

FIRE YEAR: UNLEASHING THE GLORY

CITY OF GOD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

2021



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PASTOR'S STATEMENT

"

For I will be to her a wall of fire round about, says the Lord, and I will be the glory within her."
Zechariah 2:5 RSV

Dear City of God Ministries International Family,

As I reflect on the incredible journey of last year; it fills my heart with gratitude and joy to witness the amazing works of God in our ministry. 2023 was truly a year of fire, where we experienced unprecedented growth, passion, and divine blessings. In the year of fire, we saw the flames of our faith burning brighter than ever before. We witnessed miraculous transformations, powerful breakthroughs, and a profound sense of unity among our members. It was a year of spiritual awakening and revival, where the presence of God was palpable in every aspect of our ministry.

Here, in the City of God Ministries International, we are a family. We walk in Apostolic Grace, guided by the wisdom and anointing of the Holy Spirit. As we step into this new year, 2024, we are committed to continuing our walk with the Holy Spirit provides. With His help, we are determined to fan the flames of our faith, to spread the light of Gods love, and to ignite the hearts of all who encounters our ministry.

I am filled with anticipation for the incredible journey that lies ahead of us. Together, we have the opportunity to step into a greater season of growth, transformation, and unprecedented blessings at both of our campuses. I firmly believe that the Lord has placed a specific vision on our hearts for the year ahead—a vision of growth, both spiritually and numerically. We are chosen to be a thriving congregation, characterized by radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service and extravagant generosity. We are intentional about discipleship. We are called to be pioneers, trailblazers, and vessels of God's divine authority. We are here to impact lives, transform communities, and bring forth a revival that will shake the foundations of the earth.

I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to every member and volunteer of our ministry. Your dedication, passion, and commitment have been the driving force behind our success. Your selfless contributions and tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed, and I am truly thankful for all that you do.

Let us continue to walk in the fire, releasing the glory, with hearts ablaze and spirits ignited by God's love. May we stand united, strong, and steadfast in our mission, knowing that the best is yet to come.

May God bless you abundantly and may His fire continue to burn brightly in our midst. Together lets BUILD THE CITY!

In His Grace and Love,



APOSTLE GARY BELLINGER
Lead Pastor

PASTOR'S STATEMENT

"But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses..." Acts 1:8 AMPC

Dear COGMI Family,

On behalf of Apostle Gary Bellinger, myself, and the Board of Directors, I am thrilled to share with you the exciting initiatives and the strategy we are undertaking to propel our church into the season of growth and transformation, Pastor discussed.

We are more intentional than ever about training and development, including the launch of CTMI. As we embark on this **Fire Year 2024 Unleashing the Glory**, I too, am filled with anticipation for the journey that lies ahead of us. The vision has been shared and together, we corporate to step into a greater season of being the Kingdom thriving congregation we are called to be.

We humbly ask that you would continue to support the vision of COGMI with your time, talents, presence, prayers as well as your with your tithe, offerings. We have a vision to stay out of debt. Consider pledging towards our van pay off initiative as the Lord has prospered you. We are releasing our faith and looking for our land/building purchase and next dimension business and ministry initiatives.

You will hear, see and have many opportunities to embrace the "spirit of the house" this year. Welcome and embrace every vision opportunity to show **radical hospitality, discipleship and outreach**. To help us continue to refine our process, engage with the vision and to prepare us for greater growth, we are investing in the expertise of a Church Growth Strategist who will guide us in intentional areas of focus, including:

- Strengthening our hospitality to create a welcoming environment for all who enter our doors.
- Improving our guest follow-up process to ensure that visitors feel valued and embraced by our church family.
- Engaging in strategic discipleship and outreach initiatives to impact our church and community with the love of Jesus Christ and
- Enhancing our communications team to optimize our online presence and ministry effectiveness.

Additionally, we have determined to be more intentional than ever--spreading the word about what **The City** has to offer. Word of mouth has always been the most effective form of advertisement. Make a personal commitment to join our **Each One Reach One** initiative this year. Make a personal commitment to disciple at least one person and encourage them to commit to the ministry. We invite you to be a **champion** for our ministry--representing it well, both in and out of church-- and by spreading the word of who we are and all that we have to offer. We are actively seeking a more permanent space for our Charleston campus. Our Charlotte campus' redesigned look, includes a business flex space and we can rent out our space to the community for their special events.

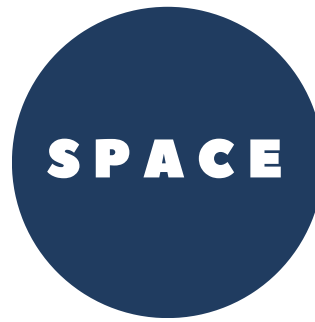
As we commit to prayer and participation, let us continue as a ministry to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit on this journey. Be kind. May we all commit to doing our part in this vision. It is a privilege to serve in the Kingdom. Together, we will break through barriers, overcome obstacles, and experience the abundant blessings that await us--and its ALL to unleash His glory!

