

Membership packet

Criteria for Church Membership

- 1. A personal affirmation that you have received Christ Jesus as Savior and Lord.
- 2. You agree with our Confession of Faith and Church Covenant.
- 3. You believe that the Lord wants you to be a part of this church. If you are leaving another church, then it is important to us that you have left your former fellowship while maintaining the "unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace". If possible, you need to inform your former church of this pending membership change.
- 4. You acknowledge and are in agreement that the Shiloh Ministries Pastor and Elders have a pastoral responsibility in your life.
- 5. You commit to support the work of God being done through Shiloh Ministries with your time, gifts, abilities and finances as you are able.

If you are interested in membership, each adult (18 and over) should fill out a form and submit it to Pastor Taylor, one of the Elders or the Secretary (Gail Williams). The pastor will be in contact with you to schedule an interview with you and complete this process.

You should also, if you are able, be ready to give a brief testimony of your salvation before the congregation.

For further information, call (478) 256-3150 (Pastor's Cell) or email church@shilohministriescogic@gmail.com

Applicant Information

If you have interest in joining the church, please fill out this form and give it to Gail Williams (the church secretary) or Pastor Taylor or one of the Elders. Once this is received, Pastor Taylor will schedule an interview time with you.

Date:		<u> </u>		
Name:		birth date:		
Spouse (if married) :		birth date:		
Address:				
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:		
Occupation:				
Work Phone:		_ Email:		
Marital Status: 🗖 Sing	gle 🖵 Married 🖵 Divorced	SPOUSE:		
Anniversary Date (if ma	arried): :			
Children				
Name 1:	birth date:	notes :		
Name 2:	birth date:	notes :		
Name 3: birth date:		notes :		
Name 4: birth date:		notes :		
Name 5:	birth date:	notes :		
Name 6:	birth date:	notes :		
Name 7:	birth date:	notes :		
Previous Church Mem	bership:			
Have you ever been or	r are you currently under the c	orrective discipline of a church? ☐ YES ☐ NO		
If yes, please explain_				
How were you introduc	ced to our church?	Began Attending		

	ill out the following for each person who is seeking church membership. request additional copies if needed)				
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I am con	ning today to: (circle & fill in the blank as requested)				
1.	 To profess that I have repented of my sins, believed on the Lord Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and wish to make a public witness of my faith through believer's baptism. 				
2.	Join this church by transfer of letter from another like-minded Gospel preaching church. I am currently a member in good standing at: Name of Church: Address of Church:				
3.	Join this church body by confession that I have repented of my sins, believed on the Lord Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and have previously been Scripturally baptized by immersion in another Gospel preaching church.				
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Testimo Provide a	ny a short description of how and when you received Christ as Lord and Savior.				
If you had baptized	ve been baptized, what is the date of your baptism, who baptized you, and at what church were you?				
How has	Christ transformed your life since you became a believer and follower of Christ?				

Statement of Faith Have you read, and do you agree with the attached	Confession of Faith? ☐ YES ☐ NO				
Have you read, and do you agree with the attached Church Covenant? ☐ YES ☐ NO					
Please indicate areas of disagreement if any:					
Service for Christ					
If known, what are your spiritual gifts? Where area(s) would you like to serve the Lord at Shiloh Ministries?					
I have filled out the Shiloh Ministries Service Opport	tunities form (optional).				
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Service Opportunities

Please prayerfully and carefully fill out the form below and place in the box outside of the Pastor's office. Mark the areas of ministry that you would like to participate in. If an area of ministry is not listed, please list your ministry ideas anywhere on this form or on a separate piece of paper, if needed. Please check <u>ALL</u> areas you are interested in.

