

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name _____ Phone _____

Members of immediate family (name, relationship and birthday):

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Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Birthday _____

Marital Status: [] Single [] Married [] Divorced [] Widowed [] Re-married

COMMITMENT

These commitments are to the Lord and His people at Christ Community Church. They will not be used in a legalistic manner, and are primarily a matter of conscience. These are meant as guidelines as to how we can love one another and live out our mission statement, together.

1. Committing to your personal spiritual growth (Philippians 3:10-11).
2. Connecting with your church family by attending regularly (Hebrews 10:24-25).
3. Serving our Lord joyfully in some capacity at the church (Ephesians 2:10, 6:7).
4. Trusting the Lord with our tithes and offerings (2 Corinthians 9:7).
5. Following the biblical model of reconciliation (Matthew 18:15-20).
6. Serving our surrounding community and supporting evangelistic efforts (Acts 1:8).
7. Supporting our church leaders including the pastor, staff, elders, deacons, and teams (Hebrews 13:17).

AREAS OF SERVICE

God has given a wide variety of gifts and abilities to be used in the life of the church. The purpose of this is to discover the service interests of our members in comparison to the needs of our church. Your interest in any area does not commit you to serve or participate in that area.

Please mark each area you would be interested in serving.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery | <input type="checkbox"/> Benevolence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Set-Up | <input type="checkbox"/> Decor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Admin | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing | <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Communion Prep. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counting Offering | <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home/Hospice Visits | <input type="checkbox"/> Missions Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling/GriefShare | <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Group Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Singing | <input type="checkbox"/> Prison Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guitar | <input type="checkbox"/> Facility Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Group Leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Piano | <input type="checkbox"/> Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drums | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tech Booth | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Married Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sound Booth | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Care |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Of all of the above areas of service, I would be most interested in the following:

TESTIMONY

Congratulations on seeking membership at Christ Community Church! We are excited to get to know you more. One of the best ways to do that is to hear your story about how you came to faith in Jesus Christ. Please take time to answer the questions below. These will help you to communicate your personal testimony. If you are willing, we'd love to record your testimony and share it in front of the church.

1) Do you agree with the following statements: yes / no

- God's desire for all men and women is to be saved and be in relationship with Him.

John 17:3 *Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.*

1 Timothy 2:4 *[God] wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*

- The chief problem of every person is that we have sinned, and that sin separates us from God.

Romans 3:23 *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

- God's solution to sin was to send Jesus to pay the consequences of our sin.

Romans 5:8 *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

1 Corinthians 15:3-6 *For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to [Peter], and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.*

- A person is saved from Hell and becomes a child of God when they confess and believe in Jesus.

John 3:16 *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.*

Romans 10:9-10 *If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.*

- We are baptized to follow Jesus' example, obey His command, and publicly profess that He is our LORD and Savior.

Mark 1:9 *At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.*

Matthew 28:18-20 *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Romans 6:3-7 *Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.*

1 Peter 3:21 *and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,*

Purpose behind a personal testimony:

God is doing something very exciting in your life! Sharing a brief summary of it will be a big encouragement to the congregation, to you and your family in the future.

What a great testimony looks like:

Be you! Share from your heart. The testimony can be easily divided into three portions:

(1) *BC – before Christ* (2) *D- Decision to come to Christ and* (3) *AD- Future life looks like...?*

2) When did you become a Christian? What does it mean to you to be a Christian?

3) What was your life like before you become a Christian? What prompted you to make that decision?

4) How has your life changed since becoming a Christian? What do you look forward to most?

5) Have you participated in a believer's baptism? What was it like? (When, where, etc...)

6) Are you willing to share your testimony in front of the church?

Christ Community Church-EFCA, Inc. MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

As a member of Christ Community Church- Ocala, FL, I commit myself to this covenant as a fellow believer in the Lord Jesus Christ:

- ♦ I pledge to keep the unity of the Spirit by pursuing peace with others in the church. *(Ephesians 4:3)*
- ♦ I pledge to express brotherly love toward others and to walk alongside fellow believers, bearing each other's burdens and also rejoicing with one another in life's blessings. *(John 13:34, Galatians 6:1, Romans 12:15)*
- ♦ I pledge to hold the non-essentials of the faith with a spirit of charity, and allow others Christian liberty on issues the Bible does not make absolute. *(Romans 14:1-5)*
- ♦ I pledge to pray on a regular basis for the needs of fellow believers, for the leaders and ministries of the church, for the salvation of family and friends, and for the building of God's kingdom. *(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*
- ♦ I pledge to submit myself to the leadership of this church, and when required, submit to appropriate discipline by the elders. *(Hebrews 13:17, 1 Corinthians 5:1-5)*
- ♦ I pledge to support the church through joyful and regular participation in worship, baptism & communion, tithes & offerings, and missions—both local & global. *(Hebrews 10:25, 2 Corinthians 9:7, Luke 21:4)*
- ♦ I pledge to resolve conflicts according to biblical principles of reconciliation, keeping myself from gossip and continuing to examine my own heart. *(Matthew 18:15-22)*
- ♦ I pledge to raise any young ones in the church's care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, seeking to be a godly example to those around me. *(Ephesians 6:4)*
- ♦ By God's grace I pledge to live as a person set apart for holiness, saying no to the sins of the flesh, since I have been buried with Christ into death and have been raised to walk in newness of life. *(Romans 6:1-6)*
- ♦ I pledge to use my God-given gifts for the building-up of the body of Christ and to participate in the process of congregational government. *(1 Corinthians 12:7, 1 Peter 2:9)*

Signature _____ Date _____