

THE GREAT
IAM
FAITH CENTER
"The Place Called Home"

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

DISCOVER • GROW • SERVE • BELONG

LEARN ABOUT OUR BELIEFS, MINISTRIES,
CULTURE AND HOW YOU CAN BE PART
OF WHAT GOD IS DOING!



**KNOW
OUR FAITH**

Understand what
we believe and why.



**FIND
YOUR FAMILY**

Experience fellowship,
love and community.



**DISCOVER
YOUR PURPOSE**

Use your gifts and
make an impact.



**SERVE
WITH JOY**

Be a part of
something bigger
than yourself.



**GROW
SPIRITUALLY**

Build your relationship
with God and others.



**MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

Reach your world
with the love of
Jesus Christ.

BELONG. BELIEVE. BECOME. BUILD.



**RECOVER
WHAT WAS LOST**

Through the power
of Christ.



**RECONNECT
WITH GOD AND OTHERS**

Building strong
relationships.



**RESTORE
WHAT WAS BROKEN**

God heals and
makes us whole.



**REPLENISH
WHAT WAS DEPLETED**

Filling our lives with
His peace and power.



**RECHARGE
FOR KINGDOM PURPOSE**

Empowered to
fulfill our calling.

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!

LET'S GROW TOGETHER AND BUILD GOD'S KINGDOM—TOGETHER!

DISCOVERING THE GREAT I AM FAITH CENTER

New Members & Partnership Class

The Great I AM Faith Center "The Place Called Home"

WELCOME FROM OUR PASTORS

Pastor Mel & Pastor Beverly Silas

Welcome to The Great I AM Faith Center!

We are honored that God has led you to become part of our church family. Our prayer is that you will experience God's love, grow in His Word, discover your purpose, and build meaningful relationships that strengthen your walk with Christ.

At The Great I AM Faith Center, we are committed to helping people:

Recover • Reconnect • Restore • Replenish • Recharge

- **Recover** – Recover what life, pain, or the enemy tried to take from you.
- **Reconnect** – Reconnect with God, family, purpose, and community.
- **Restore** – Restore broken places through God's grace and healing.
- **Replenish** – Replenish your spirit with God's Word, presence, and power.
- **Recharge** – Recharge your faith so you can live and serve with strength.

Through a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

We believe church is more than a place you attend; it's a family where you belong.

Welcome Home.

WELCOME TO: Discovering Church Membership

Welcome to The Great I AM Faith Center – The Place Called Home!

We are honored that you have chosen to learn more about our church family. This class serves as an introduction to who we are, what we believe, and how you can become an active part of the life and mission of our church.

Because people come from many different backgrounds and church experiences, this class has been designed to clearly explain our beliefs, vision, values, and commitment to helping people grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Upon successful completion of the Discovering Membership Class, you will receive an official Certificate of Completion recognizing your commitment to spiritual growth and church membership at The Great I AM Faith Center.

In addition, you will be formally introduced and acknowledged before the entire church family during a Sunday worship service. This special recognition allows us to celebrate your decision to become an active part of our church family and welcome you as a member of The Great I AM Faith Center The Place Called Home.

We believe membership is more than joining a church it is becoming part of a family, a mission, and a community of believers committed to growing together in Christ.

Our Celebration of You

- ✓ **Receive a Certificate of Completion**
- ✓ **Be Recognized Before the Church Family**
- ✓ **Receive the Right Hand of Fellowship**
- ✓ **Officially Become a Member of The Great I AM Faith Center**

Romans 15:7 *"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."*

Welcome Home!

We look forward to celebrating your commitment and welcoming you into the IAMFC family.

The Great I AM Faith Center

"The Place Called Home"

Pastor Mel & Pastor Beverly Silas

Why Every Believer Needs a Home Church

Hebrews 10:25: *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together... but encouraging one another."*

What Is a Home Church?

A home church is more than a place you attend—it is a spiritual family where you belong, grow, serve, and fulfill God's purpose for your life.

1. We Need Spiritual Family

God never intended for believers to walk alone. A home church provides encouragement, support, friendship, and accountability.

Ecclesiastes 4:9: *"Two are better than one."*

We grow better together than we do alone.

2. We Need Spiritual Growth

A home church provides biblical teaching, discipleship, and opportunities to grow in our faith.

