



Name Change Criteria

A name is a very emotional thing. Both congregations attach deep significance to their respective names. However, we're coming together to create something new. In Scripture, God often gave people a new name when they had a significant encounter with him. As the joining church in this venture, The Gathering will no longer exist as a legal entity. For Tri-Lakes Chapel, our name is no longer applicable, as we will soon have a congregation that extends down to the Briargate area and even further south.

So it seems fitting that we take on a new name that reflects the work that God is doing in our midst. The process for determining that name will involve people from both congregations; will be screened by the transition team, with the final decision residing with the Tri-Lakes Chapel pastors/elders.

Characteristics of the Ideal Name

- Not similar to any other church in the greater Colorado Springs area (please check yellow pages or Google "churches in Colorado Springs" before submitting a name). There are a handful of churches outside of Colorado Springs that are large enough and recognizable enough that we would be wise to avoid copying, ie. Timberline Church in Ft. Collins.
- Simple to remember.
- Not neighborhood specific—keeps open the option of future campuses beyond these two.
- Reflective of our Colorado mountain environment, in keeping with key phrases like "Base Camp" and "Compass".
- Creates no barriers between the church and the greater community.
- Communicates vibrancy and relevance.
- Avoids old-fashioned words like "temple, fellowship, Christian Center, etc."
- Sets us apart from other local churches.
- Arouses curiosity.
- URL/web domain available.
- Provides some sense of meaning as to why we exist.

