

LIFE Church Fort Bend Volunteer Application

Ministry Interested in:

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Birth date: Phone:
Address: City: Zip:
Marital Status (please circle): Single Married Divorced Widowed Separated
Spouses Name: Occupation:
Children's Names
and Ages:
Will your spouse and family be supportive of your involvement in this ministry? Yes No

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

High School: Year graduated:
College: Date Degree completed:
Other: Date Degree completed:
Do you plan to pursue further education? Yes No
Present Occupation:
Employer: Job Title:
Address: How long?
Phone: *(On back, please list additional employers if needed to provide at least 5 years worth of information.)*
List type of work experience on this job:
Military Service: Branch Type of Discharge: Date:

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Any traffic violations/accidents within the past 3 years? Yes No
Do you own a car? Yes No Driver's license state issued and #:
Are you willing to drive for ministry functions? Yes No
List insurance company and expiration date of current auto policy:

CHURCH/VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND

Church currently attending: How long attended?
List responsibilities or positions you have at church:
What other organizations or programs are you involved in?
Describe your personal relationship with Jesus Christ:
Have you led someone to Jesus? Describe the setting:

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Briefly describe your volunteer experience:

How did you hear about this ministry?

What two greatest strengths do you bring to this ministry?

What are your two greatest weaknesses you feel may hinder your ministry?

What training, other than what you have already mentioned, have you had in Bible, theology or counseling?

Have you ever worked with minors before? Yes No

If yes, where? Contact information:

Is there any reason you should not work with or around minors? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

MINISTRY INTERESTS

How many hours per week can you spend in this ministry?

2-4 4-6 6-8 10 or more

Have you been disciplined by a local church for anything that would hurt this ministry or tarnish the reputation of this ministry? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

REFERENCES:

Name: Address: Phone:

Relationship: How long known:

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Three people that I will ask to pray for me in this ministry:

1. Name

2. Name

3. Name

I AGREE TO LIFEChurch Essentials (Statement of Faith)

YES

NO

Essential Mission: "Love God, Love Others, Serve Everyone."

Jesus never saw church as a place to go, but as a people who love him and who are learning to love others. At LIFEChurch, no matter what your spiritual background or past, we want you to "Come as you are." We will experience greater life together. (*Matthew 28:18-20, Ephesians 4:12-13*)

Essential Beliefs

The Bible. We believe the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, are given by God's inspiration, and in the original writings they are without error. We believe the Scriptures originated with God but were written by people and thus speak with the authority of God while reflecting the backgrounds, styles, and vocabularies of the human authors. They are the unique and final authority on all matters of Christian faith and practice. (2 *Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Psalm 119:105, 160*)

God. We believe in one God, creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (*Genesis 1:1, 26, 27; 3:22, Psalm 90:2, Matthew 28:19, 1 Peter 1:2, 2 Corinthians 13:14*)

Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. We believe he was raised from the dead, ascended into heaven, and now acts as the only mediator between God and people. (*Matthew 1:22-23, Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14-15 Titus 2:13*)

The Holy Spirit. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit, as the third person of the Trinity, is to apply to people the saving work of Christ. He does this by bringing conviction of a person's need for the forgiveness of Christ. He regenerates their heart and then permanently indwells them when they believe. His ongoing work is to guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service. (2 *Corinthians 3:17, John 16:7-13, 14:16-17, Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 1:12, 3:16*)

Humanity. We believe that people are created in the image of God for a loving relationship with God. However, people have rebelled against God, actively or passively choosing to go their own independent way. Thus we are alienated from God and suffer the corruption of our nature because of our sin. The effects of this fall from our intended relationship with God can be reversed through faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. (*Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1, 2*)

Salvation. We believe that Jesus Christ died as the substitution for the death penalty we owed. No amount of good works or human effort can restore us from our state of eternal alienation from God. It is only by God's free grace that we are saved from this state of alienation, and this grace is appropriated by a change of heart toward God's leadership in our lives and by faith in Jesus to forgive our sins. (*Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:16-17, Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1*)

The Church. We believe that there is only one true Church universal composed of all people who have asked Jesus Christ for forgiveness and made Him leader of their lives. The diversity of all believers working together, using their gifts to build up one another, forms the parts of the body of Christ, the Church. The scripture commands believers to gather together to devote themselves to worship, prayer, the teaching of God's Word, using our gifts to build up one another, outreach, communion, and baptism. Wherever God's people meet in

obedience to this command, there is the local expression of the church. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church, and that every local church has the authority under Christ to decide and govern its own affairs. (*Acts 2; Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Corinthians 12*)

Essential Values

God's Word. We believe that people are transformed when they understand and apply Biblical truths (*II Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12, Romans 10:17, Psalm 1:1-3*). The Bible is the living, active word of God, which the Holy Spirit can use to transform a life. Therefore, we will seek to help every person understand and apply God's word. It will be the authority for all that we do.