2 Peter 3:18: *"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."*

Growth happens when we stay connected.

3. We Need Spiritual Covering

God places pastors and leaders in our lives to teach, guide, and care for us spiritually.

Hebrews 13:17: *"Obey them that have the rule over you... for they watch for your souls."*

Every believer needs spiritual leadership and guidance.

4. We Need Opportunities to Serve

Every believer has gifts and talents that God wants to use to bless others.

1 Peter 4:10: *"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another."*

You were saved to serve.

5. We Need a Place to Fulfill God's Purpose

A home church helps us discover our calling and become part of something bigger than ourselves.

Ephesians 2:10: *"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works."*

Your purpose is connected to God's people.

Every believer needs a home church because it is where we:

- **Belong** – Find our spiritual family
 - **Believe** – Grow in our faith
 - **Become** – Develop into who God called us to be
 - **Build** – Help build God's Kingdom
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The Great I AM Faith Center

A place where you can Recover, Reconnect, Restore, Replenish, and Recharge.

Easy-to-Remember Statement

"A church service is somewhere you attend; a home church is somewhere you belong."

The Great I AM Faith Center — The Place Called Home.

DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IS DIVIDED INTO THREE UNITS:

UNIT ONE: THE GREAT I AM FAITH CENTER WHO WE ARE

- a. **We Are Family**
- b. **Core Values**
- c. **Our Identity:** Our Mission, Vision, Core Values, and Statement of Faith

UNIT TWO: OUR SALVATION AND BAPTISM, COMMUNION AND GROWING IN THE WORD

- a. **Salvation**
- b. **Baptism**
- c. **Communion**
- d. **Growing In the Word**

Understanding what it means to know Jesus Christ and grow as His disciple.

UNIT THREE: CHURCH CULTURE AND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MEMBER AND OUR MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH

Membership is a commitment to: Protect the Unity. Help keep God's family strong, loving, and united.

UNIT ONE: THE GREAT I AM FAITH CENTER WHO WE ARE

1. We Are Family

Ephesians 2:19 *"You are members of God's very own family... and you belong in God's household with every other Christian."*

a. The Church Is God's Family on Earth

The church is more than a building; it is a family of believers united by faith in Jesus Christ. God designed us to grow, worship, and serve together.

God Expects You to Be an Active Part of a Church Family

- b.** Every believer has a place and a purpose in God's house. We are called to participate, serve, encourage others, and help fulfill God's mission through the local church.

c. A Christian Without a Church Family Is an Isolated Believer

God never intended for Christians to walk alone. Without church fellowship, believers can become disconnected, discouraged, and miss the support, accountability, and growth that come from being part of a spiritual family.

2. Core Values

1. Why Core Values Are Important for Any Church

Core values are the guiding principles that shape a church's culture, decisions, ministry, and mission. They define who we are, what we believe, and how we live out our faith.

2. Core Values Provide Direction

They help keep the church focused on its God-given purpose and prevent distractions from the mission.

Proverbs 29:18 *"Where there is no vision, the people perish."*

3. Core Values Create Unity

When everyone understands and embraces the same values, the church can move forward together with one heart and one purpose.

Ephesians 4:3 *"Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."*

4. Core Values Shape Church Culture

Values determine how people are treated, how ministry is done, and what is considered important in the life of the church.

5. Core Values Guide Decision-Making

They help leaders make decisions that align with the church's mission and biblical convictions.

6. Core Values Communicate Identity

They tell members and visitors what the church stands for and what they can expect when they become part of the church family.

7. Core Values Help Develop Disciples

They provide practical ways for believers to grow spiritually and live out their faith every day.

8. Core Values Preserve the Church's Legacy

They help future generations understand the heart, vision, and priorities of the ministry.

"Core values are the biblical principles that guide our church, shape our culture, unite our people, and help us fulfill God's purpose."

AT THE GREAT I AM FAITH CENTER, OUR CORE VALUES ARE:

These values shape everything we do at IAMFC.

1. **FAITH:** Trusting God in every area of life.

Hebrews 11:6: "We walk by faith and not by sight."

2. **FAMILY:** Building strong marriages, homes, and relationships.

Joshua 24:15: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

3. **FELLOWSHIP:** Growing together through connection and community.

