

HOHP Membership



House of His Presence

Welcome to House of His Presence

“His Presence transforming us and the world around us.”

Our Mission

House of His Presence is a Bible believing, Jesus adoring, non-denominational church, in Morgantown, West Virginia. Our heart's desire is to be a people led by the Holy Spirit of God, to see the Kingdom of God established here on earth as it is in heaven, to make Jesus known to a lost world, to equip and empower the church to be the hands and feet of Jesus, and to see revival fire burn throughout the nations of the world. To put it simply, our mission is this: **We are on the journey to be a New Testament Church, relying on the power of the Holy Spirit, cultivating biblical community, and spreading the Gospel to all nations.**

Our nation, the United States of America, is spiraling into darkness. The Church must arise in this hour for the sake of our children and our children's children. Above all, we must arise for Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who was slain for us, that He would receive the rewards of His suffering. He is the only solution to this lost and dying world. House of His Presence is called to Morgantown to proclaim the good news of salvation through Him and Him alone.

This church was birthed by a deep burden from the Lord for the United States of America. We believe that the answer to all of the issues and darkness that is in our nation is the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Lord spoke that He is going to raise up a generation that will turn this nation back to Him. He spoke the words, “Be strong and courageous and take the land.” (see Joshua 1:6-9) God is calling us to take back what the enemy has stolen. The book of Joshua is a book of warfare and victory. We are still in a war today, although ours is a spiritual one. The Israelites gained victory and entered into the promised land by the presence of God. They would carry the Ark of the Covenant (which represents God's presence) and God would do supernatural exploits. We now have the presence of God in us, upon us, and among us. We take the land now by hosting His presence and carrying His presence with us into every facet of our culture. His presence transforming us and the world around us.

Morgantown shall be saved.
West Virginia University shall be saved.
The United States of America shall be saved.



Meet our Founders



SKYLAR AND MICHELLE LINDERMAN Lead Pastors

Skylar and Michelle were married in June of 2019 and are parents to three boys: Abraham, Isaiah, and Asher. They are graduates from FIRE School of Ministry in Charlotte, North Carolina. Before coming to Morgantown, they spent the most recent years of their Christian lives serving as missionary evangelists based out of North Alabama and actively making disciples with Outreach Ministries of Alabama. God gripped their hearts and gave them a vision for this nation and Morgantown, West Virginia, and thus House of His Presence was birthed in January 2023.

What We Believe

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 (2Timothy 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 co-equal and co-eternal (I 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, lived a sinless life, 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; 1Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 9:6; Philippians 2:5-6; 1Timothy 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; Matthew 1:18, 23-25; 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).

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; 1 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 (1 Thessalonians 4:3, 5:23; 2 Corinthians 3:18, 6:14-18, 2 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 (1 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; Revelations 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; 2 Timothy 1:5-16, 4:14; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31, 14:1-40; 1 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).

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 (Psalm 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.

1. Spiritual (John 3:3-11; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 10:9-10).
2. Mental and Emotional (2 Timothy 1:7, 2:11; Philippians 4:7-8; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3).
3. Physical (Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24).
4. 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; they that are saved to the resurrection of life and they that are lost to the resurrection of eternal damnation (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 tormented with the Devil and the Fallen Angels (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).

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).

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; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12, 36-38; 10:47-48; 1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-25).

SEVEN PILLAR STATEMENTS

We unashamedly preach, teach, and live by the Word of God.

Romans 1:16

Prayer is everything!

Matthew 21:13

“My house will be called a house of prayer” - Jesus

We are a family. We live our lives together, eat together, grow together.

Acts 2:42

We are continually building a prophetic, Spirit-filled community with the priority of making disciples in the context of family and fellowship.

We train and equip leaders.

Ephesians 4:11-13

We train and equip fivefold ministers and the Body of Christ for the work of ministry because every Christian is called to ministry.

The lost and hopeless are a top priority.

Luke 19:10

We are an evangelistic church that prioritizes intentionally preaching the gospel to those outside of the church.

We serve our community and one another.

Matthew 23:11

We are blessed to be a blessing and are called to wash the feet of our city through service.

We are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:8

We are unashamed of the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit and desire nothing less than the fullness of God.

Our Structure

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 goal and main objective in leadership is to be in line with the scriptures to the very best of our abilities. The Church is not to be run like a big corporation, but rather by the Word of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit, which are always in unity.

