

The Heart of Christ Church



MEMBERSHIP PACKET

Criteria for Church Membership

1. A personal affirmation that you have received Christ Jesus as Savior and Lord.
2. You agree with and willing submit yourself to The Heart of Christ Church's Statement of Faith and Constitution.
3. You believe that the Lord wants you to be a part of this Church. If you are leaving another Church, then it is important to us that you have left your former fellowship while maintaining the “unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”. If possible, you need to inform your former Church of this pending membership change.
4. You acknowledge and are in agreement that The Heart of Christ Church pastor(s) and elders have a pastoral responsibility in your life.
5. You commit to support the work of God being done through The Heart of Christ Church with your time, gifts, abilities and finances as you are able.

If you are interested in membership, each adult (18 and over) should fill out a form and submit it to Pastor Dubbs or one of the Elders. The pastor will be in contact with you to schedule an interview and complete this process.

You should also, if you are able, be ready to give a brief testimony of your salvation before the Elders.

For further information, call 717-270-9475 (Pastor's Home) or email revrichdubbs@theheartofchristchurch.com.

THE HEART OF CHRIST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Information

If you have interest in joining the church, please fill out this form and give it to Pastor Dubbs or one of the Elders. Once this is received, Pastor Dubbs will schedule an interview time with you.

Date: _____

Name: _____ birth date: _____

Spouse (if married) : _____ birth date: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced SPOUSE: _____

Anniversary Date (if married): : _____

Children

Name 1: _____ birth date: _____ notes : _____

Name 2: _____ birth date: _____ notes : _____

Name 3: _____ birth date: _____ notes : _____

Name 4: _____ birth date: _____ notes : _____

Name 5: _____ birth date: _____ notes : _____

Previous Church Membership: _____

Have you ever been or are you currently under the corrective discipline of a church? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain _____

How were you introduced to our church? _____

Began Attending _____

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Please fill out the following for each person who is seeking church membership.
(Make or request additional copies if needed)

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I am coming today to: (circle & fill in the blank as requested)

1. Join this Church Body by confession of faith that I have repented of my sins, believed on the Lord Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and have previously been baptized by in another Gospel preaching church.
 2. Join this Church Body by confession of faith that I have repented of my sins, believed on the Lord Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and am interested in seeking believers baptism.
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Testimony

Provide a short description of how and when you received Christ as Lord and Savior.

If you have been baptized, what is the date of your baptism, who baptized you, and at what church were you baptized?

How has Christ transformed your life since you became a believer and follower of Christ?

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Statement of Faith/Constitution

Have you read, and do you agree with the Statement of Faith of The Heart of Christ Church?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Have you read, and do you agree with the Constitution of The Heart of Christ Church? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Please indicate areas of disagreement if any:

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Service for Christ

If known, what are your spiritual gifts? _____

What area(s) would you like to serve the Lord at The Heart of Christ Church?

I have filled out The Heart of Christ Church Service Opportunities form (optional). ☐ YES ☐ NO

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I have read and do willingly submit myself to the Constitution of The Heart of Christ Church.

Signature:_____ Date:_____

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(For Office Use Only)	Notes:
Date of Interview	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Pastor or Elder conducting interview	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Service Opportunities

Please prayerfully and carefully fill out the form below and place in the box outside of the Pastor's office. Mark the areas of ministry that you would like to participate in. If an area of ministry is not listed, please list your ministry ideas anywhere on this form or on a separate piece of paper, if needed. Please check ALL areas you are interested in.

WORSHIP / TEACHING

MUSIC MINISTRY

I am or would like to:

- ☐ Be a choir member: ☐ soprano ☐ alto ☐ bass ☐ tenor ☐ not sure
- ☐ Play the piano for specials and / or congregational singing
- ☐ Vocal music specials
- ☐ Instrumental music special (instrument(s): _____)
- ☐ I am able to direct music in a contemporary form.

TEACHING

I am interested in/willing to

- ☐ Organize the Men's Bible Study Breakfast (calling people, finding out what they are bringing for food, arriving a half hour early to set up tables)
- ☐ Teach a child's/youth Discipleship class grade level _____
- ☐ Teach the adult Discipleship class
- ☐ I'm not sure where the Lord wants to use me, but I believe I do have teaching gifts

PRAYER CHAIN

- ☐ I would like to have some part in the prayer chain of the church.

VENTURE CLUBS (CHILDREN/YOUTH GROUPS)

- ☐ I would like to assist in Venture Clubs, Age Group _____
- ☐ I would like to teach in Venture Clubs, Age Group _____
- ☐ I have a special skill/gift that would be beneficial for children's ministry: _____

MISSIONS

EVANGELISM

- ☐ I am willing to distribute flyers for the church
- ☐ I would like to know how to personally present the Gospel to people
- ☐ I know how to present the Gospel to people, and I am willing go door to door
- ☐ I am willing to organize weekly Evangelistic outreach (calling people to make sure they're coming)
- ☐ I am willing to lead weekly Evangelistic outreach
- ☐ I am interested in teaching and training church members how to present the Gospel through Evangelism classes

