

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____ Company _____

Email _____ Birthday _____

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Widowed Re-married

Members of immediate family (relationship and birthday)

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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).

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

God has given a wide variety of gifts and abilities to be used in the life of the church. The purpose of this survey 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 if you have served in this area, and if you would be willing to serve in this area.

Have Will

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

- _____ _____ Deacon
- _____ _____ Elder
- _____ _____ Treasurer
- _____ _____ Financial secretary
- _____ _____ Social Media
- _____ _____ Communications
- _____ _____ General administrative
- _____ _____ Mailings
- _____ _____ Data entry
- _____ _____ Typist/filing
- _____ _____ Graphic artist
- _____ _____ Volunteer coordination

WORSHIP/MUSIC

- _____ _____ First Impressions Team
- _____ _____ Choir
- _____ _____ Drums
- _____ _____ Guitar
- _____ _____ Keyboardist
- _____ _____ Pianist
- _____ _____ Instrumentalist
- _____ _____ Worship leader
- _____ _____ Bass guitar
- _____ _____ Electric guitar
- _____ _____ Design/visual arts
- _____ _____ Communion preparation
- _____ _____ Technology (slides/video)
- _____ _____ Technology (audio)
- _____ _____ Safety Team

STUDENT MINISTRY

- _____ _____ Counselor/advisor
- _____ _____ General assistance
- _____ _____ Small group leader
- _____ _____ Parent Leader
- _____ _____ Transportation
- _____ _____ Financial – special needs

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- _____ _____ Library committee
- _____ _____ Preaching

Have Will

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH

- _____ _____ Community service
- _____ _____ Pregnancy Center
- _____ _____ Community survey
- _____ _____ Nursing home
- _____ _____ Transportation ministry
- _____ _____ Prayer outreach
- _____ _____ Recovery ministry
- _____ _____ Counseling
- _____ _____ Bilingual: _____
- _____ _____ Prison Ministry
- _____ _____ GriefShare

DISCIPLEMAKING/PRAYER

- _____ _____ Women’s ministry
- _____ _____ Men’s ministry
- _____ _____ Small group host
- _____ _____ Small group leader
- _____ _____ Prayer ministry
- _____ _____ Bible study leader
- _____ _____ Mentoring

STEWARDSHIP

- _____ _____ Finance committee
- _____ _____ Buildings/grounds
- _____ _____ Maintenance skills
- _____ _____ Event set-up

MISSIONS

- _____ _____ Missions committee
- _____ _____ Pregnancy Center
- _____ _____ Short-term missions trips
- _____ _____ Interfaith missions

SOCIAL

- _____ _____ Fellowship/Hospitality
- _____ _____ Refreshments/food

CARE/NURTURE/COMPASSION

- _____ _____ Home visits
- _____ _____ Hospice visits
- _____ _____ Senior care

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| _____ | _____ | Graphics (audio/visual) | _____ | _____ | Physical help |
| _____ | _____ | Recreation | _____ | _____ | Financial counseling |
| _____ | _____ | Leadership training | _____ | _____ | Medical transport |
| _____ | _____ | Sunday School | | | |
| _____ | _____ | Age preference _____ | | | |
| _____ | _____ | Position _____ | | | |
| _____ | _____ | Student Ministry | | | |
| _____ | _____ | Age preference _____ | | | |
| _____ | _____ | Position _____ | | | |
| _____ | _____ | Children's Church | | | |
| _____ | _____ | Age preference _____ | | | |
| _____ | _____ | Position _____ | | | |
| _____ | _____ | Church nursery director | | | |
| _____ | _____ | Nursery worker | | | |

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



Spiritual Gifts List from LifeWay Christian Resources

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts! By Gene Wilkes

Gene Wilkes defines spiritual gifts this way: A spiritual gift is an expression of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers which empowers them to serve the body of Christ, the church.

What the Bible Says about Spiritual Gifts

Here are a few verses to get you thinking about what you need to reinforce (Paul's basic description of a spiritual gift can be found in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11):

- Each believer is given at least one gift. (1 Corinthians 12:7)
- The Holy Spirit determines who receives which gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:11)
- Each gift is equally valuable. (1 Corinthians 12:21-26)
- We are to use our gifts to serve others for the benefit of the body. (Romans 12:6-8; Ephesians 4:12)
- We are commanded to use our gifts. (1 Peter 4:10)
- Exercising our gifts will help us develop spiritual maturity. (Ephesians 4:13)

Pray for Revelation

God will reveal our gifts through His Holy Spirit. Believers should pray and study what God says about gifts in His Word. We should also remember God uses other believers to affirm our gift. Sometimes God may also use spiritual gift assessment tools to reveal His gifts.

Match Gifts with Ministry Opportunities

Once gifts are discovered, the next step is to take action on that discovery. Here is an example of a way to match interests and gifts with ministry opportunities.

