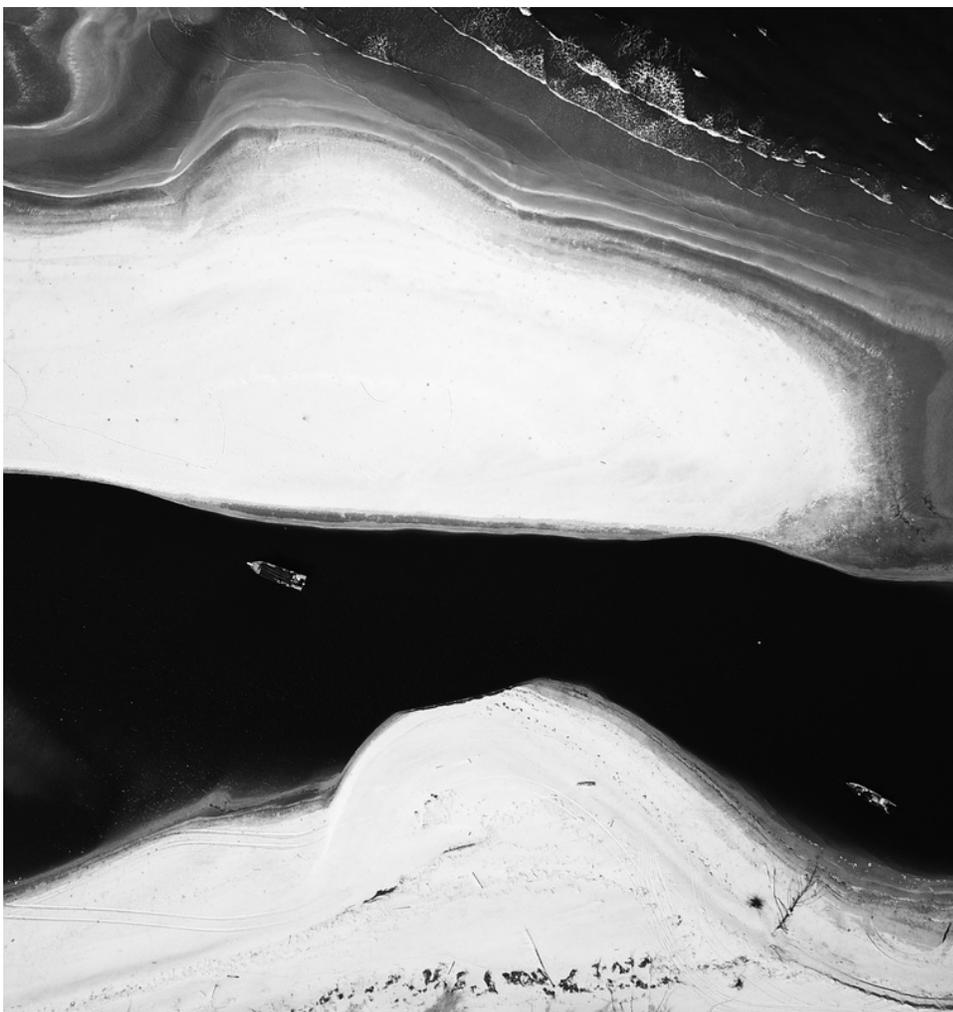


TRACK 1

LIFE TRACK





Our hope for Life Track 1 is to better acquaint you with our story, mission, and values here at Life Center. At the end of this track, we hope you learn more about your spiritual journey, understand the basics of following Jesus and come to connect with others while having an opportunity to serve on the LC serve team.

Today at Track 1, our hope is to give you a basic introduction to our church family. Since we have individuals from a variety of backgrounds, this class is designed to clearly explain who we are and what we believe.

WELCOME



MEET OUR PASTORS



Pastor Nati & Pastor Teresa Alvarado

Founding Pastors

OUR NAME



LIFE CENTER
ORANGE COUNTY, CA

For with God nothing is ever impossible and no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment.

