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**PURPOSE . VISION . MISSION . VALUES . HISTORY**

**P U R P O S E**

**Timbrel Church International (Apostolic), Inc., exists and is commissioned to follow God’s will while living according to the teachings of Christ. Timbrel further exists to minister to the whole man, to people’s needs and spiritual walk. Timbrel Church offers weekly bible study/empowerment classes which are age appropriate, mid-week worship and prayer services, in addition to Sunday worship experiences and opportunities. Timbrel Church International is designed to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord to “Go, teach and make disciples”. To provide for clarity in infrastructure and to clearly support this commission, the mission entails a three-fold emphasis, reaching and restoring, teaching and transforming, equipping and empowering people.**

**Timbrel Church International is further established to be a central and principle fellowship of people (the church or “ecclesia”) wherein and whereby the glory of God, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost may be worshipped, extolled, revered, and proclaimed in accordance with the vision, mission and values it has declared, where lives are reached and restored, equipped and empowered, taught and transformed to change the world for Jesus Christ. The purpose of the church is** teaching biblical doctrine, providing a place of fellowship for believers, observing the Lord’s supper, and praying. “They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” (Acts 2:42).

**Timbrel Church International in addition:**

* **Teaches and preaches** biblical doctrine so people can be grounded in the Christian faith [Ephesians 4:14](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Eph%204.14) tells us, “Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.”
* Is a place of fellowship, where Christians can be devoted to one another and honor one another ([Romans 12:10](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rom%2012.10)), instruct one another ([Romans 15:14](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rom%2015.14)), be kind and compassionate to one another ([Ephesians 4:32](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Eph%204.32)), encourage one another ([1 Thessalonians 5:11](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Thess%205.11)), and most importantly, love one another ([1 John 3:11](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20John%203.11)).
* Observes the Lord’s Supper, remembering Christ’s death and shed blood on our behalf ([1 Corinthians 11:23-26](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor%2011.23-26)). The concept of “breaking bread” ([Acts 2:42](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%202.42)) also carries the idea of having meals together. This is another example of the Timbrel promoting fellowship.
* Promotes prayer, teaches prayer, and practices prayer. [Philippians 4:6-7](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Phil%204.6-7) “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
* Proclaims the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ ([Matthew 28:18-20](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Matt%2028.18-20); [Acts 1:8](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%201.8)). Timbrel Church is called to be faithful in sharing the gospel through word and deed. Timbrel is a “lighthouse” in the community, pointing people toward our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The church is to both promote the gospel and prepare its members to proclaim the gospel ([1 Peter 3:15](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Pet%203.15)).
* Ministers to those in need [James 1:27](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/James%201.27): “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” Timbrel is about the business of ministering to those in need. This includes not only sharing the gospel, but also providing for physical needs (food, clothing, shelter) as necessary and appropriate. Timbrel is also to equip believers in Christ with the tools they need to overcome sin and remain free from the pollution of the world. This is done by biblical teaching and Christian fellowship.
* Are the God’s hands, mouth, and feet in this world—the body of Christ ([1 Corinthians 12:12-27](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor%2012.12-27)). Timbrel operates in the things that Jesus Christ would do if He were here physically on the earth.
* Prepares people for eternal life.

**V I S I O N**

Timbrel Church International strives to be the premier ministry that challenges its partners and members to constantly grow in their knowledge of the Word of God while realizing and operating in God’s power and potential.

**M I S S I O N**

The Mission of Timbrel Church International is commissioned to renew lives by Reaching and Restoring, Teaching and Transforming, Equipping and Empowering People, which means we reach out to attract the LOST and UNCHURCHED for salvation first, then teach and train them to work in ministry and CHANGE the world for Jesus Christ.

**V A L U E S**

Life to all, Integrity with intention, Vision with commitment and Excellence with compromise.

**C H U R C H H I S T O R Y**

Timbrel Church International, Inc., stands as a testament to the divine call of God. Through the grace of God, Timbrel has made significant strides since her early existence. Her history has always been rich from its conception focusing on deliverance, spiritual renewal, refreshing and restoration. Timbrel continues to strive to serve as a renewing light to the City, the State, the Nation, and to the World. As an affiliate member church of the United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic), under the spiritual covering of Presiding Bishop Monroe R. Saunders, Jr., Timbrel Church continues to fulfill its vision and passion for souls and ministry.

The Hebrew word for “Timbrel” is ‘toph” denoting an instrument used for praise, for refreshing, renewal and deliverance. Refreshing and renewal takes place when the spirit of God, through the power or deliverance, transforms the thinking of believers in order to change lives. This is the gifting that permeates this Christ-centered church. In everything we ultimately glorify and praise Him! In addition, the word of Lord to the then Overseer PJ Edmund, Sr. in the late 1990’s became the founding principle of the church. Romans 12:2 says “Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way that you think”. Timbrel Church International was commissioned and birthed with a single purpose to refresh, renew and minister entire healing and deliverance to the whole person. Timbrel worship brings believers into the presence of God to be empowered to serve its community. At the heart of this vision is transformation, a call from God to change the way people think and ultimately change the way they live. Timbrel Church envisions a *multi-cultural*, *multi-ministry* and *multi-facility* ministry that embraces the renewing power of God presenting individuals with opportunities for greater purpose and destiny. Timbrel adheres to certain principles which guide our lives and ministry and remain Committed to PRAYER, Committed to EVANGELISM, Committed to COMMUNITY

CHURCH, Committed to EXCELLENCE, Committed to WALK IN LOVE and FORGIVENESS, Committed to CHILDREN, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT DEVELOPMENT.

In 2002, after 15 years as an International Evangelist, the Lord a burden and vision in the heart of the then Elder PJ Edmund for “new ground”. On returning home from Alexandria, Virginia and apparently becoming lost in the city of Bowie, the Lord affirmed the place and location for the planting of the vision for Timbrel Church. The Edmund family immediately sold their home in Baltimore, Maryland and stepped out by faith on a journey for souls. Timbrel Church International was birthed through the obedience of Pastor PJ Edmund on Super Bowl Sunday in January 2003 and began with 7 members with a 4:00PM worship service in Bowie, Maryland at Trinity Lutheran Church. Joined by his wife Pastor Chelly and family the work of Timbrel has continued. As souls were added to the church, the church expanded its service offerings to a 10:00AM worship experience at Rockledge Elementary School still in Bowie in January of 2005.

At the heart of the vision of Timbrel is renewal and transformation, a call from God to change the way people think and ultimately change the way they live. The commission and call for Timbrel has always emphasized “new ground” to “renew lives” with the eternal message, “to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God who created all things by Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 3:9). From that day until present, the Timbrel Church family continue to resolve to preach the Gospel from hurting to wholeness, teach the nations, enlighten minds, encourage spiritual renewal, encourage economic growth and development through relevant community-based ministries, empower destinies, minister deliverance to all people, all cultures, all nationalities, shepherd sons and daughters into ministry, in the presence and Kingdom of God, all for the glory of God, to change the world for Jesus Christ.