Spiritual Growth

Your spiritual journey as a follower of Christ began the moment you admitted personal sin and placed your trust in Christ as Savior and Lord. From that point, until death or the return of Christ, your life's call is to grow in Christlikeness. God expects His children to grow spiritually and His Word encourages personal examination as an element of growth.

Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28-30; Ephesians 4:11; and 1 Peter 4:9-11 contain representative lists of gifts and roles God has given to the church. A definition of these gifts follows.

Leadership - Leadership aids the body by leading and directing members to accomplish the goals and purposes of the church. Leadership motivates people to work together in unity toward common goals (Rom. 12:8).

Administration - Persons with the gift of administration lead the body by steering others to remain on task. Administration enables the body to organize according to God-given purposes and long-term goals (1 Cor. 12:28).

Teaching - Teaching is instructing members in the truths and doctrines of God's Word for the purposes of building up, unifying, and maturing the body (1 Cor. 12:28; Rom. 12:7; Eph. 4:11).

Knowledge - The gift of knowledge manifests itself in teaching and training in discipleship. It is the God-given ability to learn, know, and explain the precious truths of God's Word. A word of knowledge is a Spirit-revealed truth (1 Cor. 12:28).

Wisdom - Wisdom is the gift that discerns the work of the Holy Spirit in the body and applies His teachings and actions to the needs of the body (1 Cor. 12:28).

Prophecy - The gift of prophecy is proclaiming the Word of God boldly. This builds up the body and leads to conviction of sin. Prophecy manifests itself in preaching and teaching (1 Cor. 12:10; Rom. 12:6).

Discernment - Discernment aids the body by recognizing the true intentions of those within or related to the body. Discernment tests the message and actions of others for the protection and well-being of the body (1 Cor. 12:10).

Exhortation - Possessors of this gift encourage members to be involved in and enthusiastic about the work of the Lord. Members with this gift are good counselors and motivate others to service. Exhortation exhibits itself in preaching, teaching, and ministry (Rom. 12:8).

Shepherding - The gift of shepherding is manifested in persons who look out for the spiritual welfare of others. Although pastors, like shepherds, do care for members of the church, this gift is not limited to a pastor or staff member (Eph. 4:11).

Faith - Faith trusts God to work beyond the human capabilities of the people. Believers with this gift encourage others to trust in God in the face of apparently insurmountable odds (1 Cor. 12:9).

Evangelism - God gifts his church with evangelists to lead others to Christ effectively and enthusiastically. This gift builds up the body by adding new members to its fellowship (Eph. 4:11).

Apostleship - The church sends apostles from the body to plant churches or be missionaries. Apostles motivate the body to look beyond its walls in order to carry out the Great Commission (1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11).

Service/Helps - Those with the gift of service/helps recognize practical needs in the body and joyfully give assistance to meeting those needs. Christians with this gift do not mind working behind the scenes (1 Cor. 12:28; Rom. 12:7).

Mercy - Cheerful acts of compassion characterize those with the gift of mercy. Persons with this gift aid the body by empathizing with hurting members. They keep the body healthy and unified by keeping others aware of the needs within the church (Rom. 12:8).

Giving - Members with the gift of giving give freely and joyfully to the work and mission of the body. Cheerfulness and liberality are characteristics of individuals with this gift (Rom. 12:8).

Hospitality - Those with this gift have the ability to make visitors, guests, and strangers feel at ease. They often use their home to entertain guests. Persons with this gift integrate new members into the body (1 Pet. 4:9).

God has gifted you with an expression of His Holy Spirit to support His vision and mission of the church. It is a worldwide vision to reach all people with the gospel of Christ. As a servant leader, God desires that you know how He has gifted you. This will lead you to where He would have you serve as part of His vision and mission for the church.

My top three Spiritual Gifts are:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

If you would like help determining what your gifts are, you can take a Spiritual Gifts Survey at:
www.lifeway.com/en/articles/women-leadership-spiritual-gifts-growth-service

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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.

Questions:

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.

1) What is God's desire for all men and women? (John 17:3, 1 Timothy 2:4)

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.

2) What is the chief problem of every person? (Romans 3:23, 6:23)

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.

3) What is God's solution to this problem? (Romans 5:8, 1 Corinthians 15:3-6)

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.*

4) How does a person become "saved"? (John 3:16, Romans 10:9-10)

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,*

5) Why should someone be baptized? (Mark 1:9, Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 6:3-7, 1 Peter 3:21)

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, and 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...?*

6) When did you become a Christian?

7) What was your life like before you become a Christian?

8) How has your life changed since becoming a Christian?

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

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

Christ Community Church-EFCA Membership Covenant

As a member of Christ Community Church- Ocala, FL; I commit myself for the following year (2021) 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 _____