Prayer. We believe that apart from Christ, we can do nothing of eternal value; therefore, everything we do will be under girded and surrounded by fervent prayer. (*John 15:5-16, I Thessalonians 5:17, Matthew 18:19*).

Authenticity. We believe authenticity, acceptance and truth-telling create the atmosphere where people can become whole (*Romans 12:3, Ephesians 4:11-16, 25-26*). There is no need to pretend we are better or worse than we really are, but as we accept each other and speak the truth in love to one another, we can help each other grow into whole people.

Compassion. We believe the church is to be an active agent of change in society by caring for and serving those who are poor, oppressed or marginalized (*Deut. 10:17-19, Deut. 15:7-11, Proverbs 19:17, Micah 6:8, I John 3:17, Matthew 25*).

Culturally Relevant Communication. We believe the church should be culturally relevant while remaining doctrinally pure (*II Corinthians 5:14-21, I Corinthians 9:19-23*). We will use the arts, culturally relevant music, video, multimedia, drama, poetry, dance and other medium to communicate effectively about God's love.

Excellence. We believe in doing our best when we do something in the name of Christ (*Colossians 3:23-24, Malachi 1:6-14*). It might not appear slick or seamless, but it will be an authentic expression of the best of ourselves given as an act of worship.

Spiritual Formation. We believe that the measure of fully following Christ is a more loving person, displaying the fruit of the Spirit of God (*Matthew 22:37-40, Galatians 5:22-23*). Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are the indicators of spiritual maturity, and we believe it is normative for Christ followers to be growing in all of these areas.

Spiritual Gifts. We believe in being a community of servants who use their spiritual gifts to build up one another as the church (*I Corinthians 12, Romans 12:3-8, Ephesians 4:11-12*). Every believer has been given spiritual gifts through which to serve and build up the body. We believe that every Christian should discover and use his/her spiritual gifts in service to one another in the church.

Small Groups. We believe that life change happens best in the context of a small group of people (*Hebrews 10:24-25, Luke 6:12-13, Acts 2:44-46*). In these communities we are to be the church to one another and demonstrate the church to a watching world as we live out the "one another" commands of scripture. We must be a church of small groups rather than a church with small groups, committed to the value of every member being cared for in a community that will love and prompt him/her to grow.

Spiritual Multiplication. We believe God's kingdom grows by multiplication: people developing people, groups birthing new groups, and churches planting new churches so that there is room for everyone to experience Christian community (*Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, II Timothy 2:2, I Thessalonians 1:6-8, Matthew 13:31-32, Matthew 9:36-10:1*).

Engaging Worship. We believe the corporate celebration and worship of God should be practiced regularly as a sign of our unity in the exaltation of God (*Acts 2:46-47, John 4:19-24, Colossians 3:16*). Every believer needs to regularly join in the corporate worship of God to be drawn into His presence and reminded of His position. Worship can take many forms and expressions as it is primarily an attitude of reverence and love resulting in acts of service.

VOLUNTEER'S STATEMENT

In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application by the church, I agree and represent that:

- The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I authorize any references, or any other person or organization, whether or not identified in this application, to give you any information (including opinions) regarding my character and fitness for volunteer service. I hereby release any individual, church, denominational agency or official, reference, or any other person or organization, including record custodians, from any liability of whatever kind which may result to me, on account of compliance with this authorization, excepting only the communication of knowingly false information. I further state that I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND KNOW THE CONTENTS THEREOF AND I SIGN THIS RELEASE AS MY OWN FREE ACT. This is a legally binding release which I have read and understand. A facsimile or photocopy of this authorization shall be as valid as the original. I further understand that a criminal records check may be conducted on me, and I consent to any such check.

I have read and understand the above provisions, and agree to them.

Signature

Date