



ALTITUDE

— MINISTRY TEAM —

Oxygen Life 
CHURCH

PROSPECTUS

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COLOSSIANS 3:1



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ABOUT US



INTRODUCTION

Altitude is a one-year intensive discipleship training program of Oxygen Life Church (www.oxygenlife.co.za). The goal is to train men and women for the work of ministry in the context of the local church through theoretical training and practical experience, to equip students with the necessary skills to be effective ministers.

Throughout the year, we aim to cover all the following areas of training:

- Theology classes / theoretical training
- Character and practical ministry classes
- Gifting and skill development
- Leadership training
- Training through church (DNA, value system, community)
- Intensive discipleship
- Practical ministry (outreach and service)



THE NAME

In his letter to the Colossian church, Paul gave this instruction:

“Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.” (Colossians 3:1-3)

More than ever, this world needs people who will follow the upward call of God. He wants us to put aside earthly pursuits that have no eternal value, but to seek His kingdom first and foremost. When our hearts and minds are firstly fixed on what is above, we'll be able to approach everything with the perspective of His kingdom, and it'll cause us to truly make an impact on the world around us.

The name **Altitude** is a reflection of our desire to do just that – to go up. Not in pride or position, but in seeking first the interests of the kingdom of God. It's a kingdom above the kingdoms of this world, and God is looking for a generation that will let the reality of the heavenly kingdom inform their approach to the earthly one. Jesus told us to pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, so the kingdom that is above must come first. That's why Paul told the Ephesian church that God has raised us up with Christ and seated us in the heavenly realms in Him; we're meant to live from that reality first.

We believe that by training and equipping men and women to seek the things above, we are going to see a greater outpouring of the power of God through our church into our city and beyond.



VISION & VALUES

VISION

The vision of Altitude is to transform nations by training people to minister the kingdom of God in and from the context of the local church.

VALUES

At Altitude, our desire for our students is not to be merely “kept in their place” by a couple of rules. It can look good for the time that they are with us, but it is not lasting and will change the moment that they are no longer under these rules. We understand that the only way to make a lasting difference is to instill the right values into people. Each person has internal core values that drive them to live a certain way. People even prioritize between different things as they are valued in their lives. By giving value to things that God also values (and not just by words or superficial actions), people are enabled to live for God no matter what environment they may find themselves in.

Christ

We are ultimately created to relate with God and live our lives out of that personal relationship with Him. Relationship with God is not something that is merely facilitated by a church system, but it is each believer's responsibility to take up their privilege to know God.

Character

One of our great mandates to be seen in the Bible is to be holy as He is holy. We understand that this means living lives that measure up to the example of Jesus and that will glorify Him. We are committed to see Christ and His life formed in our lives.

Community

We as Altitude firmly believe in the importance of the local church. We believe that the Christian experience can only be fully appreciated and lived out in the context of community. We need the church for strong relationships that produce accountability and build one another up by “speaking the truth in love”. We also have a responsibility and passion to build relationships with those outside of the church and to share the love of God with them.

Commission

We believe that reaching the lost is as important now as when Jesus commissioned his disciples to “go into all the world to proclaim the gospel”. Therefore we aim to create opportunities, but even more than that, to make it part of our culture to reach out to people – both locally and away from home.



STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Authority and Power of the Bible

We believe that the Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God, without error in all that it affirms. It is our only rule of faith and practice. We acknowledge the power of God's Word to accomplish His purpose.

God

We affirm our belief in one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit; the special creation of the universe as depicted in the Genesis account.

The Father

We believe in God the Father, the first person of the Trinity. He is sovereign, eternal and unchangeable in all His attributes and worthy of love, honour, adoration and obedience.

The Uniqueness of Christ

We affirm our belief in the deity of the only Son of God – our Lord Jesus Christ; His virgin birth, sinless life and miracles, His atoning death on the cross, His bodily resurrection, and in His ascension to the right hand of the Father.

Salvation

We believe that we are saved by grace through faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ, and that Jesus is the only way to the Father.

The Holy Spirit

We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling presence the Christian is enabled to live a holy life.

The Return of Christ

We believe in the blessed hope of the personal, visible, and future return of Jesus Christ to this earth to eternally receive to Himself His Church. We believe in the resurrection of the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting judgment and damnation.



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ACADEMIC AND TRAINING INFORMATION



REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION

Altitude offers a one-year training program in English and to this end, we require of all students to be able to understand English in order to be considered for this training program. Students are also selected based on less measurable characteristics, like spiritual and emotional maturity, character, as well as clarity of calling to ministry.

Altitude also welcomes international students and will assist in the necessary letters and information needed. To be part of the Altitude program, an international student will have to be able to communicate, read and write in English. Please contact the office for more information.