House of His Presence was originally brought into existence first and foremost by the leading of the Holy Spirit and then with the approval and oversight of fathers and mothers of the faith. We call these apostolic leaders over our lives. True churches are blessed and released by elders (Acts 6:6, Acts 13:3). We see this through the ministry of the Apostle Peter and Paul in the book of Acts and also in Paul's letters.

We believe in elders (overseers) and deacons (1 Timothy 3:1-13, Acts 6:1-6). Elders and deacons are not self-appointed, but appointed by elders of the church. House of His Presence leadership has been recognized, anointed with oil, and released as elders to the Body of Christ. They have leaders that hold them accountable. Notice from the passages listed above, deacons are not the ones that make the final decisions. Never in the scriptures do we see a "vote" by deacons. Not that deacons don't bring tremendous value, but the buck doesn't stop at them. In scripture, the elders would fast and pray and get a word from the Lord and follow the Lord.

We believe in an "apostolic" structure and "5-fold" ministry (Ephesians 4:11-13). We believe that apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers are all active and functioning as an important instrument within the Body of Christ to train and equip all believers for the work of ministry. The elders make the final decision on the direction of House of His Presence through fasting, prayer, humility, and submission to God and to their apostolic leadership.

This church has a board of directors that are not members of House of His Presence. They are all seasoned elders with decades of experience. All big decisions are run through them. They have complete and total access and permission to see where every dime is spent, how much work is being put in by the leadership, and to speak correction into any changes that need to be made. They believe in the leadership to make the day-to-day and even longterm decisions. They are fathers and mothers to the leadership and stay in continual communication with them on a weekly basis.

The pastors take their calling very seriously and are responsible to model a godly lifestyle, provide a prayer shield for the members, defend and protect the integrity of the church, pray for the sick, mediate disputes, counsel, and represent the church to the community.

Membership

*“²⁷Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are **standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News...**”¹ Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate?² Then make me truly happy by **agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.***

Philippians 1:27; 2:1-2 (NLT)

Church Membership is a CHOICE.

It doesn't secure your salvation. When you step into Heaven, the Book of Life will not be checked to see whether or not your name is on a church membership list. Why, then, is church membership something that is offered to you? What is its importance? Hopefully this will serve to help you discover the answers.

We live in a consumer-based culture - one that has adapted a stance, “What’s in it for me?” As no generation before, people are hesitant to make commitments, preferring to stay “unattached.” It follows suit that this line of reasoning also affects attitudes toward church membership. Individuals may enjoy attending a certain church frequently (or infrequently) while maintaining a casual relationship in order to avoid the feeling of obligation.

Church membership serves to declare that you desire to be an active citizen of a heavenly kingdom - Christ's kingdom! The church says to you that your confession of faith, path of discipleship, and passionate heart are recognized as authentic. You are a genuine disciple of Christ, connecting with others for the purpose of representing Jesus Christ on this earth. In turn, you are saying that you recognize a particular church as a valid voice for declaring the gospel and that you will respect its love and oversight as you connect in the purpose to which the church has been called.

It DOES NOT say that you OR the church feel this is the only church that's declaring the truths of God's word. It DOES say that you've chosen to link arms with this particular “embassy” of Christ's kingdom as the entire body of Christ endeavors to represent Him to this world's population.

Simply put, the Bible teaches that we are to “live in the light” and the most practical way we do this is by “having fellowship with each other” (see 1 John 1:7). Membership is one of the most practical ways to commit to fellowship with His body and to live in the light. We want to see you fulfill the call of God for your life and be all you can be for God.

What does House of His Presence require for membership?

1. A member is to be a **BELIEVER** in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and has been water baptized.

Peter was asked what one must do to be saved...

“Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38

2. A member is expected to **LIVE ABOVE REPROACH.**

*“Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, **children of God above reproach** in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life...” Philippians 2:14-16*

3. A member should **SHOW UP.**

*“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 10:24-25*

4. A member should **GET INVOLVED.**

*“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*

5. A member should **GIVE** on a regular basis.

*“Where your **treasure** is, there your **heart** will be also.” Matthew 6:21*

Giving

Money is one of the most visible measurements of the condition of your heart. It is one of the best outward measurements of your inward spiritual condition.

Did You Know?

Ten percent of the verses in the Bible deal directly with money (2,350 verses). That's five times as many as deal with prayer and faith!

