



CONNECT TO THE VISION

Our IWC “Mission Statement”

Our mission is to **communicate** to the world who Jesus really is by offering hope through relevant and effective solutions through the Word of God while consistently operating in the gifts and talents He has given to us and providing the **atmosphere** and **resources** to point people to their Destiny of success and greatness in Christ.

What is all this talk about “The City”?

It is a **RESOURCE**.

The City is an on-line networking tool, dedicated to helping you to stay connected to all that God is doing in and through IWC.

It is similar to Facebook, Evite, Twitter, email and many other tools for internal and external communication, organized under a singular Internet site in a church environment.

It is a means of **COMMUNICATION**.

The “world wide web” has revolutionized the way we communicate. New software advances and digital technology have reshaped our everyday lives. At IWC we embrace new technology and the City is a tool used to communicate to the world who Jesus really is, while providing our church members the resource to operate in their individual assignments. Our goal is to better connect, engage, equip and mobilize the whole congregation for the work of the Gospel.

It provides **COMMUNITY ATMOSPHERE**.

By God’s grace, we are a growing church. We are going to continue to reach out and draw in those who are in need. In doing so, we are going to continue to grow. Staying connected to everyone on a personal level is one of our greatest challenges. The City will help keep our growing church, feel small. It will place communication tools in our hands to weave together our community to function in like spirit and mind.

Q&A

Is it free? Theoretically, yes. There are absolutely no charges for you to sign-up and utilize the City. Technically, no. IWC budgets and incurs a monthly fee to maintain the City. Our cost is determined by the number of citizens in our “City” and today is approximately \$0.50 / person / month. This expense comes out of the church’s general operating fund, which is filled by God’s tithe and your offerings.



Who is on the City today? All of the church leadership from Bishop down to ministry leaders are fully engaged on the City today. This is our centralized announcement board and scheduling center. In addition, there are over 280 fellow IWC members utilizing the City to post prayer requests, needs, make new friends, interact with leaders, schedule events, and study the scriptures.

Does it really work? The City will help us increase the degree and value of interaction within our church 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. It is always available, whenever you are available. The City will also lead to more community engagement, which helps us to build a culture of discipleship. As we are located in Faulkville, most of us must commute 20-45 minutes to IWC. The City puts all the news in one central location without having to drive 30 miles or call various different leaders. Our goal is to eliminate poor communication, which disrupts flow and implement productivity.

How does IWC control my information? The City allows the pastoral staff to assign leaders various privileges based on their roles, responsibilities and authority in IWC. However, the guideline is simple; if you are not comfortable sharing personal information, then please do not post it on the City or anywhere on-line for that matter.

How often should I connect to the City? As the City is available 24/7, our goal is to empower you to be engaged with the local church. At IWC you will hear us frequently challenge you to “get plugged in!” Our culture of consumerism has left us a bit lazy and selfish. While we are a ministry of restoration, we are certainly a missional church. We need you fully engaged and proactively participating through multiple different faucets at IWC. We are promoting connectivity and eliminating dis-connectivity. A majority of our leaders will connect to the City multiple times throughout the day. We recommend checking in a couple of times per week to stay abreast of activities and more importantly prayer requests.

How do I get started? Approach an attendant at the Help’s desk in the lobby, who will walk you through the initial steps to register on the City. The whole process should take less than 1 minute.

My computer skills are a bit rusty, can I get help? Yes. The new Core 101 curriculum has one class dedicated specially to the City. We believe it is vitally important for our members to be connected in like spirit in the sanctuary as well as outside of the sanctuary. Even if you have completed your Core 101 Partner membership in the past, anyone and everyone is welcome to attend this class.

No Internet, no computer? No problem. Not everyone on the City at IWC have the hard-ware tools to connect to the City. However, our challenges become God’s gifts as He is always working for our good. Many get connected from the public library, school, work (when appropriate). Equally, we will be fund-raising to purchase a couple of computers which will be stationed in the Café, which will be dedicated strictly to the City access.