

MEMBERSHIP



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Dear friend,

Thank you so much for your interest in church membership! Here at Mill Creek Community Church, we hold the matter of church membership in high regard. We are called to be disciples making disciples for God's glory, and we believe membership helps keep us accountable as we pursue that mission.

The global church has a blemished track record of permitting members to become observers. Being a member is more than being on a membership roll or having access to an exclusive website. We are committed to a biblical model that reflects God's heart for His church. Consider these words from Romans 12:

"For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them." (Romans 12:3-6a)

At Mill Creek, we see membership as a mutual commitment – where each party acts responsibly toward the other. Members who enter into a covenant with their local church commit to a higher degree of responsibility and service. The elders and leadership commit to love, lead, teach, aid, provide counsel, care for, and pray for members.

Being a member of Mill Creek is really about being part of a committed community of faith. All members are disciples of Jesus, unified by their identity in Christ. This unity is expressed in the way they collaborate together loving God, loving fellow Christians, and loving the world around them.

On the next few pages, you will find an overview of the membership process (pg. 3), an application form (pg. 4), our membership covenant (p. 5-6), and our statement of faith (pg. 7).

If you have questions about church membership, the procedure, or the information in this packet, please contact me at: **drobinson@mymillcreek.com** or **913-441-4444 x107**.

Thank you!
David Robinson
Connection Pastor

WHAT IS THE MEMBERSHIP PROCESS AT MILL CREEK?

1. The membership process usually begins when you attend a "Discovery Class," our four-week course where you will learn about the history, vision, beliefs and unique aspects of Mill Creek. Here, you will also receive a copy of our Membership Covenant and be encouraged to consider becoming a member of this church.
2. Complete the required paperwork and assignments
 - a. Fill out the Membership Application Form (pg. 4, one per person) and return it to Pastor David (drobinson@mymillcreek.com) or mail it to the church: 7825 Gleason, Shawnee, KS 66227
 - b. Write a one-page account of your spiritual journey and submit it to our Connection Pastor, David Robinson (drobinson@mymillcreek.com). This should include the following:
 1. Your name
 2. Have you come from another church? If so, please share why you're no longer there.
 3. Please give an account of how you came to faith (no more than ½ of a page)
 4. Please specifically answer the question, "What does the Gospel mean to me?"
 - c. If so desired, begin meeting with a Membership Mentor. The purpose of providing a Membership Mentor at this point is to allow you an opportunity to work through beforehand some of the questions you'll be asked in the membership interview. While some may choose to not be linked up with a Mentor, we want you to know this is available. *Note: We are glad to assist you in finding a membership mentor!*
3. When you're ready, we will set up a time for you and at least 2 of our elders (and Membership Mentors if applicable) to meet and learn more about your journey, your relationship with Christ, and discuss what it means for you to be a disciple that makes disciples. At that time, please have read through and signed the attached "Membership Covenant" (pgs. 5&6, one per person, please).
4. Following the elder recommendation for membership, we will celebrate and affirm your membership during a corporate worship gathering.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

*Please return to Pastor David Robinson or bring to the church office:
7825 Gleason, Shawnee, KS 66227 (One form per person)*

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ (home)
_____ (cell)

Birthdate: _____

Email address: _____

Children:

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

1. Do you know Jesus Christ as Savior? Yes ____ No ____

2. Have you been baptized since your conversion? Yes ____ No ____
If not, are you willing to be baptized? Yes ____ No ____

3. How long have you been attending Mill Creek?

4. What areas of ministry have you been involved in, either at Mill Creek or elsewhere?

5. Are you in agreement with Mill Creek's Statement of Faith (located on page 7)? Yes ___ No ___
If not, please explain:

6. Are you familiar with, and willing to submit to, the Bylaws of Mill Creek? Yes ___ No ___

7. Please give the name of the church where you have most recently been a member, if applicable.

MILL CREEK MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

PERSONAL STATEMENT OF SALVATION:

I believe the gospel is the power of God for salvation through faith in the work of Jesus Christ who has saved me for the purpose of glorifying God and participating in His mission.