The selection process is conducted in two phases:

- Once the applications are received, a shortlist of applicants is set up.
- After interviews with the short-listed applicants, the selection of students is finalised.



QUALIFICATIONS OFFERED

At Altitude we aim to open doors for our students through our training, enabling them to minister to a broad scope of people across denominational, geographical and even cultural boundaries. In addition to promoting a biblical approach to theology, this has obligated us to develop a dynamic and comprehensive course.

In order to present relevant ministry training of the highest standard, we incorporate training material from different sources along with material developed by Altitude and ultimately by Oxygen Life Church.

After a year of doing the program, a student will obtain a certificate of attendance from Altitude. Altitude is thus not an accredited course in itself.

The Altitude program consists of morning classes, and leaves the afternoons open for a student to study an additional course if they would choose to do so.

If a student wishes to study a Bth in Theology, we would strongly suggest correspondence courses through SATS (South African Theological Seminary) as additional studies in the afternoons. We can testify that their material is Bible-based and aimed at equipping ministers for the church.



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THEORETICAL TRAINING COURSES



CURRICULUM

One of the main methods of training at Altitude is the input received during class times. We have drawn from the experience of ministers who have been in ministry for a number of years to compile our curriculum.

As a ministry of the Oxygen Life Church family, and as part of the Four12 Network, students will be exposed to lecturers from within the Oxygen Life Church leadership and family. These lecturers have successfully come to understand the theory behind certain concepts, as well as have experience in applying this theory.

In compiling this program, we have attempted to create a “greenhouse” environment in which students will be given the opportunity to grow most effectively for life and ministry.

WITH OUR CURRICULUM WE AIM TO COVER THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Systematic Theology or Systematic Studies:

Using a topical approach, this subject will aid students to develop a whole-Bible theology on the major doctrines of the Christian faith.

Practical Ministry or Practical Studies/Equipping:

This course equips students with the practical skills needed to be a well-rounded and effective minister, communicator and leader.

Christian Life and Spiritual Growth:

The aim of this course is to equip students with the necessary foundations and tools for a grounded spiritual life.

Biblical Studies:

To understand the context in which books in the Bible are written and their individual purpose, this subject provides the student with an overview for both the Old and New Testament. Specific Bible books are selected for more in-depth study.

Book Discussions:

Specific books will be selected for the year. Each book will have a different emphasis and be discussed.

Altitude incorporates more than the conveying of information to the end of attaining a qualification. It facilitates the growth of a leader, equipping him/her to effectively fulfill his/her destiny by supplying him/her with the necessary competencies and experience to succeed. Developing a person to walk as someone of character, with a dynamic relationship with God that will be efficient in whatever he/she sets out to do. It leads to an individual encountered by a living God, changed and ready to bring change.

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PLEASE SEE THIS COLUMN BELOW FOR A BROAD OVERVIEW OF THE CURRICULUM:

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Topics covered within the Subject:

- Creation
- Salvation: Sonship, Lordship, Justification, Sanctification, Regeneration, etc.
- Eternal Purpose
- Man and Sin
- Godhead
- Kingdom
- Revelation
- Apologetics: Authority and Authenticity of Scripture, Jesus the only way
- Worldviews
- Church: Mission, Meaning, Mandate, Models, Church government
- Covenants
- Holy Spirit: Gifts, manifestations, etc.

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| > Teaching and Preaching | > Evangelism |
| > Mission | > Leadership: nature, training, development and skills |
| > Authority and Submission | > Group facilitation in different contexts |
| > Counseling: laws, techniques and tools | > Church Planting |
| > Deliverance | > Prayer |
| > Bible Study | > Accountability |
| > Fasting | > Worship |
| > Fellowship | > Time Management |
| > Godly Decision making | > Loving People: Loving sinners, saints and confronting sin |
| > Character | > Fruit of the Spirit |
- > Healthy Ministry Life: Relationship with God, Family life, Avoiding burnout, isolation and staying accountable, working in team, Avoiding pitfalls (money, lust, power etc), the importance of rest, dealing with failure, dealing with disappointment, building healthy church relationships, financial planning and financial difficulties.



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PRACTICAL TRAINING PROGRAM

Practical training, or outreaches as we call them, will give the students the opportunity to put into practice what they have been taught. Practical training does not only equip the student, but also serves as a catalyst for releasing the student into active ministry. By exposing the student to different disciplines of Christian ministry, we create a reasonable perception of ministry, thus aiding the student in the process of clarifying his or her own call to ministry while spreading the Word of God and ministering to others! There are also numerous visits to the different Oxygen Life congregations (as part of ministry times, and also as part of fellowship times) that will have a big influence on the training and shaping of every student.



