



DOMINION CHURCH

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PART ONE: OUR PURPOSE

Dominion Church exists to **Reach People and Make Disciples**. It's a simple 5 word phrase that leads our church in every decision made.

The Great Commandment: *"Jesus said, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and Prophets hang on these two commandments.' "* **Matthew 22:36-40**

The Great Commission: *"Jesus said, 'Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.' "* **Matthew 28:19-20**

At Dominion Church, we organize ourselves around these 3 steps:

1. KNOW GOD

2. GET CONNECTED

3. MAKE A DIFFERENCE

I. KNOW GOD – Weekend Services .

We consider reaching people one of our greatest responsibilities. Our weekend services serve people at all stages in their spiritual journey and each and every week we give people the opportunity to know Christ.

WEEKEND SERVICES

Our Weekend Services focus on four values:

1. Celebration .

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

"True worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks." John 4:23-24

2. Inspiration .

"But if an unbeliever or someone who does not understand comes in...he will be convinced by all that he is a sinner and will be judged by all, and the secrets of his heart will be laid bare. So he will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, 'God is really among you!'" 1 Corinthians 14:24-25 (NIV 1984)

3. Preparation .

"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." Ephesians 4:11-12 (NIV 1984)

4. Salvation .

"Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But who can ask them 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 (LB)

MISSION POINTS OF PASSION (Local, National, and International Outreach)

Jesus gave His Church a mandate to reach the world around them 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

1. "In Jerusalem" - Our CITY.

"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)

2. "In Judea and Samaria" - Our Nation.

"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 (LB)

3. "To the ends of the Earth" - Our World.

"Jesus said to His followers, 'Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone.'" Mark 16:15 (NCV)

Dominion Church strategically invests a portion of its resources in mission's works locally and all around the world with a focus of bringing the Hope of Jesus to the world.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

PRAY. GO. GIVE.

Matt 9:37-38

Isaiah 6:8-9

Matt 6:19-21

II. GET CONNECTED – Small Groups .

Real life change happens in the context of relationships – small groups. In the Bible, they worshipped in the temple but 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

SMALL GROUPS PROVIDE THREE THINGS:

1. A place to Connect .

“...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 (LB)

2. A place to Protect .

“We know what real love is because Christ gave up His life for us. And so we also ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters.” 1 John 3:16 (NLT)

3. A place to Grow .

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17

HOW SMALL GROUPS WORK

Our small groups meet in places all around our city and provide a place for you to connect, grow, and discuss the issues and challenges of life. Regardless of your age, interest, or location, we are sure there is a group out there for you. Small groups are also where we pray, care for one another, and are missed if we don't show up! If you would like to join a small group, you can find more information by emailing Pastor Clint deGroot at info@dominionchurch.org or downloading our Church App on the App Store and clicking on the small group experience located on the home page.

There are two things you should know about small groups:

1. They are “Free market” groups.

Our groups are as varied as we are; group leaders use their gifts and passions to create a group that allows others to join with them in serving God.

2. We meet 2 times per month throughout the year.

We have a season each year that we do Group sign ups, usually in January. Throughout the year you can join a group if there is availability.

III. MAKE A DIFFERENCE – Dream Team.

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 touch the lives of others. We believe that your life will never make sense until you find, develop, and fulfill that purpose.

“For we are God’s workmanship, 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, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me.” Acts 20:24 (NIV 1984)

“Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities...and there are different kinds of service to God (ministry)...All of you together are the one Body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-5, 27 (LB)

AT DOMINION CHURCH:

Every member is a Minister.

Every task is Important.

Every member is a “10” in Some Area.

JOINING THE DREAM TEAM

- We review your ministry information sheet that you filled out in this class.
- Once you are ready to serve on a team we will help you find your right place. (*Please know that we do not push anyone into serving*)
- You can serve once, twice or a weekly basis on a team.
- ALL TEAM MEMBERS are required to do a online application and background check before starting on the team (NO EXCEPTIONS).

PART TWO: OUR STRUCTURE

Dominion Church Leadership

Believers who invest their hearts, time, families, and finances in the building of a local church deserve to have confidence in church leadership. People are looking for leaders who conduct themselves with integrity and respect when making decisions that affect their lives. Our church government is made up of three groups:

1. GUIDED BY Pastors.

The pastoral staff is led by the Senior Pastor, Greg Thurstonson. This team oversees the day-to-day ministry and operations of the church. These staff pastors serve the congregation and are responsible for the development of the spiritual life of the church.



Senior Pastors
Greg & Deena Thurstonson



Executive Pastor
Clint deGroot



Connections Pastor
Kacey Martinez



Youth Pastor
Cody Rost



Family Pastor
Tiffany Sheldt



Business Coordinator
Diana Cunningham



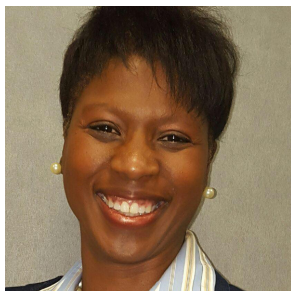
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2. COVERED BY Church Advisory Council.