WORSHIP/TEACHING

MUSIC MINISTRY
I am or would like to:
\square Be a choir member: \square soprano \square alto \square bass \square tenor \square not sure
\square Play the piano for specials and / or congregational singing
☐ Vocal music specials
☐ Instrumental music special (instrument(s):)
\square I am able or would like to learn to direct music
TEACHING
I am interested in/willing to
Organize the Men's Prayer Breakfast (calling people, finding out what they are bringing for food arriving a half hour early to set up tables)
☐ Teach a child's Sunday School class
☐ Teach the adult Sunday School class
☐ Teach a new believer's or new member's class
I'm not sure where the Lord wants to use me, but I believe I do have teaching gifts (this include ladies who are able to teach other ladies)
PRAYER CHAIN
I would like to have some part in organizing the prayer chain of the church. This would entail making sure a system is in place to contact members with emergency prayer requests.
KIDS 4 TRUTH (MIDWEEK CHILDREN'S TEACHING TIME)
☐ I would like to assist in Kids 4 Truth
☐ I would like to teach in Kids 4 Truth
□ I have a special skill/gift that would be beneficial for children's ministry
COUNSELING MINISTRY
☐ I would like to know more about training to be a Biblical counselor
☐ I have had training in Biblical counseling. If so, where and what amount?
☐ I am already involved in Living Hope's Biblical Counseling ministry
☐ I have had training and would like to be involved in Living Hope's Biblical Counseling ministry

BULLETINS, PRAYER JOURNALS

 $\ \square$ I am willing to come in early to church to run off or fold prayer journals or bulletins.

OUTREACH

EV	ANGELISM				
	I am willing to distribute flyers for the church				
	I would like to know how to personally present the Gospel to people				
	I know how to present the Gospel to people, and I am willing go door to door				
	I am willing to organize weekly Evangelistic outreach (calling people to make sure they're coming)				
	I am willing to lead weekly Evangelistic outreach				
	I am interested in teaching and training church members how to present the Gospel through Evangelism classes				
TR	ACT MINISTRY				
	I would like to head up the Tract Ministry. Duties include:				
	o Order Tracts when needed				
	 Be looking for tracts that are doctrinally sound and visually appealing 				
	Put labels and keep tract racks stuffed for every service				
VIS	SITATION MINISTRY				
	I would like to be involved in visiting folk who have visited our church, or making hospital visits nursing home visits, or visits to widows and shut-ins.				
	I would like to assist in organizing visits (printing out maps, keeping the records of the visits)				
	CARDS FOR THE SICK: I would like to organize Get Well cards for those who are sick. This would entail keeping up with those who are ill, and having pastor make an announcement that we should sign a gewell card. Then you would need to collect the card afterward and send it off.				
	I am interested in ordering or arranging flowers for the auditorium and around the church facility				
VA	CATION BIBLE SCHOOL				
	I am interested in/willing to help in the organization and planning of VBS				
	I am interested in/willing to teach the Bible Lesson in VBS				
	I am interested in/willing to be a volunteer for various needs for VBS				
EV	ENT PLANNER				
	I am interested in helping in event planning. Church events include: Agape Sundays, Ladies Quarterly meetings, Church Picnic, Family Harvest, Missions Conference, Christmas Banquet, Couples' Dinners, weddings, and other special events.				
ME	EALS FOR THE SICK				
	I am already signed up to provide meals for the sick				
	I would like to sign up to provide meals for the sick				
П	lam interested in assisting in the administration and organization of meals for the sick				

PUBLISHING MINISTRY

☐ I have interest or background in journalism/writing, and I would be interested in transcribing/editing pastor's sermon manuscripts to prepare them for publishing in book format.

SERVICE

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- ☐ I would be willing to be a deacon. Responsibilities entail the following:
 - Must meet the Biblical qualifications of I Tim. 3
 - Be able to meet one Saturday a month for the planning meeting
 - Be available to the Pastor/elders to meet various needs within the church

USHERS

□ I am interested in being an usher. Responsibilities entail the following: Meet and greet people as they enter the church, directing them to where they need to be, seat people in pews as needed, Distribute bulletins and handouts, collect offerings, Direct parking traffic as needed

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

- ☐ Straighten hymnals after the Sunday evening service
- ☐ Vacuum where needed after the Sunday evening service
- Empty trash throughout the building after the Sunday evening service

CHURCH GROUNDS MAINTANENCE

☐ I would like to commit to working one Saturday a month (10AM to Noon) in various maintenance projects around the church.