TRACT MINISTRY

- ☐ I would like to help with the Tract Ministry. Duties may include:
 - Order Tracts when needed
 - Be looking for tracts that are doctrinally sound and visually appealing
 - Put labels on or stamp tracts and keep tract racks stuffed for every service

CARE TEAM MINISTRY

- ☐ I would like to be involved in visiting people who have visited our church, or making hospital visits, nursing home visits, or visits to widows and shut-ins.
- ☐ I would like to assist in organizing visits (printing out maps, keeping the records of the visits)
- ☐ CARDS FOR THE SICK: I would like to send Get Well cards to those who are sick.
- ☐ I am interested in learning more about this ministry

MEALS FOR THE SICK

- ☐ I am already signed up to provide meals for the sick
- ☐ I would like to sign up to provide meals for the sick
- ☐ I am interested in assisting in the administration and organization of meals for the sick

EVENT PLANNER

- ☐ I am interested in helping in event planning. Church events include: Agape Sundays, Ladies Quarterly meetings, Church Picnic, Family Harvest, Missions Conference, Christmas Banquet, Couples' Dinners, weddings, and other special events.

SERVICE

USHERS

- ☐ I am interested in being an usher. Responsibilities entail the following: Meet and greet people as they enter the church, directing them to where they need to be, seat people in pews as needed, Distribute bulletins and handouts, collect offerings, Direct parking traffic as needed

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

- ☐ Arrive early to help set up the sanctuary for Sunday Service

MULTIMEDIA

TECH TEAM

- ☐ I would be willing to be involved with the Tech Team Ministry. Duties may include: Making sure the sound equipment stays organized, Ordering CD's and other media when necessary, Recruiting people to carry on your duties when you are not available, Administering the Audio CD Ministry and filling audio CD orders by duplicating CDs and getting them to the right person.
- ☐ I would be willing to help in running the sound when needed

WEB SITE MINISTRY

- ☐ I am trained in web design of some sort
- ☐ I do not know much about web design, but I am willing to learn and help in this area
- ☐ I would be willing to be in charge of the web site ministry. Duties would include: weekly updating the web site with announcements, sermons, and other media like photos, etc.

Church Covenant

God, by His sovereign grace and omnipotent love alone, has led me to repent of my sin and believe on Jesus Christ, trusting Him alone as my Savior and Lord. As one who has been baptized as a believer in Christ, I desire to unite with this church family. Therefore, I enter into a covenantal relationship with the members of this church. In humble reliance upon the Holy Spirit, I endeavor to pursue the following:

- (1) To meet together for any and all services on each Lord's Day, as the Lord shall give me opportunity, to serve and glorify Him in His worship, to edify one another, and to work together for the good of His church.
- (2) To diligently guard the truth, upholding the standard of sound words recorded in Scripture and reflected in THOCC's Statement of Faith.
- (3) To earnestly seek God's face in prayer both private and corporate for the pleasure of His presence, the needs of the saints, for personal and corporate cleansing from sin and holiness in our journey of sanctification, and for personal and corporate revival as He pleases to give it.
- (4) To avoid participation in any secret society which violates the Scriptures or THOCC's Constitution.
- (5) To wholeheartedly support, love, and care for the church's ministries and members, offering: my prayers, my financial gifts of tithes and offerings, and my service.
- (6) To boldly witness for the Lord Jesus Christ, living a transformed life and proclaiming the gospel as the Lord guides my steps.
- (7) To actively pursue personal holiness before God in fulfillment of the great commandment – to love God supremely and my neighbor as Christ has loved us.
- (8) To promote the unity of the church, being a peacemaker with all in the body of Christ.
- (9) To respectfully follow the elders and other leaders of this church, trusting and supporting their leadership as they follow Christ.
- (10) To humbly and willingly submit to the church's discipline, as ascribed in THOCC's Constitution, graciously repenting when approached about personal sin, and lovingly restoring others who become entangled in sin if they should come to repentance.
- (11) To be active in the work of the ministries of the local church, unless providentially hindered.

- (12) I also purpose to maintain family and private worship; if God has given me children, to train my children according to the Bible, to walk carefully in the world, to be just in my dealings, faithful in my engagements, and appropriate in my conduct, to avoid gossip, not speaking that which is evil, and to avoid unrighteous anger, to abstain from all forms of activity which dishonor my Lord Jesus Christ, cause stumbling to a fellow believer or hinder bringing a soul to Christ, to be zealous in my efforts to advance the cause of Christ our Savior, and to give Him preeminence in all things.
- (13) I also purpose to guard the sanctity of life, as well as the biblical structure of the family—affirming marriage as that being between a man and a woman joined together by God, which man should not put asunder.
- (14) I further purpose to encourage my fellow brethren in the blessed hope of our Lord's return, to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feelings and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation.
- (15) I moreover purpose that if I remove from this place, I will seek to, as soon as possible, unite with some other church of like faith and practice where I can carry out the spirit of this covenant and other principles of God's Word.

This covenant I make in the presence of Almighty God, the Searcher of all hearts, with a true intention to fulfill my obligations, as I shall answer at the Last Day, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed. I most humbly beseech the Lord to strengthen me by His Holy Spirit for this end, and for His glory and honor.

PRINTED NAME: _____

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____