The Church Advisory Council (CAC) are 5 members of the congregation, nominated by the congregation, interviewed by the Senior Pastor & nominating board and confirmed by active voting members. This group helps oversee the finances and direct the provision of the facilities needed by the church. They provide counsel to the Senior Pastor regarding the major financial commitments and movements of the church.



**Rob
Nolen**



**Gloria
Wiggins**



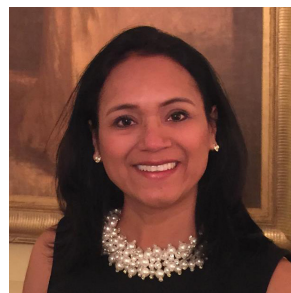
**Randy
Hamilton**



**Kimberly
Walker**



**Kevin
Rau**



**Martha
Armstrong**

3. STRENGTHENED BY Fellowship.

The Fellowship of the Assemblies of God provide spiritual protection to the church. They may be called in to help in accountability matters relating to the Senior Pastor if requested to do so by the Pastors or CAC. The Fellowship of the Assemblies of God serve as an accountability to doctrine and practice.



PART THREE: OUR BELIEFS

Dominion Church is a part of the Assemblies of God, a worldwide Fellowship with over 230,000 churches across the globe. The following statements, known as ***The 16 Statements of Fundamental Truth***, are what define our fellowship.

1. The Bible is the bottom line

(2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Thes. 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21)

2. God is God—revealed in three persons...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

(Duet. 6:4; Isa 43:10-11; Matt 28:19)

3. Jesus is God's son, firstborn and only born

(Matt 1:23; Heb 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22; Acts 10:38)

4. Man messed up and fell in sin

(Gen 1:26, 27; 2:17; 3:6; Rom 5:12-19)

5. Although we don't deserve it we can be saved

(Luke 24:47; John 3:3; Rom 10:13-15; Eph 2:8; 4:24)

6. Water baptism and Holy Communion are 2 ordinances of the church

(Matt 28:19; Mark 16:16; 2 Pet 1:4)

7. The Holy Spirit can change and empower your life

(Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8; 1 Cor 12:1-31; John 7:37-39; Acts 2:42, 43)

8. You are empowered by the spirit when you receive a spirit language

(Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:6; 1 Cor 12:4-10, 28)

9. We ought to live right, act right and become more like Jesus

(Rom 12:1, 2; 1 Thes 5:23; Heb 12:4; 13:12; 1 Pet 1:5, 15-16)

10. The church's job is to help people find God

(Matt 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; Eph 3:10; John 4:23, 24; 1 Cor 12:28; 14:12)

11. God calls some into full-time ministry

(Mark 16:15-20; John 4:23-24; Eph 4:11-16)

12. God can still heal

(Isa 53:4, 5; Mat 8:16, 17; James 5:14-16)

13. Jesus is coming again

(Rom 8:23; 1 Cor 15:51-52; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Titus 2:13)

14. We will reign on the earth with Jesus

(Rev 19:11-14; Zech 14:5; Math 24:27-30; Rev 20:1-6; Rom 11:26, 27; Isa 11:6-9)

15. There will be a judgment day

(Mat 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Rev 19:20; 21:7, 8)

16. Heaven is real

(2 Peter 3:13; Rev 21-22)

OUR VALUES

Definition: A standard or principle regarded as desirable or worthwhile.

Cyrus E. Albertson: “A room of quiet, a temple of peace. The home of faith where doubtings cease. A house of comfort where hope is given. A source of strength to make earth heaven. A shrine of worship, a place to pray. I found all of this in my church today.”

Proverbs 29:18: Where there is no vision the people perish ... and where there are no values the purpose of the vision will perish!

1. We value God's WORD.
2. We value God's PRESENCE.
3. We value CONVICTION over culture, Presence over PREFERENCE.
4. We value LISTENING, LEARNING and LEADING.
5. We value EMPOWERMENT over ENTITLEMENT.
6. We value and see every member as a MINISTER.
7. We value the journey and the PROCESS to spiritual freedom and maturity, and will seek to try and REMAIN HUMAN in becoming more like Him.
8. We value PRAYER.
9. We value RELATIONSHIPS
10. We value SERVANTHOOD.
11. We value the principle of UNITY.
12. We value the HOLINESS of God.
13. We value REACHING the lost.
14. We value EXCELLENCE.
15. We value INTEGRITY.
16. We value the KINGDOM.
17. We value LIFE, ENERGY, HAPPINESS, and the expression thereof.
18. We value YOU!

THE NEXT STEPS

1. Join a small group.
2. Serve on a Dream Team. When you're ready to serve, fill out the volunteer application.
 - You can go to the volunteer section in our website, under the ministries tab to find the link, which is <https://ministryopportunities.org/DominionChurchLC>
3. Join us for the Pastor's Dinner on May 1st @ 6pm. Pastors Greg and Deena will share their hearts with you and get to know you.
4. Become a member. After the Pastor's dinner, we'll give you the information on becoming a member.