SCOPE OF PRACTICAL TRAINING

The practical training will focus on several areas of ministry in South Africa and abroad, including:

1. CHURCH LIFE

By being actively involved in the life of Oxygen Life Church, the students will gain hands-on experience in church leadership and church life. They will also be exposed to different disciplines and healthy New Testament values within Oxygen Life Church, thus creating an integral view of church leadership and involvement. For more information on Oxygen Life Church, please visit our website at www.oxygenlife.co.za.

2. YOUTH MINISTRY

Students will have the opportunity to be involved in planning and running youth ministries and activities alongside mentors. The students will reach out in several schools throughout Port Elizabeth, being involved with their Christian meetings, Bible Education periods, hosting camps, youth and going on outreaches as well as other Christian activities.

3. MINISTRY TO THE POOR

The students will occasionally be exposed to this form of outreach, bringing physical relief as well as spiritual riches to people in need. By serving others, the students will learn to develop hearts filled with compassion. All outreaches are conducted in conjunction with a local church.

4. WEEKLY OUTREACHES

There will also be an opportunity for each student to commit to one or two areas of ministry in the community where they will be attending church meetings on a Sunday. These outreaches will take place on a day in the week. On these days, we will expose students to various forms of local ministry (youth / children / evangelism / babies homes etc.) We place high value on these outreach days, because they create a culture of reaching out on a continual basis.

5. OUTREACH TRIPS

We also go on local outreaches, where we travel to various churches in South Africa. During these times the students will be able to practice what they have been taught, and the opportunity may arise to be placed in a leadership position or help facilitate and be involved in serving and ministering to the specific community being visited.



PRACTICAL MINISTRY TRAINING

During the allocated times, each student and different outreach teams will make use of the time to prepare themselves for outreaches and practical ministry in general. Areas in which they can be prepared are: drama, teaching/preaching, worship leading, general counseling and children/ youth ministry. These mediums will be used in the various forms of outreaches to give the students a platform to minister from.

The emphasis here is not on the skill so much as it is on the ministry opportunity created by these mediums. Students with no previous experience should not be concerned, as they will be trained from a basic level. We encourage students to involve themselves increasingly in their field of interest. We have found that this form of exposure is vital in the development of the student. Not only does this give the student more self-confidence in front of an audience, but it also gives them a point of contact with the people they minister to, thus opening the door for counselling and other forms of ministry.

This is the basic week schedule during the times of training:*

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MORNING	Students Day off	Devotions from 8:30, followed by classes & serving until 13:00	Outreach	Devotions from 8:30, followed by classes & serving until 13:00	Devotions from 8:30, followed by classes & serving until 13:00
AFTERNOON	Students Day off	Afternoon off to study / work	Outreach	Afternoon off to study / work	Afternoon off to study / work
EVENING	Students Day off	Evening off to study / work	Evening off to study / work	Evening off to study / work	Evening off to study / work

(*These days are subject to change without prior notice)



AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

The official Altitude program runs until 1pm, after which students are free to get involved with other activities of their choice.

Studying:

Students will be able to use the time in the afternoons to study any correspondence course. Students who would like to get a recognized qualification in theology in addition to the Altitude curriculum are strongly advised to consider a correspondence course through SATS (South African Theological Seminary). This does not mean that studies are limited to Theology. Students can use this time to study any course that will best qualify and equip them for what God has called them to do.

Working:

The second option that the student will have is to get a half-day job during the afternoons. This option can assist students with their financial responsibilities. In addition to that, being exposed to a normal work environment can assist them in practically applying and grounding what they have learnt at Altitude.

Other activities:

We encourage students to use their afternoons productively, but also to understand that there may be family or community requirements and commitments they need to honour. In this event, afternoon work or study is not mandatory, but their time should be used wisely and strategically, in conjunction with input from their Altitude Leadership.



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STUDENT FEES & CONTACT INFORMATION



FEES

MONTHLY INSTALLMENT - R2600 PER MONTH.*

This installment is to be paid monthly over 11 months. Although it remains the student's responsibility to raise the necessary funds, Altitude can assist students with the raising of sponsors if needed. We assist students by giving them the relevant letters, and giving guidance and assistance in the process. Feel free to contact the office in this regard.

Altitude requires a non-refundable deposit that is 50% of a monthly installment of fees. The deposit will be used as a down payment for the first month's installment.

STUDENT FEES INCLUDE

- Admin fees
- Class fees
- Altitude outreach costs
- Altitude orientation & debriefing camp costs
- Year-end function/graduation ceremony costs
- Team Wear Costs
- Four12 events
- Exposure to Oxygen Life Church congregations
- Internet access according to Bethany Trust fair useage policy

STUDENT FEES EXCLUDE

- The use of the telephone, fax machine, photocopier and printer for personal use.
- Accommodation and food.
- Any expenses around general Oxygen Life Church events (gatherings, meetings etc.)



