



Bright Hope Membership Application

Please complete and return at least one day prior to the scheduled Membership Class.

By completing this application, I am affirming that I have received Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and Lord, and desire to become an active member and support the ministries of BHCC.

First & Last Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Occupation: _____

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Separated
 Widowed Remarried

Members of your current household	Relationship	Birthdate

Have you been baptized by immersion (see Section "1. Believer's Baptism" - page 4 of Membership Guide)? Yes No When? _____

We believe that Believer's Baptism is prerequisite for membership, however, your desire to be a member should not be your motivation for baptism. Baptism should be a response of obedience to God and a declaration of His saving work in your life.

If you have not been baptized, is this something you would like to do? _____

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BHCC EXISTS TO INTRODUCE PEOPLE TO JESUS CHRIST AND TO
ASSIST BELIEVERS IN BECOMING PASSIONATE FOLLOWERS OF HIM

Are you currently a member of a previous church? If so, where? _____
If applicable, are you leaving your previous church on good terms? _____ Why did you
decide to leave? _____

If you are a member of another church, you need to speak with someone in leadership in that church and explain why you are leaving. We value unity at Bright Hope, and the unity of your previous church is critical as well.

Is there anything you disagree with in BHCC's Essential Guidelines and Beliefs? _____
If so, which part(s) & can you give a biblical reason for your disagreement?

We believe that regular giving is a commitment that each member should make. Giving is biblical, it is voluntary, it is to be cheerful, and it is to be proportional to how God has blessed you. While the amount you give is between you and God, God has modeled generous giving through the grace His has freely and joyfully given to us. Do you have any questions or comments about giving to the work at BHCC?

In what way(s) do you desire to serve within your church family based on your interests, abilities, gifts, and time (see *Ministries* in the Church Profile)

I prefer to attend membership class on this date: _____ (options will be announced)

**Please write your personal testimony of how you came to Christ on the next page with your name and date. Be sure to attach that paper to this application. We will ask you to verbally share your testimony in a Membership Interview with at least one deacon and wife.

I have had access to a copy of the *BHCC Essential Guidelines and Beliefs* (pages 18-30 of this packet) and I understand the positions 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 with God's help and will endeavor to grow in the Word and fulfill my responsibilities to the Lord and to His work.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit this application and salvation testimony to BHCC Secretary, Justi McGrady, by email to brighthopebutler@gmail.com . Alternately, submit a hard-copy of your application.

Salvation Testimony of _____.

Today's date: _____

Leadership
Team Use Only

Interview by Deacon (date; signature): ___/___/___ ; _____.

Deacon Recommendation (yes or no): _____

Pending baptism (yes or no): _____

Please return to Church Secretary

Congregational Meeting Decision ___/___/___

(over for baptism application if needed) →

Bright Hope Baptism Application

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.

You may complete the membership process (application, class, church vote) before being baptized. You would be considered a "member, pending baptism". We then ask that you participate in the next available baptism opportunity.

- Step 1: Review the section on Believer's Baptism under "The Significance and Place of the Two Ordinances of the Local Church" (in the "Bright Hope Membership Guide")
- Step 2: Complete & return this baptism application (if it is your desire to be baptized).

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____
Birthdate: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please briefly share your story about when you came to faith in Jesus: _____

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

Why do you want to get baptized? _____

Please check one:
 I am ready to schedule my baptism (more info will be provided concerning your baptism)
 I need more info before I am ready to schedule my baptism (pastor and/or deacon will contact you)

Please return this application, along with your BHCC Membership Application to:
BHCC, 4101 Highland Ave, Butler, PA 16001. Or;
via email to brighthopebutler@gmail.com Or;
Hand deliver to BHCC Secretary, Justi McGrady.