DIY CHURCH WEBSITE

Sanctuary

Child Theme Setup, Customization, and Demo Guide

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For Cheetah Wireframe 2.4.0, WordPress 7.0, and PHP 7.4 or newer
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A traditional, reverent, and warm church design with optional KJV demo content, multi-campus support, and coordinated sermon and event presentation.

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How to use this manual

This guide follows the released interface and terminology. Work on a staging site, keep a current backup, and test changes at mobile, tablet, and desktop widths before changing a public church website.

Recommended workflow	Read the installation and first-use chapters before changing settings. Record the current versions of WordPress, PHP, the active parent and child themes, and related plugins before asking for support.

Manual conventions

- Menu paths use the form Appearance > Customize.
- Code and shortcodes appear in shaded boxes.
- Warning callouts identify steps that can affect URLs, content visibility, or stored data.
- Product interfaces can change in future releases; use the manual matching the installed version.

1. Theme purpose and requirements

Sanctuary is an official Cheetah Wireframe child theme with a traditional, reverent, and warm design.

Best fit

The design is intended for established churches, traditional worship, and Scripture-centered ministry. It uses burgundy, gold, and cream.

Requirements

Component	Requirement
WordPress	7.0 or newer
PHP	7.4 or newer
Parent theme	Cheetah Wireframe 2.4.0 or newer
DIY Sermons	Optional
DIY Church Events	Optional

2. Installation

Install in order

1. Back up the site and work on staging.
2. Install Cheetah Wireframe without activating it if another theme is active.
3. Upload sanctuary-1.0.0.zip under Appearance > Themes > Add New > Upload Theme.
4. Activate the child theme.
5. Choose Import Demo Content or Activate Without Demo Content.
6. Clear caches and test desktop, tablet, and mobile layouts.

Missing parent warning

If WordPress reports that the parent is missing, install the Cheetah Wireframe ZIP and confirm its folder is named cheetah-wireframe.

3. Demo content and rollback

What the demo creates

- Home, New Here, About, Beliefs, Ministries, Sermons, Events, Campuses, Give, Prayer, Contact, and News pages.
- Primary, mobile, and footer menus.
- Original theme image assets and starter posts.
- KJV-based Christian sample content.
- Campuses, speakers, sermons, podcast, and events only when their companion plugins are active during import.

Replace every placeholder

- Church name, pastor names, campus names, addresses, service times, phone, email, maps, giving links, forms, policies, and social profiles.
- Demo images and all alternative text.
- Sample sermons, events, podcast details, and ministry descriptions.

Demo is not production copy	Review doctrine, KJV quotations, dates, privacy, legal text, forms, and external links before publication.

Rollback

Open Appearance > Theme Setup and select Roll Back Demo Content. The importer moves only its marked records to Trash and restores its saved homepage, posts page, identity, navigation locations, and theme settings.

4. Brand customization

Logo and identity

1. Open Appearance > Customize > Site Identity.
2. Upload the church logo and set alternative text.
3. Set the site title and tagline.
4. Check header spacing at mobile width.

Color and typography

The default palette is burgundy, gold, and cream. Change colors through Cheetah Customizer controls rather than editing the child stylesheet. Confirm text, links, buttons, focus indicators, overlays, and footer links remain readable.

Header and hero

Configure header style, sticky behavior, navigation, search, call-to-action, top bar, hero image, overlay, heading, supporting text, and buttons. Keep the main visitor action visible without crowding the mobile header.

5. Pages, menus, and patterns

Recommended navigation

Keep the primary menu focused on Home, New Here, About or Ministries, Sermons, Events, Campuses when needed, and Give. Place Beliefs, Prayer, Contact, News, policies, and secondary resources in the footer or contextual links.

Included patterns

Pattern	Use
Service Times	Campus names, times, addresses, and visit links
Next Steps	Clear paths for salvation, baptism, membership, groups, serving, or giving
KJV Scripture	A designed Scripture callout using the King James Version

6. DIY Sermons and DIY Church Events

DIY Sermons

The child theme coordinates sermon cards, archives, speaker profiles, campus profiles, Scripture sections, media, and podcast presentation through shared design tokens. Content remains owned by the plugin.

DIY Church Events

The child theme coordinates event cards, lists, calendars, single events, registration buttons, and profile relationships. Use a full-width page for wide grids and calendars.

Install plugins before demo import

Optional sample records	Activate DIY Sermons and DIY Church Events before importing the theme demo if you want linked sample campuses, speakers, sermons, podcast, and events. The theme itself does not require either plugin.

7. Multi-campus setup

Recommended sequence

1. Install DIY Sermons and create each campus profile.
2. Add address, service times, timezone, phone, email, primary pastor, speakers, and translation.
3. Create speaker profiles and associate each speaker with the correct campuses.
4. Associate sermons, podcasts, and events with campuses.
5. Use campus-aware shortcodes or blocks on location pages.
6. Test a campus with no upcoming event and no recent sermon so empty states remain helpful.

8. Accessibility, launch, and troubleshooting

Launch checklist

- Keyboard-test menus, links, forms, galleries, players, and calendar controls.
- Test at 320px, tablet, laptop, and large desktop widths.
- Verify KJV Scripture, campus details, service times, maps, giving, contact forms, privacy, and terms.
- Optimize images and clear caches.
- Confirm backups and an update procedure.

Common issues

Symptom	Check
Design looks incomplete	Confirm the child theme and Cheetah Wireframe are both installed
Demo setup page did not open	Open Appearance > Theme Setup
Sermon or event samples are missing	The optional plugins must be active during import
Menu is missing	Assign Primary and Mobile menu locations
Old colors or images remain	Clear browser, page, object, and CDN caches
Layout is too narrow	Select a full-width page template for grids and calendars

Quick Reference

Use this checklist when setting up a new site or preparing a support request.

Task or item	Where to find it
Install theme	Appearance > Themes > Add New > Upload Theme
Demo setup	Appearance > Theme Setup
Customize design	Appearance > Customize
Menus	Appearance > Menus
Static homepage	Settings > Reading
Patterns	Block editor > Inserter > Patterns
Rollback demo	Appearance > Theme Setup > Roll Back Demo Content

Support and responsible use

Search the matching manual and the support forum before starting a new topic. Include the product and version, WordPress and PHP versions, active theme, related plugins, exact steps, expected result, and actual result.

Never post secrets	Remove passwords, API keys, connector credentials, private member records, payment data, server credentials, and authentication cookies from screenshots, logs, forum topics, and support emails.

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