

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Steps to Membership

Complete these steps and turn this form into the office to indicate your readiness for membership at MainStreet.

Jesus Christ

I acknowledge Jesus Christ as my Savior and promise to follow him as Lord of my life by grace through faith. I will share my testimony in writing below for the Leadership Team to read.

Holy Scripture

I accept the Holy Scriptures, the Old and New Testaments, as the Word of God and the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine and conduct.

Baptism

I have been baptized according to the Holy Scriptures or I commit to be baptized according to the Holy Scriptures in the next six months.

Membership Class

I have participated in the four membership sessions on these dates:

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____

Member Covenant

I have signed the member covenant (see attached) to show that I will make every effort to be a faithful follower of Christ and member of the church.

Involvement

I have been an active participant at MainStreet for at least 6 months

Membership Covenant

Commitments of members to this church community

1. I will protect the unity of my church community:

- by knowing and living out our church values
- by acting in love to those who belong and join us
- by choosing to believe the best about people
- by refusing to gossip
- by honoring and following the leaders elected and appointed

2. I will share in our calling as a church to become “a people changed by Christ to go change our world”:

- by praying for the Holy Spirit to lead us
- by praying for those who don't know Jesus and inviting the unchurched to attend
- by welcoming newcomers and guests with grace
- by sharing my faith in Christ with others

3. I will share myself with my church community:

- by discovering, developing and sharing my personal abilities, strengths, spiritual gifts and life experiences in a way that honors God, blesses others, builds up the church community and matures my own faith
- by participating in worship gatherings and authentic, committed community during the week (such as Lifegroups)
- by serving in at least one area of ministry within the church
- by receiving support, encouragement and accountability in my life in Christ from other members

4. I will invest in God's work in and through my church community:

- by living a Christ-centered life
- by committing to regular, intentional, sacrificial financial support by prayerfully giving a portion of my income to this church, using scriptural examples of generous giving because God owns it all
- by supporting other members and leaders by my actions and in prayer

Signature

Date

Printed name

Personal Faith Testimony

Please testify to your personal faith in Jesus by answering the following on a separate sheet. Turn this in with your application to be reviewed by the Leadership Team. Thanks!

1. Briefly describe your life before Christ entered the picture (if applicable). (2-3 sentences)
2. Briefly describe your faith (or non-faith) background or church upbringing. (1 sentence)
3. Describe the turning point in your faith journey when you decided to believe and follow Christ. Share influences, circumstances, experiences that played a major role. (3-5 sentences)
4. How has your life changed since you started following Christ? (2-3 sentences)
5. In your own words, what must a person do to be saved and have eternal life? (1-2 sentences)
6. Have you been baptized? What does that mean to you? (1-2 sentences)
7. Do you have anything else you want to share?

Please try to keep your paper to 500 words or less (1-page single spaced).