ACCOMMODATION

Altitude does not offer accommodation for the year. Each Student will be responsible for their own accommodation and funding thereof.

*Please note that these amounts are tentative and might change.



TERMINATION OF STUDIES

If a student chooses to terminate his/her studies at Altitude at any stage after the start of the year, he/she will be held liable for the remainder of the fees due for that year.

Altitude reserves the right to terminate a student's participation in the program in the following instances:

- The student continually conducts himself/herself in a manner contrary to the code of conduct of Altitude.
- If any fees are outstanding for a period longer than thirty days, except if prior arrangement has been made and approved by Altitude. Should this happen, students will still be held liable for the remaining fees for that year of study.

Please feel free to contact the office if you are in need of any further information or advice.



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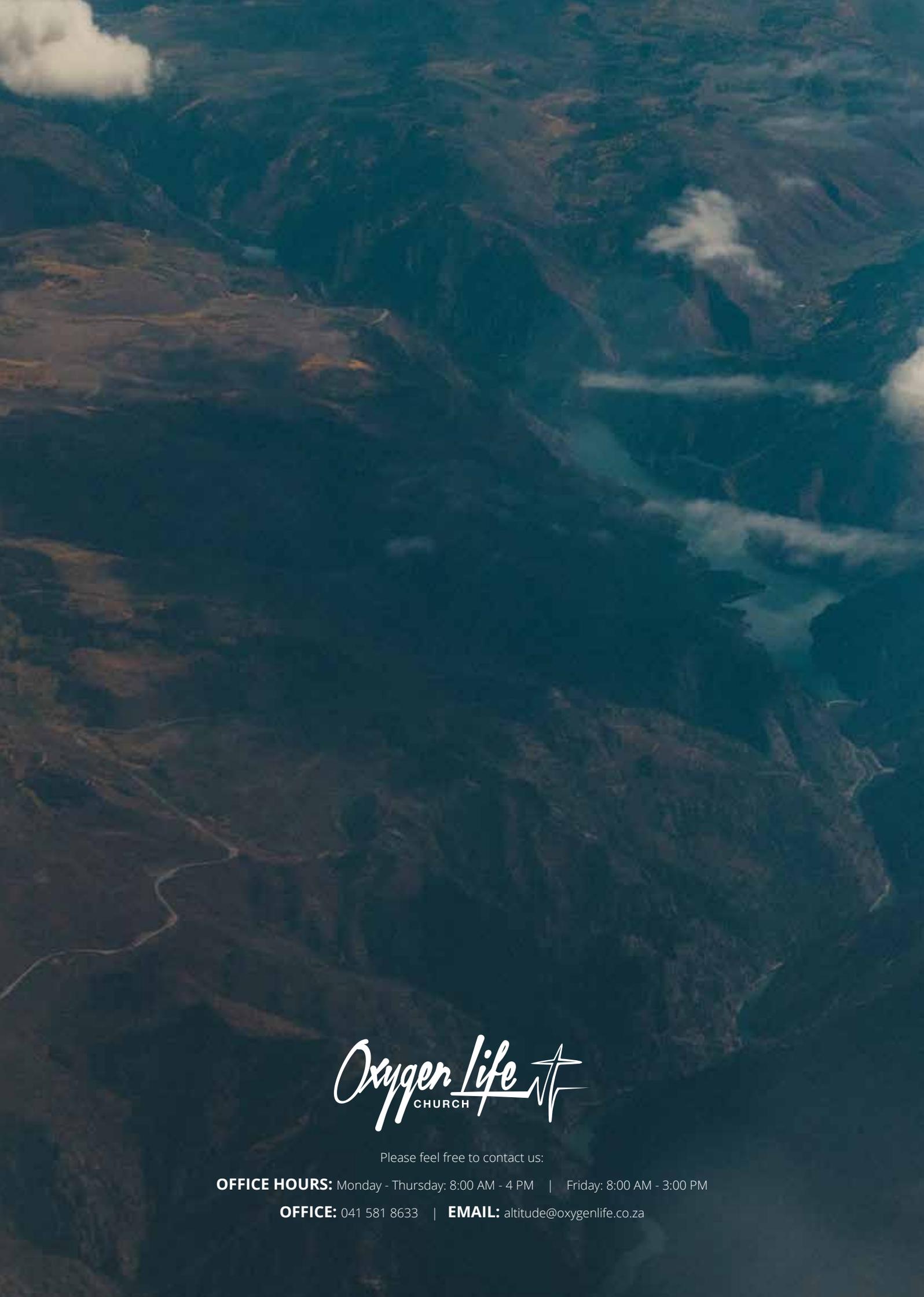
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