



Where Every Member is an
Important Piece in the Puzzle

Calvary Christian Center

Membership Booklet

The Scriptures call us to love one another, outdo one another in showing honor, live in harmony with one another, instruct, greet, comfort, serve, bear the burdens of, forgive, encourage, always seek to do good to, exhort, stir up to love and good works, confess sins to, pray for, and show hospitality to one another.

Believers may pursue these obligations to each other through many avenues, but the primary way we are to fulfill them is within the fold of this beautiful reality called the local church.

Reasons Why Should You Become A Church Member?

A place of commitment for the Christian.

It's good to commit yourself to love and serve others. You will grow as a Christian as you commit to encourage, build up, strengthen, serve, and pray for other Christians.

Others are committed to you.

Becoming a member of a church means joining with an entire group of Christians who have now covenanted to watch over you spiritually.

If you're a member of a church you have an entire church full of people who are publicly committed to loving you and serving you and watching over you.

An Umbrella of protection.

As a member of the church, there are pastors and leaders who will care for you, pray for you, and personally counsel and teach you. As a member of the church, they are accountable to God for how they lead you (Heb. 13:17).

Safety net.

Being a church member means that a whole church full of people are committed to helping you live a life that's pleasing to God. Christians are there for one another according to Galatians 6:1. *If another believer is overcome by sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path.*

Assurance.

Membership is the church's affirmation of the validity and genuineness of a person's profession of faith.

How does a Person Become a Member?

- ✓ Experience salvation
- ✓ Review this Membership Booklet
- ✓ Sign the “Membership Covenant” at the end of the Booklet
 - ✓ **Protecting our Unity**
 - ...By acting in love toward other members*
 - ...By refusing to gossip*
 - ...By following the leadership*
 - ✓ **Share in the responsibility**
 - ...By praying for its growth*
 - ...By inviting the unchurched to attend*
 - ...By warmly welcoming those who visit*
 - ✓ **Involvement in servant ministry**
 - ...By discovering my gifts and talents*
 - ...By being equipped to serve*
 - ...By developing a servant’s heart*
 - ✓ **Attending Faithfully**
 - ...By attending faithfully*
 - ...By living a godly life*
 - ...By giving of the tithe regularly*
- ✓ When approved by the Board you will. . .
- ✓ Be received into membership in a Sunday Morning Service

Membership Booklet and Constitution and By-Laws Online

This membership booklet is available online by requesting a PDF copy by emailing the pastor at robin@c3pottstown.com.

You can also request a copy of our [Constitution and By-Laws](#) by clicking on it or at the same email address.

Devotional helps are also available for you. Sign up to receive 2 devotions a week, one each Monday and Friday. [Click here](#) to sign up or go to ramckinley.com and enter your first name and email address.

We Are Online and on the Web

Our website is @ www.c3pottstown.com

Find out what’s happening and our sign-ups @ www.c3outlet.com

Like us on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/c3pottstown>

Our prayer page is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/208145812532997>

Our Vision

Discover God through worship

Nurture growth through fellowship and teaching

Actively serve Christ in the church and community

Our Mission

The Great Commandment

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:37-39

The Great Commission

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

Our Objectives

Connect . . .

That fellowship is naturally inclusive and desired by everyone.

Grow . . .

That discipleship is continuously taught with devotion

Serve . . .

That gift oriented ministry is discovered, developed and utilized

Go . . .

That evangelism is a way of life which is always in our hearts and on our minds

Worship . . .

That worship is a daily celebration.

Our Core Values

Calvary Christian Center is . . .

. . . a Bible believing church

Matt. 7:24 Jesus said, Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

. . . a Pentecostal church striving to be led by God's Spirit in everything we do

Romans 8:14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

. . . a worshiping church

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and Sisters view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a Living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship

. . . a church committed to developing individual discipleship and spiritual giftings

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you Matt 28:19-20

1 Timothy 4:14 Do not neglect your gift. . .

. . . a church where relationships are formed and nurtured

1 John 4:7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

. . . a church that reaches out with relevant evangelism

Matthew 4:19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

What We Believe?

We are an Assembly of God Church. The Bible is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. This statement of our 16 Fundamental Truths is intended simply as a basis of fellowship among us (i.e., that we all speak the same thing, 1 Corinthians 1:10; Acts 2:42). The phraseology employed in this statement is not inspired or contended for, but the truth set forth is held to be essential to a full-gospel ministry. No claim is made that it contains all Biblical truth; only that it covers our need as to these fundamental doctrines.

1. **The Scripture Inspired**

The scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21).

2. **The One True God**

The one true God has revealed himself as the eternally self-existent "I AM," the Creator of heaven and earth, the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association as Father, Son and Holy Ghost (Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 43:10,11, Matthew 28:19, Luke 3:22).

3. **The Deity of the Lord Jesus**

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declare his:

- a. Virgin birth (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31,35)
- b. Sinless life (Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22)
- c. Miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38)
- d. Substitutionary work on the cross (1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
- e. Bodily resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:39; 1 Corinthians 15:4); and
- f. Exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9, 11; 2:33; Philippians 2:9, 11; Hebrews 1:3).