NURSERY

- ☐ I am already involved in the nursery ministry
- ☐ I would like to get involved in the nursery ministry

MULTIMEDIA

SOUND ROOM

- □ I would be willing to be in charge of the Sound Room Ministry. Duties would include: Making sure the sound room stays organized, Ordering tapes and other media when necessary, Recruiting people to carry on your duties when you are not available, Administrating the Audio CD Ministry and filling audio CD orders by duplicating CDs and getting them to the right person.
- ☐ I would be willing to help in running the sound when needed

WEB SITE MINISTRY

- ☐ I am trained in web design of some sort
- ☐ I do not know much about web design, but I am willing to learn and help in this area
- □ I would be willing to be in charge of the web site ministry. Duties would include: weekly updating the web site with announcements, sermons, and other media like photos, etc.

Church Covenant

God, by His sovereign grace and omnipotent love alone, has led me to repent of my sin and believe on Jesus Christ, trusting Him alone as my Savior and Lord. As one who has been baptized as a believer in Christ, I desire to unite with this church family. Therefore, I enter into a covenantal relationship with the members of this church. In humble reliance upon the Holy Spirit, I endeavor to pursue the following:

- (1) To meet together for any and all services on each Lord's Day, as the Lord shall give me opportunity, to serve and glorify Him in His worship, to edify one another, and to work together for the good of His church
- (2) To diligently guard the truth, upholding the standard of sound words recorded in Scripture and reflected in our Confession of Faith
- (3) To earnestly seek God's face in prayer both private and corporate for the pleasure of His presence, the needs of the saints, for personal and corporate cleansing from sin and holiness in our journey of sanctification, and for personal and corporate revival as He pleases to give it
- (4) To avoid participation in any secret society which violates the Scriptures or our Confession of Faith
- (5) To wholeheartedly support, love, and care for the church's ministries and members, offering: my prayers, my financial gifts of tithes and offerings, my service
- (6) To boldly witness for the Lord Jesus Christ, living a transformed life and proclaiming the gospel as the Lord guides my steps
- (7) To actively pursue personal holiness before God in fulfillment of the great commandment to love God supremely and my neighbor as Christ has loved us
- (8) To promote the unity of the church, being a peacemaker with all in the body of Christ
- (9) To respectfully follow the elders and other leaders of this church, trusting and supporting their leadership as they follow Christ
- (10) To humbly submit to the church's discipline, graciously repenting when approached about personal sin, and lovingly restoring others who become entangled in sin if they should come to repentance

- (11) To be active in the work of the ministries of the local church, unless providentially hindered
- (12) I also purpose to maintain family and private worship; if God has given me children, to train my children according to the Bible, to walk carefully in the world, to be just in my dealings, faithful in my engagements, and appropriate in my conduct, to avoid gossip, not speaking that which is evil, and to avoid unrighteous anger, to abstain from all forms of activity which dishonor my Lord Jesus Christ, cause stumbling to a fellow believer or hinder bringing a soul to Christ, to be zealous in my efforts to advance the cause of Christ our Savior, and to give Him preeminence in all things.
- (13) I also purpose to guard the sanctity of life, as well as the biblical structure of the family—affirming marriage as that being between a man and a woman joined together by God, which man should not put asunder.
- (14) I further purpose to encourage my fellow brethren in the blessed hope of our Lord's return, to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feelings and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation.
- (15) I moreover purpose that if I remove from this place, I will seek to as soon as possible to unite with some other church of like faith and practice where I can carry out the spirit of this covenant and other principles of God's Word.

This covenant I make in the presence of Almighty God, the Searcher of all hearts, with a true intention to fulfill my obligations, as I shall answer at the Last Day, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed. I most humbly beseech the Lord to strengthen me by His Holy Spirit for this end, and for His glory and honor.

Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written word of God.

We believe that there is one God eternally existent in three persons, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

We believe in the Blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ, at His return.

We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ. We believe that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation.

We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the human body in answer to believing in prayer.

We believe that the baptism in the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.

We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling, the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separate life in this present world.