

RECEPTION OF CHURCH MEMBERS – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

This application may be obtained on the website at www.riverridgechapel.org or at the chapel. Membership serves three purposes (1) it gives you “ownership” and a greater “commitment” to the work of the local church. (2) It gives you the opportunity to be a part of the decision making process as we work together for a positive ministry emphasis. (3) It gives you the opportunity to serve in the church in a position that benefits both yourself and the local body of believers.

The Bylaws of River Ridge Chapel outlines the qualifications for membership:

(1) Believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; (2) Believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God; (3) Be committed to daily Christian growth; (4) Be committed to giving Jesus Christ your time, talent, and treasure; (5) Be supportive of God’s local church and ministry of the spreading of God’s Word; (6) Be faithful in attendance and participation.

Name _____

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Home address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

River Ridge address (include lot number) _____

Date of birth _____ Have you been baptized by immersion? _____

If not, would you want to be baptized by immersion? _____

If married, give full name of husband or wife _____

Date of marriage _____ How long have you lived in the community where you now make your home? _____

Are you a member of another church? _____

Name of church _____

Address of church: _____

Are you uniting with this church (a) on profession of faith? _____

or (b) by letter of transfer? _____

Have you held any position(s) with a church? If so, which positions?

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Any gifts you would like to share: (ex. teaching, children, repairs, etc.)

Do you wish to be a full member of River Ridge Chapel? _____

Would you like to be a fellowship member (meaning you remain a full member of your church above and join us part-time)? _____

For us to minister to the whole family, please list members of your family or others that would enjoy hearing from the chapel:

Name _____ Birthday _____

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Profession of Faith: Do you believe the Bible to be the Word of God and the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine, and conduct? _____ Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord? _____ Do you purpose to remain steadfast in the faith unto the end, and as a true follower of Jesus Christ to walk in newness of life? _____ Will you strive to be watchful and in prayer to diligently study the Word of God and seek His will in your life? _____ Will you strive to join in worship and service and to give regularly of your time, talent, and treasure for the work of the gospel? _____ Recognizing my need of fellowship with others of like faith and mind, and desiring to have a part in the ministry of the gospel, I hereby make application for membership with River Ridge Chapel:

Date _____

Signature _____

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Certificate of Membership:

Member's Name: _____ **Date:** _____

By presenting yourself before us today, you are giving a public testimony that you are professing personal faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. We rejoice with you that by this outward act, you show that you have repented of your sins and trusted in Him for forgiveness of sin, newness of life now, and hope for eternity. The moment you personally received Christ, you became a member of the Body of Christ, the Church (Ephesians 2). Now you are presenting yourself before the Lord, and us as a member of this congregation, as a fellow-member of this body of believers. We are strengthened by your declaration of this purpose. We believe you also will be strengthened as you affirmatively answer the questions that follow:

- 1) We are a non-denominational congregation at River Ridge Chapel. We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. Do you believe this and that only in these divine writings do we find the Christian message of salvation? ____YES ____NO
- 2) You have heard the scriptural teachings regarding your need of the saving acts of Jesus Christ: His perfect life, His sacrificial death, and His defeat of death by His resurrection. By presenting yourself today in this place, you are professing personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. ____YES ____NO
- 3) When the Lord gave the Church her commission, He said we should "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). A disciple is one who is seeking to pattern his life on our Savior. Are you sincerely seeking to be a disciple and live as Jesus would have you live? ____YES ____NO
- 4) The Christian is called upon to give expression of his/her gratitude for the blessings of God by returning his entire life to the Lord for His use. Will you therefore seek to faithfully accept the responsibility to use the gifts God has given you for His glory? ____YES ____NO
- 5) The Bible itself, as interpreted by the Holy Spirit, for His glory is our standard of Christian life and practice. Are you willing to seek to live by the teachings of the Bible as the Spirit guides you, and will you seek to contribute to the harmony of the local church? ____YES ____NO
- 6) Will you seek to be faithful by attendance, participate in public worship, fellowship, study, and service opportunities of this congregation? ____YES ____NO

Welcome to the family of River Ridge Chapel!

Member Signature _____

Pastor Signature _____

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