Principle of Giving

1. The heart of giving is love - love for God and love for people

*“For God so loved the world, that He **gave** His one and only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16*

2. To the measure we give will be the measure we will receive back. This doesn't only pertain to finances, but it absolutely includes finances.

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:38

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first-fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.” Proverbs 3:9-10

Giving to the Local Church

The local church is God's governmental institution on the earth that brings forth His kingdom into culture and society (See Matthew 16:17-19). Also, the local church is the gathering of God's children in the context of a family (See Acts 2:42 and Ephesians 3:15). As members of a local church, we commit to the growth, maintenance, and wellbeing of the church. Since we currently live in an economic world, it requires money to fulfill the vision of every local expression.

The Principle of Tithing

The principle of “tithing” is an ancient principle that we see laid out through the Old Testament and carried over into the New Testament. In very simple terms, it was a command in the Old Testament to bring a tithe (ten percent) of all of your harvest to the temple, so that the temple, priests, and temple workers were provided for. It was an act of giving your first and best to God.

In Matthew 26:37-38, Jesus states “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.” This means that we are to love God with all of what we are, including what we own and our finances. This also implies we are still commanded to give God our first and best in everything we do. Again, what we do with our finances is one of the most visible measurements of the condition of our heart (Matthew 6:21).

In the New Testament, God calls us to an even higher standard than the tithe. The early church disciples sold everything to give to the church (See Acts 2:44-45 and Acts 4:34-37). Now, we are not expecting people to sell everything to give to the church, but wanted to make the point that the New Covenant calls us to surrender **all** to the Lord. Anything in our lives that isn’t under the Lordship of Jesus Christ is ultimately idolatry, even the good things of life. It’s okay to have money as long as money doesn’t have you. Below are listed the reasons why we implement this principle today.

1. Tithing provides for God’s work through the church.

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house...” Malachi 3:10a

The storehouse is the Old Testament picture for the New Testament church and the church is the hope of the world.

2. Tithing builds my faith in God.

“Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, ‘and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.’ ” Malachi 3:10b

It takes faith to give God the first. What you do with what you have reveals what you believe about God.

3. Tithing teaches me to put God first!

“...The purpose of tithe is to teach you to always put God first in your life.” Deuteronomy 14:23b

The goal of every believer is to seek God first in all that is done.

Remember: **It takes faith to give God the first.**

*“Without **faith** it is impossible to please God.” Hebrews 11:6*

You will have to sacrifice something in order to make God your priority.

Grace-Based Giving

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under

compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Here are the major principles of New Testament grace-based giving:

1. The amount we give is determined by what we have decided in our heart and what the Holy Spirit is leading us to give.
2. Our giving should be done regularly and come from that which we earned or received (our living, gifts, inheritances, etc.).
3. Our giving is an act of grace - something we do with cheerful generosity.
4. Our giving is a response to God’s ability to take care of us. It is our declaration of our dependence on Him.
5. Our giving is an act of love to our Father. It is a declaration of the importance we place on His kingdom.
6. The law of sowing and reaping applies to New Testament giving but is guarded by the biblical principle of being a good steward with what God has given you.

As a church, we desire that we have a reputation of being **EXTRAVAGANT GIVERS** with cheerful hearts! We give out of the conviction that we **get** to give. The more blessed we are, the more we can be a blessing to God’s Church, missionaries, ministries, and individuals in need.

How Can I Get Involved?

There are many needs to accomplish a God-given vision. The two biggest ones are people and money. There are many opportunities to serve. We all have different responsibilities. Some of us have full-time jobs, children, and commitments that must be fulfilled. However, the things that are truly important to us, we make time for. We highly encourage all to get involved in the work God is doing through House of His Presence!

If you would like to serve in the church, please indicate on the Membership Application Form which areas are of interest to you, and we will be in contact with you. We want to find the right fit for you and help you find a place to serve that will bring you joy. We are in need of greeters, sound operators, workers to set up before service and tear down after service, hospitality workers, childcare workers, social media, teaching classes, leading a prayer group, intercession team, outreach and evangelism, drama, and the list could go on and on. We want to take your unique gifting and talents and help you find a place to express what God has placed in your heart.

Remember, we are all here to serve God. It's not about a platform or gaining popularity (Matthew 20:26-28). We want to glorify Jesus in all that we do. Let's stand together for Jesus in these last days!