Acts 2:42: "We are better together."

4. **FITNESS:** Honoring God through healthy living and stewardship of our bodies.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20: "Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit."

5. **FINANCES:** Practicing biblical stewardship and generosity.

Malachi 3:10: "We honor God with our resources."

These values help us Recover, Reconnect, Restore, Replenish, and Recharge lives through Jesus Christ.

The Great I AM Faith Center "The Place Called Home"

Our Mission

To Recover, Reconnect, Restore, Replenish, and Recharge lives through Jesus Christ.

Our Vision

To be a Christ-centered church where people experience transformation, discipleship, healing, and purpose while impacting our community with the love of God.

Our Theme: "The Place Called Home"

A place where everyone can:

Belong — You're family.

Believe — Grow in faith.

Become — Discover your purpose.

Build — Make a difference.

UNIT 2 — SALVATION, BAPTISM, AND COMMUNION AND GROWING IN GOD

Salvation is God's gift to mankind through Jesus Christ. Because of sin, humanity was separated from God, but Jesus came to restore that relationship. When we repent of our sins and place our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, made new, and become part of God's family.

Romans 10:9: *"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."*

Salvation is not something we earn through good works; it is received by grace through faith. When we are saved, we receive eternal life and begin a new journey with Christ.

- ❖ **Salvation is receiving God's gift of forgiveness and new life through Jesus Christ.**

Questions

1. In your own words, what does it mean to be saved?

2. Why do you think every person needs Jesus Christ?

3. How has your relationship with Jesus changed your life?

WATER BAPTISM

Water baptism is an outward expression of an inward change. It does not save us, but it publicly identifies us as followers of Jesus Christ. Baptism symbolizes the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and our new life in Him.

Romans 6:4: *"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead... even so we also should walk in newness of life."*

Jesus Himself was baptized and commanded believers to be baptized. It is an act of obedience and a public declaration of faith.

- ❖ **Baptism shows others that we belong to Jesus Christ.**

Questions

1. In your own words, what does baptism symbolize?

2. Why is baptism important for a believer?

3. What does baptism communicate to others about your faith?

COMMUNION

Communion is a special time when believers remember the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross. The bread represents His body, and the cup represents His blood that was shed for our sins.

1 Corinthians 11:24-25: *"This do in remembrance of me."*

Communion reminds us of God's love, Christ's sacrifice, and the new covenant we have through Him. It is also a time for self-examination and thanksgiving.

❖ **Communion helps us remember what Jesus did for us on the cross.**

Questions

1. What does Communion mean to you?

2. What does the bread represent?

3. Why should Christians regularly participate in Communion?

GROWING IN CHRIST

Salvation is the beginning of our journey with Christ, not the end. God desires every believer to continue growing spiritually. We grow through prayer, reading God's Word, worship, fellowship, and serving others.

2 Peter 3:18: *"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."* Spiritual growth does not happen overnight. As we spend time with God and obey His Word, we become more like Jesus.

❖ **Healthy Christians are growing Christians.**

Questions

1. What does spiritual growth mean to you?

2. What is one way you can grow closer to God?

3. What area of your spiritual life would you like to strengthen?

WHAT WE BELIEVE: OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. What We Believe About God

We believe there is one true God who eternally exists as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three are distinct persons, yet one God.

Why We Believe It

God has revealed Himself throughout Scripture as one God in three persons, working together in creation, redemption, and the life of the believer.

Matthew 28:19

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

2. What We Believe About Jesus Christ

What We Believe

We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God, Savior of the world, Lord of all, and the coming King.

Why We Believe It

Jesus came to earth, lived a sinless life, died for our sins, rose from the dead, and will return again to establish His Kingdom.

John 14:6

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

3. What We Believe About The Holy Spirit

What We Believe

We believe the Holy Spirit empowers, guides, teaches, comforts, and transforms believers.

Why We Believe It

The Holy Spirit lives within every believer and gives us the power to live the Christian life and fulfill God's purpose.

Acts 1:8

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

4. What We Believe About The Bible

What We Believe

We believe the Bible is God's inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word for faith and life.

Why We Believe It

The Bible reveals God's character, His will, His promises, and His plan of salvation for mankind.

