



Dear Prospective Member,

Someone has said, “*Nothing is more exciting than being part of something that is bigger and far more significant than you are.*” The local church is a perfect example of this because it is God’s laboratory for carrying out His plan of redemption for mankind. This is certainly bigger than any one individual.

The purpose of our local church is to glorify our God and Savior Jesus Christ through worship and service as empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Our *mission* is to make disciples of Jesus Christ in Mifflin County and throughout the world as commanded by the Lord in Matthew 28:18-20:

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Our *vision* is to see that every person in Mifflin County experiences the love of Jesus Christ and becomes a fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ through a balanced ministry of practical Bible teaching, instruction in personal evangelism, and training in the use of spiritual gifts and ministry skills.

My prayer is for you to become an integral part of what we believe He is doing in our midst by joining us as a member. I believe that every member should be involved in a ministry at Calvary Bible Church.

Attached are several forms which can be filled out and returned to me in order to proceed with membership.

If I can be of any other personal assistance to you in your quest for church membership please let me know. I stand by to help in any way I can.

Co-laboring together in Christ,

Howard D. Houtz

Dr. Howard D. Houtz
Senior Pastor

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE _____

FULL NAME: Mr./Mrs./Miss _____

ADDRESS _____

(street and apt. #)

(city) (zip)

PHONE (home) _____ PHONE (work) _____ PHONE (cell, optional) _____

BIRTH DATE (year optional) ____/____/____

EMAIL ADDRESS (optional) _____

1. Marital status: single _____ married _____ widow/widower _____

- anniversary date (if married) _____

2. Names of all children in your family living at home and dates of birth:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

3. Have you received Jesus Christ into your life as your Lord and Savior?

Yes _____ No _____ Not Sure _____

4. What changes in your attitudes and actions have you observed since you became a Christian?

5. Have you been baptized by immersion since your decision to receive Christ?

Yes _____ No _____

If not, will you agree to be obedient to the Lord in this ordinance?

Yes _____ No _____

6. How do you maintain your walk with God?

7. How long have you been attending Calvary Bible Church and for what reasons did you first attend?

8. Name of the church where you previously attended or are presently a member and how long:

_____ Date _____ to _____
(name)

_____ Phone _____
(street) (city) (zip)

9. Why do you want to join Calvary Bible Church?

10. Are you in agreement with our doctrinal statement & submissive to our constitution? Yes ____ No ____

If there is disagreement, please state briefly what it is:

11. In what areas of ministry might you be interested in being involved?

- _____
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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____

Spiritual Testimony

(your personal decision about how Jesus Christ became your Savior)

Name _____

A person's personal testimony of how they came to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior is a powerful encouragement to the individual as well as to others who hear it. A believer in Christ should be able to, in common language, briefly summarize how they came to a point of decision and the circumstances surrounding it.

In the space below please write out some of the facts and/or feelings that you experienced as you gave your heart to Christ. As a guide you might include a short paragraph describing your life, activities, or feelings *before* Jesus became your Savior. Another paragraph describing the *moment* Jesus became your Savior, including such things as where you were at the time, who you might have been with, and/or how you felt at that time. Then another short paragraph telling how your life has changed *since* Jesus came into your heart. Please write this in story form so that it could be read by another individual.

THE CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH
MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

“Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with Calvary Bible Church’s statements, strategy and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Calvary Bible Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

I. I will protect the unity of my church

- By acting in love toward other members
- By refusing to gossip
- By following the leaders

“So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together.” Rom. 14:19 (Ph)

“Live in complete harmony with each other — each with the attitude of Christ toward each other.” Rom 15:5 (LB)

“Have a sincere love for your fellow believers, love one another earnestly with all your hearts.” 1 Peter 1:22 (GN)

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of our mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs...” Eph. 4:29

“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you.” Heb. 13:17

II. I will share the responsibility of my church

- By praying for its growth
- By inviting the unchurched to attend
- By warmly welcoming those who visit

“To the church...we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly.” 1 Thess. 1:2

“Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in, so that My House will be full.” Luke 14:23 (LB)

“So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified.” Rom. 15:7 (LB)

III. I will serve the ministry of my church

- By discovering my gifts and talents
- By being equipped to serve by my pastors
- By developing a servant's heart

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you..." 1 Peter 4:10
(Ph)

"God gave...some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." Eph. 4:11-12

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ...who took on the very nature of a servant..." Phil 2:3-4, 7

IV. I will support the testimony of my church

- By attending faithfully
- By living a godly life
- By giving financially on a regular basis

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another." Heb. 10:25

"But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ." Phil. 1:27 (Ph)

"Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering." 1 Cor. 16:2

"A tenth of all you produce is the Lord's, and it is holy." Lev. 27:30

Member's signature: _____

Date: _____