I believe I was an enemy of God because of my sin and rebellion against him, deserving his wrath. I believe Jesus is the Son of God who is fully God and fully man and that he lived his life fully submitted to God the Father, died on the cross for my sins according to the Scriptures, rose again on the third day and appeared to many people. I believe Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father and sent his Spirit to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment. I believe the Holy Spirit has made me alive in Christ and I am now no longer condemned, but sent and empowered by His Spirit to live as a disciple who makes disciples.

MY COMMITMENT TO MILL CREEK AS A MEMBER:

I gladly confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior. I will seek to obey God's Word, trust in the gospel, and pray. I agree with and support our church's statement of faith. I commit myself to the mission of disciples making disciples for God's glory.

I will grow more like Jesus by sharing Christ where I live, work, and play; gathering for corporate worship; living on mission in gospel-centered community; and investing in other disciples. I will use my spiritual gifts, encourage church planting, give generously, expect mutual care and accountability, and submit to my elders.

MY DECLARATION:

As a responsive act of worship to God, I declare that I am in agreement with the personal statement of salvation, membership commitments, and statement of faith of Mill Creek Community Church. As a valuable part of this church, by God's grace, I will seek to fulfill these commitments as unto the Lord.

I accept the responsibility to notify Mill Creek leadership if at any time I can no longer commit to this covenant, or if I have questions, comments, or concerns regarding my responsibilities as a member of Mill Creek Community Church.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone / Email: _____

THE COMMITMENTS OF MILL CREEK ELDERS:

By God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, we will shepherd Mill Creek members so that you would walk worthy of the Lord. We desire to present you as mature in Christ, fully pleasing to God and bearing Spiritual fruit.

We as elders, sobered by the reality that we will give an account for those under our care, do joyfully commit to this sacred responsibility for the glory of God and the good of this church.

As shepherd-elders, we will humbly lead this flock to trust the gospel, feed this flock the word of God, protect this flock from false doctrine, and care for this flock in love and prayer.

Confirming Elder's Signature(s): _____

Date of membership interview: _____

(Optional) Membership Mentor's Signature(s):

Date membership process completed: _____

MILL CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH'S STATEMENT OF FAITH:

1. We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired of God, and inerrant in the original writing and that they are the supreme and final authority in faith and life. (Matt. 4:4, 7, 10; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:19-20)
2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:19; Jn. 1:1; Jn. 6:27; Acts 5:3-4; Titus 2:12)
3. We believe that Jesus was begotten by the Holy Spirit, and born of Mary, a virgin, and is true God and true man. (Lk. 1:34-38, 2:52; Jn. 1:1, 18, 4:6, 10:30-33, 14:9, 19:28)
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and so incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death (which is separation from God), and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and in case of those who reach an age of moral responsibility, are sinners in thought, word, and deed. (Gen. 1:27; Rom. 5:10-19; 2 Thess. 1:8)
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood. (Rom. 3:21-25; 1 John 2:1-2)
6. We believe in the eternal security of the believer; that it is impossible for one genuinely born into the family of God ever to be lost. (Jn. 3:36, 5:24, 10:28-29; Rom. 8:35-38; Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30)
7. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into heaven, and His present life there as High Priest and Advocate. (Acts 1:9-10; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 7:25, 9:24)
8. We believe that all who receive, by faith, the Lord Jesus Christ, are born again by the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God. (Jn. 1:12-14, 3:1-16)
9. We believe in the bodily resurrection of believers; the eternal heavenly inheritance of the saved, and the eternal punishment of the lost. (Rev. 20:11-15)
10. We believe in the scriptural ordinances of the church; Baptism and the Lord's Supper; that believers should be baptized as a symbol of their death, burial and resurrection with Him and that believers should celebrate the Lord's Supper (or "communion") to proclaim His death until His return. (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 8:36-39, 10:43-48; 1 Cor. 11:23-33).