

**Bright Hope Community Church**  
**M E M B E R S H I P   A P P L I C A T I O N**

Please fill out and return the following information within one week.

*I have received Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and Lord, and desire to become an active member and support the ministries of this church. Therefore I hereby apply for membership.*

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

(\*If available and applicable)

Marital Status:       Single    Married    Divorced    Widowed    Remarried

Church previously attended (name/address): \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members in Your Current Household	Relationship	Birthdate

Please write out a short personal testimony of how you came to Christ on the back of this form.

Have you been baptized?       Yes    No   When? \_\_\_\_\_

What way(s) do you desire to serve within your church family based on your interests, abilities, gifts, and time (see *Ministry Opportunities* in the Membership Connections Handbook)?

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I have had access to a copy of the *BHCC Essential Guidelines and Beliefs* and I understand the position of BHCC. As a member of this church, I will abide by these guidelines, and seek to fulfill the membership responsibilities to the best of my ability, and will endeavor to fulfill my responsibilities to the Lord and to His work.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form within one week. You will be contacted as soon as possible by a church deacon who will set up an interview to hear your testimony (i.e. personal story) of how you came to put your personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Following the successful completion of this interview you will be recommended for membership at the next congregational meeting.**

**Personal Testimony:**

**Office Use Only**

**Interview by Deacon** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**Deacon Recommendation:** \_\_\_\_\_ (please return to Church Clerk)

**Congregational Meeting Decision** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

# B H C C B A P T I S M A P P L I C A T I O N

*We believe that baptism is an outward act that symbolizes an inward commitment. Baptism is a symbol of an individual's personal relationship with God, made possible by the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Baptism does not save a person or guarantee a person's salvation; rather, baptism is a way of publicly identifying oneself with Christ. We believe that only those professing a personal faith in Christ should be baptized.*

Step 1: **Read** the Believer's Baptism brochure (or see page 9 in the Membership Connections Handbook).

Step 2: **Complete & return** the baptism application.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Birth date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please state briefly how and when you received Christ as your Savior: \_\_\_\_\_

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If God were to ask you why you should be allowed into heaven, what would you say? \_\_\_\_

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Why do you want to get baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please check one:**

- I am ready to schedule my baptism (instructions concerning your baptism will follow this application)  
 I need more information before I am ready to schedule my baptism (a tape discussing Baptism is available)

You may return this application with your Membership Application, or return it by mail to **(Bright Hope Community Church, c/o Susan Hoover (church clerk), 113 Morningside Drive, Butler, PA 16002)**, or give directly to our church secretary, **Justi McGrady**. If you have any questions or concerns regarding baptism, please contact Pastor Paul Hoover at [hoov3@zoominternet.net](mailto:hoov3@zoominternet.net) or 724-287-7246.