

## **Second Coming**

This church believes and teaches that the Lord Jesus Christ will make a literal return to this earth to rapture (snatch away) his church – 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. He will also establish his kingdom in the earth and reign as Lord and King forever. We also believe and teach that the rapture of the church will take place before a seven-year period of tribulation upon the earth; the likes of which have never been seen-Matthew 24:21-25. This time is also known as Jacob's trouble -. Jeremiah 30:7.

More extensive teaching is done on these and other doctrines and tenants of our faith throughout the year, but if you have questions concerning them, please contact Pastor Dunn or First Lady Inger Dunn

**VICTORY INTERNATIONAL LIFE CHANGING MINISTRIES DOCTRINE**  
**VI ~ CREED**  
**Pastor James Dunn**

Our creed, Discipline, Rule of Order, and Doctrine is the WORD OF GOD as taught and revealed by the Holy Ghost. (*John 14: 26; I Corinthians 2: 9-13*)

“All scripture is given by inspiration and is profitable for doctrine, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (*2 Timothy 3: 16-17*)

We believe in the plenary verbal inspiration of the Bible. (*2 Timothy 3:16-17; I Peter 2: 2 2 Peter 1: 21 Revelation 22: 18, 19*)

We believe, The Bible, and only the Bible is the Christian’s objective and infallible rule of faith and practice, alone sufficient that he may “be established in the present truth: (*2 Peter 1: 12*). It is the God ordained account of and witness to the person and work of Jesus Christ.

We believe that both Old and New Testaments affirm that solemn fact “there is but one God,” (*Deuteronomy 4: 6; Ephesians 4: 4*) IMMORTAL, ALL-PREVADING and many other attributes (excellencies) all of which are of the highest perfection and each complete in itself.

We deny the doctrine of the Trinity, it is not biblical (i.e. three separate persons in one God, or a Trinity).

We believe that salvation means “deliverance from the slavery (bondage) of sin” NOW: and ultimately form every vestige (visible trace) of sin in our spirits and bodies.

WATER BAPTISM should be administered “in the name of Jesus Christ” for this was the name given to our Savior before His birth for the purpose of “saving his people from their sins” (*Matthew 1: 21*)

We believe that “speaking in tongues” AS THE SPIRIT GIVES UTTERANCE (*Acts 2: 4*) is the initial evidence of the indwelling of the Sprit; not only of the day of Pentecost for the one hundred and twenty, but for all believers for all time.

All that Jesus accomplished for us at Calvary is summed up in a statement by Jesus Himself after His resurrection; “Thus it is written and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that REPENTANCE, and REMISSION OF SINS should be PREACHED IN his name among ALL NATIONS.

# **Victory International Life Changing Ministries Church Organization Chart**

Pastor and Administrator  
Pastor James Dunn

Co-Administrator & First Lady  
Lady Inger Dunn

Financial Analyst  
Hollie Salter

Lady Inger Dunn's

Personal Assistant  
Crystal Austin

- VI Board of Directors
- Auxiliary Leader/Church Coordinator
- Brotherhood/Security
- Deacon Board
- Decoration Committee
- Food Pantry Ministries
- Labor of Love
- Marriage Ministry
- Media Audio/Video Ministry
- Ministerial Alliance
- Music Ministry
- Single Ministry
- Orders Ministry

Before signing and completing your New Members class we have a brief test of 10 questions, taken right from the handbook, once completed please submit your signature. Thanks and- Again **“Welcome to Victory International”**

- 1. Becoming a member of VI is a very exciting and rewarding decision. This is a fellowship of believers that will? (Fill in remaining statement)**
- 2. We believe and teach that the indwelling of the (fill in the blank) is a gift for every believer?**
- 3. What are the five purposes of the church?**
- 4. We believe in the baptism in Jesus name with the evidence of speaking in tongues? true or false**
- 5. What was the exact date the doors of VI opened?**
- 6. Who is the financial analyst?**
- 7. What is the first paragraph of VI doctrine and creed?**
- 8. Regular church attendance is vital to your? (fill in blank)and( use reference scripture)**
- 9. What scripture talks about bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse?**
- 10. What are your New Pastor and First Lady full names?**

**Bonus question? What are their children’s first names? (Hint they have three)**