

APPLICATION FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

THE BIBLE is very clear that church membership is *not* a requirement for salvation (*Tit 3:5*). We are encouraged by your interest in serving the Lord Jesus Christ with us. What are the reasons to serve the Lord as a member in a Christ-honoring local church?

- a. It gives evidence of an understanding and obedience to the New Testament emphasis and priority of the local church.
- b. It models commitment to "*showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*" *Eph 4:2-3*
- c. It demonstrates a desire for spiritual accountability. *Eph 5:21*
- d. It provides a venue for the exercise of our individual spiritual gifts to the glory of God.
Rom 12:6
- e. It enhances the testimony of biblical truth to our community. *1Th 1:7-8*

REQUIREMENTS:

- a. Express your personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.
- b. Express your desire to live a godly, obedient Christian life.
- c. Conform to the ordinance of believer's baptism. Indicate when, where and why you were baptized in the past. Or, indicate your desire to be baptized in the near future.
- d. Read and support ***Our Constitution, Bylaws, and Our Biblical Commitments to One Another.***
- e. Agree to support this church by prayer, faithful attendance, and systematic giving as taught in the Word of God.

THE PROCESS:

- a. Complete this application and turn it in to the pastor (or clerk).
- b. We will provide you with current copies of our core documents: - ***Our Constitution, Bylaws, and Our Biblical Commitments to One Another.***
- c. Attend a membership class.
- d. Demonstrate your agreement with these documents by signing the ***Membership Agreement.***
- e. A personal interview will be scheduled with the leaders of the church in order to listen to your testimony and to answer any questions you may have.
- f. Upon satisfactory examination you will be recommended to the members at a regular service. After a two-week waiting period, the church can be notified at the next regular worship service.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE APPLICATION PER APPLICANT - PLEASE USE A PEN

This questionnaire is designed to help our church family get to know you better. Please provide us with as much information as possible.

Today's Date ___/___/___

Mr. Mrs. Miss _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: Home (____) _____ Cell (____) _____ Other (____) _____

Best time to call? _____ E-mail: _____

Marital Status: Never married Married Separated* Divorced* Widowed

*If you are Divorced or Separated please explain on another sheet of paper.

Children's names and ages: _____

Date (approximately) you started attending MVC: _____

Name and address of previous church (if any): _____

Ministries involved in at previous church: _____

Which ministries are you *presently serving in* at MVC?



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Which ministries are you *interested in serving in* at MVC?

Your place of employment and occupation: _____

Spouse's place of employment: _____

Have you ever been baptized as a believer in Jesus Christ? If so, when and at what church? __

If you haven't been baptized yet, are you willing to follow the Lord in believer's baptism?

We believe that a clear written testimony of conversion is the most important aspect of this membership application. Please take adequate time to think through and write a well-organized statement.

Perhaps it would help you when writing this to envision it as a three-minute written transcript of what you would share with a complete stranger if they asked you about your faith. In general, a one-paged typed document is a good limit. A good working outline could include a "*before...during...after*" framework.

If you have not already done so, please take this application process as an opportunity to think through and develop a well-written story of how you came to place your faith in Christ.

Please attach your written testimony to this form.