Holy Spirit, bring all of Your Fire. We are ready. We humbly submit to Your will and to Your way!



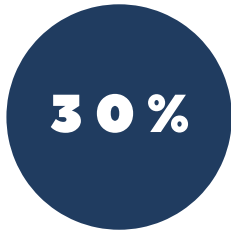
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VISION GOAL

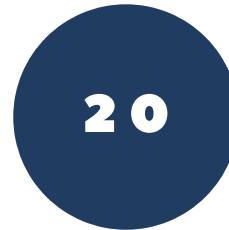


Purchase of land and/or property

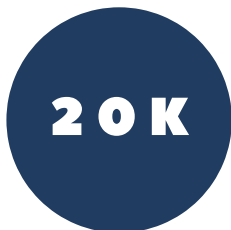
2024 C.O.R.E. GOALS



30% increase in # of adult members (both campuses)



Win 20 new & recommitted souls for Christ



Reduce Van Debt by 20K



Launch an outreach team and host 2 outreaches & fellowship events



Grow our TikTok followers to 1K and enhance our digital marketing



RADICALLY
Revamp our guest & congregational experiences with the "WOW" factor

PRAYER STRATEGY

Every Wednesday morning at 6 AM on Zoom
&
In-Person As Announced

Pray boldly and specifically:

- For our church to reach more people than ever before
- For God to send us highly capable leaders and just volunteers
- For an increased level of generosity
- For God's divine favor to open doors for us to preach the gospel
- For incredible, life-changing stories to start coming out of our church
- For a fresh vision, wisdom and direction
- For people in our church to be passionate about personal evangelism

REVIVAL FIRE PRAYER POINTS

- REVIVAL FIRE- IN US & OUR COMMUNITY
- Salvation and Deliverance (Souls)
- Divine Healing (miracles, signs, and wonders)
- Favor with God and man
- Spirit of Wisdom
- Baptisms & manifestations of Holy Spirit
- Purposes revealed and passions come alive
- A great spiritual awakening! Increase our CRAVE & HUNGER for God.
- Youth & Young Adults experiencing real encounters leading to real relationship with God.
- Leadership on every level & more leaders to emerge
- Humility, sanctification, clean hands, pure hearts, selflessness, and a change in spiritual appetites.

VOLUNTEERS

We will live out our membership commitment to SERVE by encouraging EVERY member to serve in at least one area of ministry.

Find Serving Teams in Realm | Sign up at the Welcome Center



OUR GIVING

We always **GIVE** with the future in mind. It is important to support operating funds (tithe & offerings). Giving to special offerings (i.e. pastoral celebrations, Senior Sunday, etc.) by taking away from operational giving is counter-productive. Each individual/family is making a vision giving pledge to our capital fund. We will own land/buildings soon! We also want to increase donations to **Processing Costs**. "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill



GROWTH STRATEGY

We will increase the number of guests each month by creating a **culture of RADICAL HOSPITALITY** through invitation & discipleship (invite cards, custom invite landing pages, special invite campaigns, and increased invites via social media). As Kingdom citizens we are making a commitment for "EACH ONE TO REACH ONE!" How will you lead others to Christ?

BUSINESS MINISTRY

We're launching the business ministry to position entrepreneurs to build better businesses and have greater impact, influence, and affluence in the marketplace.

>Go to "Groups" in Realm. >Scroll down to "Find Groups"
> Click the Find Groups tab. Click the group type "Community" > search in the Filter Groups text box for "Business Ministry" > Click Join Group, then click Send request.



EVANGELISM & OUTREACH MINISTRY

Be on the lookout for more information as we prepare to launch this ministry this year.



YOUTH MINISTRY



- CityKids is the area of youth ministry designed for youth ages 4-11. We meet on Tuesdays at 7pm & on the 2nd & 3rd Sundays! See Sis. Michelle McKinney for more information.
- Extreme Youth Church (EYC) is designed for youth ages 12-18. We meet on Tuesdays at 7pm. See Sis. Jamika Pittman for more information.

CTMI: CLASSES & COURSES

Equipping Servant Leaders for Kingdom Work

At COGMI Theology and Ministry Institute, our mission is clear: to equip servant leaders for Kingdom work. Our institute is committed to facilitating a transformative educational journey that empowers individuals to step into their divine calling with wisdom, humility, and faith.

For information regarding upcoming courses contact us at ctmi@cogmc.org.

