



Burnt Hickory

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hello New Burnt Hickory Members!

We're honored and thrilled that you've decided to make BH your church family. Please know that we do not take this lightly. We want to be intentional and thoughtful about including you in our church life and providing ways for you to use your gifts in service of God and neighbor.

With that in mind, I wanted to introduce you to a recent practice that we've implemented for new members in order to make your transition to our church as smooth and successful as possible.

For roles that are both public-facing and influential, we ask that new members wait six months before volunteering and/or serving. These roles are as follows:

- Bible class teacher
- Connect Group leader
- Worship leader
- Communion Meditation
- Ministry Leader (e.g. Men's or Women's ministry, etc.)
- Fill-in speaker (when applicable)
- Any future roles that our elders determine are influential and public-facing

For all other public-facing roles (e.g. Scripture reading, prayers, etc.), we ask that new members wait *only three months* before volunteering and/or serving. Our front office staff will track this timing, which means you don't have to! When the different orientation periods have passed, someone will be in touch about these volunteer opportunities.

In the meantime, there are numerous ways for new members like you to learn and get oriented to BH. These include, but are not limited to, volunteering for Family Ministry or Outreach events, First Impressions team (greeters), Communion prep, Praise Team, and joining a Bible class, a Connect Group, or a gender-specific ministry (Men's or Women's).

The purpose and goal of this orientation period is for you to get to know our church family better, as well as to allow us to know you better. It's a time of establishing relationships, acquainting yourself with BH's mission and vision as a church, and learning the church culture.

Again, we're honored that you've placed membership with us. We genuinely look forward to working and serving alongside you in the advancement of God's Kingdom.

Grace and Peace,

Matt Carver