

STEP 3
COMMIT



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**HARVEST
BIBLE
CHAPEL**

FIRST AND LAST NAME:

DATE:

NAME OF SPOUSE:

MARITAL STATUS:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP:

TELEPHONE #:

SECONDARY TELEPHONE #:

E-MAIL:

CHILDREN'S NAMES AND AGES:

MEMBERSHIP SAYS...

I belong here, because God says believers belong together (Hebrews 10:23-25) and I sense God wants me here with the people of Harvest Bible Chapel at this time in my walk with Christ, and I want to make a public declaration that I am committed to God's work through this church.

I affirm, believe, and support the teaching of this church, because God says the believers had all things in common including devotion to the Apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42-47). I desire to associate with people of like mind and conviction and embrace the authority of God's Word in my life and the life of the church.

I share the same ministry goals as Harvest, because God says believers are to be committed to one another for the sake of spiritual impact (Ephesians 4:16). I believe Jesus has a work to do in my community and around the world. I want to join with others who share this vision and desire to work for Christ.

I accept responsibility for a group of fellow believers in the family of God, because that is God's plan for the church (Galatians 6:1-2, 10). I want to be part of a caring community of people, sharing joys and sorrows, and helping one another to grow through worship services, Bible study, and fellowship.

I am accountable to mature brothers and sisters in Christ for my walk with God, because God warns against spiritual autonomy (Hebrews 13:17; Matthew 18:15-20). I want to receive the guidance, equipping, and assistance necessary to walk worthy, and I do not want to go it alone in standing for Jesus Christ.

I accept the authority and role of church leadership because God has established this structure (1 Corinthians 12:20-27). Elders, deacons, and other church leaders are called from within to serve our church body. I also believe every member must give of their gifts, experience and passion to contribute to a healthy church body.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ATTENDING HARVEST?

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT HARVEST?

HOW HAS ATTENDING HARVEST IMPACTED YOUR LIFE?

IF YOU ATTENDED A CHURCH PREVIOUSLY, WHY DID YOU LEAVE?

WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF HARVEST BIBLE CHAPEL?

BAPTISM

- I have already been baptized since becoming a follower of Christ. Where and when were you baptized?
- I have accepted Christ as my Savior, but have not been baptized. Please contact me about being baptized.

HARVEST STEP 2

- I have completed the Step 2 class. If so, when (month and year)?
- I have not completed the Step 2 class. Please contact me about attending.

PREVIOUS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

- I am leaving my previous church in a manner that is above reproach.

MY TESTIMONY OF PERSONAL FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

In order to become a member of Harvest Bible Chapel, you need a clear testimony of personal faith in Jesus Christ. Please follow this outline to write your testimony.

BEFORE I TRUSTED CHRIST, MY LIFE WAS...

THIS IS HOW, WHEN, AND WHY I TRUSTED JESUS CHRIST AS MY SAVIOR...

HERE ARE ONE OR TWO WAYS CHRIST HAS CHANGED MY LIFE...

Writing your story of personal faith in Jesus Christ is a wonderful way to reflect on how God has drawn you to Himself, and changed your life. As you write, make sure the focus is on God, what he has done, and is doing in your life.

I once was...

Spend a brief time on "before." This is not a biography from childhood. It is best to start at a time related to your experience with Christ.

But Christ...

Be as specific as possible about surrendering your life to Christ. What was happening at the time? How did Christ get your attention? If possible, share the month and year you were saved.

And now...

Be practical. Explain how Christ has changed your life. Share how you are growing in your walk with Christ. "Just as you have received him, so walk in him, rooted and built up and strengthened in the faith" (Colossians 2:6-7).

FOUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENTS

- 1) I have by faith become a follower of Jesus Christ, and I have been baptized as a visible way of demonstrating that commitment.
- 2) Because a disciple worships Christ, I will attend and fully participate in worship services at Harvest.
- 3) Because a disciple walks with Christ, I will seek to maintain consistent disciplines of Bible study, prayer, and personal witness. I will walk in fellowship with other believers at Harvest by participating in a Small Group. To maintain unity in fellowship, I will neither criticize nor listen to criticism concerning any member(s) of this body and will, when personally offended, speak directly and lovingly with those involved.
- 4) Because a disciple works for Christ, I will seek a place to serve at Harvest, using my spiritual gifts and passions. I will financially support the ministries of Harvest by faithfully giving back to the Lord a biblical portion of my increase.

DOCTRINE

- I have read the Doctrinal Statement of Harvest Bible Chapel.

(Our Doctrinal Statement can be found at harvestsacramento.net, under "I'm New" and "What We Believe")

- I am in agreement with the Doctrinal Statement of Harvest Bible Chapel.
- I have these questions and/or concerns regarding the Doctrine of Harvest Bible Chapel:

I have shared truthfully in this application and am in agreement with the commitments for membership as stated above.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE:

DATE:

TO BE COMPLETED AT THE MEMBERSHIP INTERVIEW.

Name of interviewer: _____ Date: _____
Comments: _____

SUBMIT ►

After submitting this application to leadership, you will be contacted to schedule a membership interview.