LUKE 1:37 AMPC

Knowing **Jesus** &
Making **Jesus** Known





LC HEARTBEAT

01 mission
Life Center's vision is to cultivate and foster a church experience centered on Christ, establishing a congregation of servant leaders and catalysts of change; surrendered, spiritually disciplined, outwardly expectant, and bold.

02 vision
Lost people saved (People Saved)
Saved people become disciples of Jesus (Disciples Made)
Disciples trained (Leaders Raised)
Trained people mobilized (The Church Released)

03 values
Surrendered Life - Jesus is our message
Spiritual Disciplines - Excellence is our standard
Accountability - People are our passion
Commitment - His house is our priority
Giving - Generosity is our privilege
Service - People are our passion / Serving is our identity
Leadership - Growth is our pursuit

HOW WE FULFILL OUR MISSION



01 PEOPLE SAVED

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." JOHN 3:16 (NIV)

02 DISCIPLES MADE

"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." EPHESIANS 4:11-12 (NKJV)

03 LEADERS RAISED

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us." ROMANS 12:6 (NIV) "All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it." 1 COR 12:27 "[I pray]... that you may know the hope to which He has called you." EPH 1:17-18

04 CHURCHED RELEASED

"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." JOHN 15:8,11 (NIV)
"God has given gifts to each of you from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another." 1 PETER 4:10 (NLT)

People Saved

We consider reaching people who do not know Jesus personally to be one of our greatest responsibilities. Our Sunday services are for people at all stages of their spiritual journey.

Our Sunday services focus on **four values**:

1. We believe church should be **enjoyable.**

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'"

Psalms 122:1 (NKJV)

2. We believe the church should be a place where people experience **God's presence.**

"But...when some unbelievers or ordinary people come in, they will be convinced of their sin by what they hear. They will be judged by all they hear, their secret thoughts will be brought into the open, and they will bow down and worship God, confessing, 'Truly God is here among you!'"

1 Corinthians 14:24–25 (GNT)

3. We believe the church should be a place where people learn how the **Bible applies to their daily lives.**

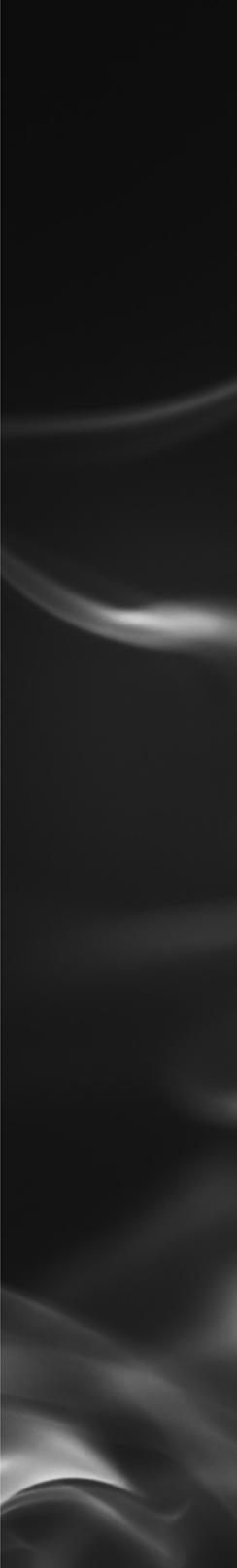
"So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors, and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."Ephesians 4:11–12 (NIV)

4. We believe the church should be a place where people can accept **Jesus as their Lord and Savior.**

"'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' But how can they call on Him 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 (NLT)





Talking about Jesus

One of our primary purposes is to reach people far from God. Every one of us can do our part by living out these four principles:

Accept personal **RESPONSIBILITY**.

Build a personal **RELATIONSHIP**.

Share your **STORY**.

Give a personal **INVITATION**.

How we Participate

1. PRAY

Pray that we might reach people in each of these areas with the Good News of Jesus.

“Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.’” [Matthew 9:37–38 \(NIV\)](#)

2. GIVE

Give your time and resources to reach people for Jesus.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be.” [Matthew 6:19–21 \(NIV\)](#)

3. GO

Go to our cities, nation, and world to serve others and show people the love of God.