2024

FINANCIAL GOALS

- **Tithe** (10%) based upon pay cycle - Operating Fund
- **Offering** (Weekly) - Operating Fund
- **Capital Stewardship Pledge** (As you are able)- Van Payoff Fund | Our 2024 Manifest Vision Pledge is directed towards the payoff of our ministry van note. We believe that God empowers us to do ministry free of recurring debts. Join us in donating at least \$400 in 2024! We are celebrating our progress on three key milestone dates in 2024.
 - Sunday, April 28, 2024
 - Sunday, June 30, 2024
 - **Sunday, September 1, 2024- Final Pledges Are Due**

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- **May**- Co-Pastor's Weekend (\$100/pp)
 - **November**- Apostle Bellinger's Anniversary Weekend (\$150/pp)
 - **December** - Christmas @TheCity Celebration (Varies)

Ministry License Fees- Due July 1st

- Un-ordained Ministers & Deacons (\$25)
- Ordained Ministers \$30
- Ordained Elders \$40
- Ordained Pastors & Apostles \$50

CALENDAR DATES

Dates are subject to change.

Recurring Dates

- **Bible Study** | Tuesdays @7 PM (In-Person & YouTube @cogadmin)
- Corporate Prayer | Wednesdays @6 AM & / In-Person (TBD)
- 5-Star New Members Welcome Party | APR / JULY / OCT/ JAN

Stay tuned to Realm and announcements for ministry group calendar events.

APR

- 1st-5th Family Week
- 8th CTMI Q2 courses Begin
- 17th-19th AIM Conference @COG

MAY

- 17th-19th Apostle Myra Bellinger's Weekend*

JUN

- 15th Annual Family, Fitness, & Fun Day
- 29th One-Day Business Incubator Event

JUL

- 17th-19th Create Camp For Kids

AUG

- 1st-4th Refreshing Summit*
- 17th Back to School Bash

SEP

- 8th-22nd I Love My Church Sundays
- 13th FIRE Night Service
- 29th Baptism Sunday

OCT

- 13th Clergy Appreciation Day
- 31st-4th Leadership Retreat Cruise

NOV

- 21st-24th Pastor's Anniversary Weekend*

DEC

- 16TH Christmas @ The City
- 31st NYE Service

JAN 2025

- 9-10th FIRE Night Service

MAR 2025

- 15th Vision Casting Day

THRIVING PROPHETIC CONGREGATIONS GRANT COHORT **HERE'S WHAT'S NEW!**

CAMPUS REDESIGN

Our campus has a new look! We are transforming our space to reflect our culture and spirit. You'll notice a newly redesigned lobby area with a welcome desk for NEXT STEPS. This is where we'll:

- Provide Secure Child Checkin for CityKids (ages 4-11) every Sunday and Tuesday night
- Provide information about joining and/or serving at COG
- Join Journey, our salvation next steps study and devotional group for new believers
- Register for upcoming events

Screens will provide directional signage, upcoming event information, our vision, mission, and values. During worship services, the screens will allow our security staff to view worship services while serving.

BUSINESS FLEX SPACE

Our building is now ready to serve as a creative portal for small business owners! Whether you are in need of an occasional board room or to host an event, our center can serve you!

SPACE RENTAL AVAILABLE

Our building is also available for rental to host special events (baby showers, bridal showers, birthday parties, worship services, concerts, etc. Please email us at admin@cogmc.org for more information.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Access to funders is a great opportunity to grow our missional vision for our community. Your continued support financially and through volunteering will reinforce our commitment to transforming our community for Christ. You can help by

- Praying for the vision, mission, and strategy of COG
- Spread the word about our newly designed space for business owners
- Share the excitement by referring those seeking an event space to our space
- Reserve the facility for your use!

NEW POLICY: VIDEO & PHOTOGRAPHY

The purpose of this policy is to let you know that at The City of God Ministries we value the way in which photos, videos and other media help our faith community grow and flourish. Photos and videos tell our story, provide visitors information and an idea of what to expect when they attend our worship services and events, highlight the work of those who serve, and allow us to communicate our mission as a church for people who don't go to church via our website and other digital and print media. Accordingly, photography, videography, live streaming and other recording may be in progress at The City of God's church services, ministry activities, classes, programs and other church events. The City of God may use the media recorded at these events in materials produced by or for the church, including but limited to our bulletins, posters, brochures, newsletters and other printed and electronic materials, digital media (e.g., The City of God's website, Facebook and other social media sites).

Additionally, if you see a photo on a The City of God's website or social media page that includes you or your child and would prefer it be removed, please contact our admin team at Admin@cogmc.org. Please note we cannot remove your image from video or live stream messages.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

- Our social media and video media teams will continue to shoot live video and photos for branding content.
- Individual recording is allowed during worship , however, we do ask that you only capture **STAGE ACTIVITY ONLY**.
- Please refrain from taking close videos or pictures of those attending worship services without prior permission.
- **Reserved seating will be designated for those who do not want to be captured on video during worship.**



GUEST INVITE LOG

keep a record of the people you invite to church for follow-up.

Name

Phone

Email

Name

Phone

Email

Name

Phone

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Name

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Special thanks to the servers (volunteers) who go above and beyond to ensure ministry happens at COG. Without your contributions, we simply could not continue to provide an excellent worship encounter for our congregation and community. You sacrifice and serve well, always. We believe that God honors your "labor of love" and will continue to bless you richly. Thank you! - COGMC Board of Directors

WE THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF
OUR MINISTRY.