5. What We Believe About Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

6. What We Believe About Salvation

We believe salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

Why We Believe It

No person can earn salvation through works. Salvation is God's gift received through faith in Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:8-9

"For by grace are ye saved through faith... it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

WHY OUR CHURCH EXISTS

We Exist to Worship God

To celebrate His presence and honor Him with our lives.

John 4:24

We Exist to Love People

To demonstrate God's love through ministry and service.

John 13:35

We Exist to Build Community

To create authentic relationships and spiritual family.

Acts 2:42

We Exist to Make Disciples

To teach, train, and develop followers of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:19-20

We Exist to Reach the Lost

To share the Gospel and lead people to Jesus Christ.

Mark 16:15

The Great I AM Faith Center Mission

We exist to help people:

- ◆ **Recover** what was lost.
- ◆ **Reconnect** with God and others.
- ◆ **Restore** what has been broken.
- ◆ **Replenish** what has been depleted.
- ◆ **Recharge** for Kingdom purpose.

Our Motto: "The Place Called Home"

Our Vision

A place where everyone can:

- **Belong** — Find your place in God's family.
- **Believe** — Grow your faith in Jesus Christ.
- **Become** — Discover God's purpose for your life.
- **Build** — Help build God's Kingdom and strengthen others.

OUR CHURCH CULTURE: AT IAMFC WE STRIVE TO BE:

So What Is Church Culture?

Church culture is the atmosphere, values, attitudes, and behaviors that define how a church functions and how people experience it.

It reflects what a church believes, what it prioritizes, and how members treat God and one another.

"Church culture is the way we live out our faith together."

A Loving Church

Where people are valued.

A Teaching Church

Where God's Word is taught clearly.

A Praying Church

Where prayer is a priority.

A Serving Church

Where everyone has a place to serve.

A Growing Church

Where disciples are developed.

UNIT 3 WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MEMBER

Membership is a commitment to: Protect the Unity. Help keep God's family strong, loving, and united.

- Choose unity over division.
- Build people up, don't tear them down.
- Speak life, not gossip.
- Love covers; gossip uncovers.
- Be part of the solution, not the problem.
- Promote peace wherever you go.
- Honor others and value relationships.
- Guard the family God gave you.
- Unity makes us stronger together.
- Protect the church by protecting its people.

Ephesians 4:3 (NIV): "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Share the Responsibility

Being a church member means helping the church fulfill its mission. Every member has a role to play by praying for the church, inviting others to experience God's love, and warmly welcoming guests into our church family.

We all share the responsibility of helping God's house grow and thrive. 😊🙏🏠

"We are laborers together with God." 1 Corinthians 3:9 (KJV)

Serve the Ministry

- Discover your gifts
- Join a ministry
- Serve faithfully

Support the Testimony

- Attend faithfully
- Live godly
- Give consistently

Questions:

Question 1 – Protect the Unity

In your own words, what are some ways you can help protect the unity of our church family?

Question 2 – Share the Responsibility

How can you personally help our church fulfill its mission of reaching and serving people?

Question 3 – Serve and Support

What gifts, talents, or abilities has God given you that you can use to serve in the church?

Personal Commitment Question (Optional)

After completing this class, what kind of church member do you want to become?

God has given every believer gifts, talents, and abilities to be used for His glory. Ministry is not just for pastors or leaders—it is for every follower of Jesus Christ. When you serve, you help build God's Kingdom, strengthen the church, and make a difference in the lives of others.

1 Peter 4:10 "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another."

Why Should I Serve?

- ☒ Serving helps you grow spiritually.
- ☒ Serving helps others experience God's love.
- ☒ Serving allows you to use your God-given gifts.
- ☒ Serving helps fulfill the mission of the church.
- ☒ Serving connects you with others in meaningful relationships.

There is a place for everyone at The Great I AM Faith Center. Whether your gifts are in leadership, hospitality, prayer, teaching, technology, outreach, or encouragement, God has a place for you to serve.

Remember: You are not here by accident. You are not just saved to sit you are saved to serve. Every member has a ministry. Every ministry matters. Every person can make a difference.

Our Prayer for you: *"Lord, show them where they can serve, grow, and help build Your Kingdom." In Jesus Name*

Don't just attend church be a part of what God is doing through His church. Find your place, use your gifts, and make a difference!