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’ He said, ‘Go and tell this people...’” [Isaiah 6:8–9 \(NIV\)](#)



Disciples Made



Jesus sets us free from our past and makes us brand new for our future. When we choose to follow Jesus, He makes us whole and complete. Freedom is a daily process, when we are in a relationship with the Holy Spirit he continues to make us more like **Jesus**.

We believe life change happens in the context of relationships. Relationships hold us accountable and compel our character toward change!

Connect groups have one simple purpose: to bring people together.

Connect Groups

Our Connect Groups meet weekly. They provide a place for you to connect, grow, and discuss the issues and challenges of life.

FOUR THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT CONNECT GROUPS

1. Connect Groups are open for community

We want people to gather together based on things they enjoy and are important to them. Do what you love with the people you love!

2. Connect Groups

- January - March
 - April off
- May - July
 - August off
- September - November
 - December off

3. EVERYONE can join a group.

Our hope is for every person at Life Center to be connected in a meaningful community through a Connect Group!

4. Anyone can LEAD a group.

We believe hosting a group is simple because we all have something to offer others.

To learn more about becoming a Connect Group leader, attend Step 3 of Life Track! Even if you're not sure if you're ready to host a group, we invite you to come to the training!



CONNECT GROUPS PROVIDE 3 THINGS

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 (NIV)

A place to **PROTECT**.

"We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters." 1 John 3:16 (NIV)

A place to **GROW**.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

CONNECT GROUPS PROVIDE 3 THINGS



Leaders Raised

Life Track exists to help you discover and develop your purpose and live the full life God created for you. Life Track is made up of four parts, which guide you through the next steps in your journey to see people saved, disciples made, leaders raised, and the church released.

“Let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity.” [Hebrews 6:1 \(NIV\)](#)

The Church Released

All of us were created by God to make a difference in the world around us. We believe God made every single person with the desire to make a difference, and the way we do that is through the local church. God has a place for you where your unique abilities and passions can impact the lives of others. We believe your life will never make sense until you find, develop, and fulfill your purpose.

Giving

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. 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 there will not be room enough to store it.”

MALACHI 3:10 (NIV)

At Life Center, we practice tithing and the giving of offerings. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard for giving. To understand what it means to be a follower of Jesus, we must also understand what it means to be a giver.

1. Tithe

The tithe, or “first fruits” of our labor/income belong to God. We find this principle all through God’s Word. Tithing, giving God the first 10% of our income to the local church, is the primary, practical way we acknowledge that God is first (Proverbs 3:9–10).

2. Offerings

An offering is giving over and above the tithe. The Bible says that by giving generously, we are able to “take hold of the life that is truly life.” You aren’t really living unless you are freely giving (1 Timothy 6:18–19).

The Church Released

Many people love to give to God and as they do, they want to feel confident in the organization through which they give. At Life Center, we want people to understand they are giving to God through the church, not to the church. As we openly share the honesty, integrity, and spiritual values that guide the financial practices of Life Center, we believe people can focus on what God is calling them to give and trust that He is leading our church to steward it well.

The giving of tithes and offerings is worship to Jesus and an expression of the relationship between the individual giver and the Lord. That is why we don't have people fill out pledge cards or make faith promises. Funds are not "income only," they are worship and are not considered to be a business transaction but an expression of gratitude toward God.

JOINING THE LC Serve Team

"We hope that your faith will grow so that the boundaries of our work among you will be extended." 2 CORINTHIANS 10:15 (NIV)





NEXT STEPS

01 **Make LC your Home**

Joining Life Center is not about adding your name to a roster; it's about connecting with the people and the vision of the church. We would love for you to be a part!

02 **Join a Connect Group**

Browse our Connect Groups directory at thelifecenteroc.org/connectgroups. Once you find a few groups that interest you, contact the leaders to learn more and join the Connect!

03 **Discover Identity**

Thank you!

04 **GO**

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