



**Belmont Church
Membership
Packet**

BELMONT CHURCH CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. A personal affirmation that you have accepted Christ Jesus as Savior and Lord.
2. You agree with the following biblical truths:
 - a) One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.
 - b) Jesus Christ God's only Son, our only Lord and Savior, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, crucified for our sins, risen from the dead on the third day, ascended to the Father, sitting at His right hand, coming again as Judge and King.
 - c) The Holy Spirit has been sent to all believers.
 - d) The Word of God (the Bible) is our ultimate authority for faith and practice.
 - e) There is one church universal, one family of believers.
 - f) Our salvation comes only through faith in Jesus Christ.
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 in the spirit of the Lord. You need to inform your former church of this pending membership change.
4. You acknowledge and are in agreement that the Belmont pastors and elders have a pastoral responsibility in your life.
5. You commit to support the work of God being done through the Belmont Church with your time, gifts, abilities and finances.
6. You are encouraged to attend one of our “Belmont 101” classes. This will help you to know what Belmont is about and can answer many questions you may have.

Belmont Church believes that godly relationships are key to us fully experiencing all that Christ has for us. We desire to be a church that encourages all of us to walk in community with others. Our goal is that all members have meaningful relationships that enhance our spiritual growth and maturity. We have many types of groups and hope that you will pursue being part of one these.

If you are interested in membership, each adult (18 and over) should fill out a form and submit it to the Member Services Department or turn it in at the Welcome Desk. Someone will be in contact with you to complete this process. For further information, call 244-8739, ext 223.

BELMONT CHURCH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

AS SUBMITTED FROM THE BELMONT ELDERSHIP

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

We believe in the eternal deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His appearance on earth through virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His death to take away the sins of the world and restore right relationship with God, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return to earth in power and glory.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. We believe in the fullness of the Holy Spirit as the empowerment of the Christian for witness and service. We believe that all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are operative and necessary for the church today.

We believe the Bible is the Holy Spirit-inspired, authoritative Word of God and that it is eternally reliable.

We believe that salvation is by grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that repentance toward God, faith in Jesus Christ and regeneration by the Holy Spirit are necessary for salvation.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; those who are saved to eternal life and those who are lost to eternal damnation.

We believe in one universal Church that is the Body of Christ. We believe that Christ is its head. We believe that all who are born again are its members.. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe the church's purpose is offering worship to God, fellowship, ministry and instruction to itself, and evangelism and service to the world

We believe that the Great Commission is for us today and that we are to be a church open to all people groups. We will also actively pursue discipleship ministry to help believers grow in their knowledge and devotion to Christ.

We believe in baptizing believers by immersion in obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe in the importance of the Lord's Supper and emphasize that all are believers should partake regularly with others remembering the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord, celebrating the new covenant with God and with one another, anticipating His glorious return.

We believe in the ministry and presence of angels, the reality of the devil and demonic beings and the legitimacy and necessity for spiritual warfare over the nations, cities, families and individuals.

We believe in the sanctity of life, celibacy for singles, sexual purity for all and the sacredness of marriage.

We believe that Jesus Christ has called both men and women to the ministry of God's word and power (Galatians 3:26-29). Though men and women have differing roles, women are to be encouraged and released in the ministry of the church, including public ministry as God leads.

We believe in God's continued calling on Israel, and we accept a calling to stand with, comfort and encourage the Jewish people throughout the world. (Romans 1:16; Romans 11: 11-26)

We believe that when Jesus ascended He gave the gifts of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to the purpose of equipping the church and bringing the body of Christ into maturity (Ephesians 4: 1-11) and that these ministry gifts continue today.

We believe that God has entrusted to His church both the message and ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5) and that we must be proactive in tearing down dividing walls based on racial, socioeconomic denominational background.

BELMONT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Each adult should complete an application and turn it in to their cell leader along with the Belmont Covenant. **PLEASE PRINT**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date: _____

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____ Home Phone _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____ City, State, Zip _____

E-mail Address _____ Pager _____ Cellular Phone _____

Occupation _____ Position _____

Place of employment _____ Work Phone _____ Fax # _____

If student, name of College _____ Date of graduation _____

Birthdate _____ Date Saved _____ Wedding Date _____ Gender _____ Blood Type _____

FAMILY

Marital Status: Single _____ Single Parent _____ Widowed _____ Married _____ Married/Separated _____
Divorced _____

Spouse's Name _____

Spouse's Employment _____ Work Phone _____

Does spouse attend Belmont? _____ Are they a member? _____

CHILDREN - (list children 18 and under who will be participating regularly in church activities)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Grade in School</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>

INTERESTS/TALENTS/GIFTS

What special interests, talents, gifts do you have? _____

CHURCH BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Year you became a Christian _____ In what denomination? _____ Water Baptized (yes/no)

Church last attended: _____ Denomination _____

City, State, Zip _____ Pastor _____

Areas of service or ministry _____

Did you leave on good terms with the pastors, leaders and church? (yes/no) If no, please explain:

How did you learn about Belmont? _____

Whom do you know at Belmont? _____

Have you had any Bible/theological training, or special equipping for ministry? (yes / no) If yes, please explain: _____

Have you read the Affirmation of Faith written for Belmont Church by the overseers? (yes / no)

Do you understand that this Affirmation of Faith reflects the view of the Elders for Belmont Church? (yes / no)

Have you read our "Criteria for Membership" and agree with this? (yes / no)

Have you attended the "Belmont 101" class?

Yes

No

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Pastor/Elder / Community Group Leader Signature: _____

Date: _____

BELMONT CHURCH COVENANT

A COVENANT OF PARTNERSHIP WITH BELMONT CHURCH

I Have Committed to Follow Jesus Christ

Because of God's grace, and my response to it in repentance and faith, I know that I am a Christian and a member of the worldwide Body of Jesus Christ. I have committed my entire life, all that I am and all that I own, to Jesus Christ and I desire to follow His leadership in my life through obedience and service.

I Have Been Called by God to Membership at Belmont Church

As I have sought the Lord in prayer, I believe that He has led me to commit myself to Belmont Church. I personally identify with and am committed to the purpose and values of this particular expression of God's Family. I also acknowledge that Jesus has given the leadership of Belmont Church to me as a pastoral covering for my life, and I give them the freedom to speak into my life that I might grow in my Christian walk and in my ministry to others.

I Am Committed to Walk with Belmont Church

I understand that by becoming a member of Belmont Church that I have committed myself to walk with other members of this Body in vital relationships, to be equipped and released into ministry, and to regularly participate in our corporate assemblies. I will demonstrate this commitment by actively pursuing relationships where I will have the opportunity to be pastored, to care for and serve others, to use my gifts, and to reach out to prodigals and unbelievers. I will walk in this commitment until such time that Jesus clearly leads me to serve in another place in His body.

I sign this Belmont Covenant before the Lord Jesus and the leadership of Belmont Church on this day _____.

Member Signature

Pastor/Elder/Community Group Ldr Sig.