Pastors Mel & Beverly Silas

The Great I AM Faith Center: The Place Called Home.

Belong. Believe. Become. Build.

MINISTRIES WITHIN THE CHURCH

❖ Kingsmen Fellowship

Building Strong Godly Men

A ministry dedicated to helping men grow spiritually, lead their families, serve their communities, and become strong disciples of Jesus Christ.

❖ Women of Manna

Encouraging Women to Grow Spiritually

A ministry that equips women to deepen their relationship with God, build meaningful connections, and fulfill their God-given purpose.

❖ Children's Ministry

Training the Next Generation

A safe and engaging environment where children learn God's Word, grow in their faith, and develop a strong foundation in Christ.

❖ Prayer Ministry

Covering the Church, Members, and Ministry Partners in Prayer

A team committed to seeking God through prayer and interceding for the needs of the church, its members, leaders, and community.

❖ Media Ministry

Sharing the Gospel Through Technology

Using audio, video, livestream, social media, and digital tools to communicate the message of Jesus Christ both locally and around the world.

❖ Hospitality & Greeters

Making Everyone Feel at Home

Creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere where members and guests feel valued, loved, and connected from the moment they arrive.

❖ **Outreach Ministry**

Reaching Our Community

Taking the love of Christ beyond the church walls through evangelism, service projects, community engagement, and compassionate ministry.

❖ **Worship Ministry**

Leading People Into God's Presence

Using music, praise, and worship to glorify God and help people experience His presence and power.

❖ **Setup & Operations Team**

Preparing the House for Ministry

Ensuring that facilities, equipment, seating, and ministry environments are ready so worship services and events can operate with excellence.

❖ **Evangelist Ministry**

Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

Equipping and mobilizing believers to proclaim the Gospel, win souls, encourage believers, and help fulfill the Great Commission.

MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

As a member of The Great I AM Faith Center, I commit to:

- ✓ Walking in love
- ✓ Growing spiritually
- ✓ Serving faithfully
- ✓ Giving generously
- ✓ Supporting church leadership
- ✓ Protecting the unity of the church
- ✓ Sharing the Gospel
- ✓ Living as a representative of Jesus Christ

MY PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO GOD

The Great I AM Faith Center "The Place Called Home"

This commitment is not a contract with a church or a pastor. It is a personal covenant between me and God as I seek to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ and as a faithful member of The Great I AM Faith Center.

Having received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, I commit myself before God to:

WALK WITH GOD DAILY

I will pursue a growing relationship with God through prayer, worship, and the study of His Word.

PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

I will walk in love, refuse gossip, promote peace, and encourage others.

SUPPORT THE VISION OF THE CHURCH

I will help fulfill our mission to Recover, Reconnect, Restore, Replenish, and Recharge lives through Jesus Christ.

ATTEND FAITHFULLY

I will make worship, fellowship, and spiritual growth a priority in my life.

SERVE WILLINGLY

I will use my gifts, talents, and abilities to serve God and others.

GIVE GENEROUSLY

I will honor God through biblical stewardship and support the work of His Kingdom.

SHARE MY FAITH

I will be a witness for Jesus Christ and invite others to experience God's love.

CONTINUE GROWING

I will strive to become more like Christ in my attitudes, actions, and relationships.

MY DECLARATION

With God's help, I commit to being the best church member I can be.

I will honor God with my life.

I will support my church family.

I will serve with excellence.

I will walk in love.

I will remain teachable and faithful.

I will do my part to help build God's Kingdom.

I understand that this commitment is between me and God, and I make it prayerfully and willingly as an act of obedience and devotion to Jesus Christ.

Signature

Member Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

"Whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."

Colossians 3:23

YOUR FINAL DECLARATION

I am a part of The Great I AM Faith Center.

I will walk in faith.

I will strengthen families.

I will build fellowship.

I will honor God through healthy living.

I will practice biblical stewardship.

I will help Recover, Reconnect, Restore, Replenish, and Recharge lives through Jesus Christ.

I am home.

I am family.

I am called.

I am a disciple of Jesus Christ.

WELCOME TO THE GREAT I AM FAITH CENTER — THE PLACE CALLED HOME!

THE GOAL OF THIS CLASS

Sign Your Name Below and Date: _____