4. **The Fall of Man**

Man was created good and upright; for God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." However, man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God (Genesis 1:26, 27; 2:17; 3:6; Romans 5:12-19).

5. **The Salvation of Man**

Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

a. **Conditions of Salvation**

Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. (Luke 24:47; John 3:3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 2:11, 3:5-7)

b. **The Evidences of Salvation**

The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:24; Titus 2:12).

6. **The Ordinances of the Church**

a. **Baptism in Water**

The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded in the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Savior and Lord are to be baptized. Thus, they declare to the

world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with him to walk in newness of life (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47, 48; Romans 6:4).

b. **Holy Communion**

The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements - bread and the fruit of the vine, is the symbol expressing our sharing in the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:4); a memorial of his suffering and death (1 Corinthians 11:26); and a prophecy of his second coming (1 Corinthians 11:26); and is enjoined on all believers "till he comes!"

7. **The Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it comes the enduement of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31). This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 8:12-17; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9). With the baptism in the Holy Spirit come such experiences as an overflowing fullness of the Spirit (John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8), a deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Hebrews 12:28), an intensified consecration to God and dedication to his work (Acts 2:42), and more active love for Christ, for his Word, and for the lost (Mark 16:20).

8. **The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance (Acts 2:4).

9. **Sanctification**

Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:12). The Scriptures teach a life of "holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14). By the power of the Holy Ghost, we are able to obey the command: "Be ye holy; for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15,16) (Romans 6:1-11,13; Romans 8:1,2,13; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:12,13; 1 Peter 1:5).

10. **The Church and Its Mission**

The Church is the Body of Christ and each believer is an integral part. (Ephesians 1:22, 23; 2:22; Hebrews 12:23).

Since God's purpose concerning man is to seek and to save that which is lost, to be worshiped by man, and to build a body of believers in the image of his Son, the priority reason-for-being of the Assemblies of God as part of the Church is to be:

- a. An agency of God for evangelizing the world (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:15,16);
- b. A corporate body in which man may worship God (1 Corinthians 12:13); and
- c. A channel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of his Son (Ephesians 4:11, 16; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 1 Corinthians 14:12).

The Assemblies of God exists expressly to give continuing emphasis to this reason-for-being in the New Testament apostolic pattern by teaching and encouraging believers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. This experience:

- a. Enables them to evangelize the power of the Spirit with accompanying supernatural signs (Mark 16:15-20; Acts 4:29-31; Hebrews 2:3,4);
- b. Adds a necessary dimension to a worshipful relationship with God (1 Corinthians 2:10-16; 1 Corinthians 12,13 and 14); and
- c. Enables them to respond to the full working of the Holy Spirit in expression of fruit, gifts, and ministries as in New Testament times for edifying the body of Christ (Galatians 5:22-26; 1 Corinthians 14:12; Ephesians 4:11,12; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Colossians 1:29).

11. **The Ministry**

A divinely-called and scripturally-ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for a threefold purpose of leading the Church in:

- a. evangelizing the world (Mark 16:15-20),
- b. worshiping God (John 4:23,23), and
- c. building a body of saints being perfected in the image of his Son (Ephesians 4:11-16).

12. **Divine Healing**

Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers (Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:16, 17; James 5:14-16).

13. **The Blessed Hope**

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the Church. (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; Romans 8:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Corinthians 15:51,52).

14. **The Millennial Reign of Christ**

The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with his saints to reign on the earth for one thousand years (Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 24:27, 30; Revelation 1:7; 19:11-14; 20:1-6). This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel (Ezekiel 37:21,22; Zephaniah 3:19,20; Romans 11:26,27) and the establishment of universal peace (Isaiah 11:6-9; Psalms 72:3-8; Micah 4:3,4).

15. **The Final Judgment**

There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the Devil and his angels, the beast, and the false prophet, will be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Revelation 19:20; 20:11-15; 21:8).

16. **The New Heavens and the New Earth**

We, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21 and 22).

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

Your information will be read only by the Pastor and Board Members and kept confidential. The sole purpose for this questionnaire is for us to get to know more about your spiritual journey. You may fill out this paper one or email your response to these questions to robin@c3pottstown.com

We are interested in how you became a Christian:

Briefly explain the Gospel in your own words:

Have you been baptized? If so, how? If not, do you desire to be?

Tell us briefly what you have experienced at Calvary Christian Center so far that has led you to consider becoming a member:



Membership Covenant

What is our Membership Covenant?

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and having been baptized in water, and being in agreement with CALVARY CHRISTIAN CENTER's purpose, beliefs, values, strategy, and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the CALVARY CHRISTIAN CENTER family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I Will Protect the UNITY of My Church

- ...By acting in love toward other members
- ...By refusing to gossip
- ...By following the leaders

"Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification."

— Romans 14:19

"Live in complete harmony with each other—each with the attitude of Christ toward each other."

— Romans 15:5 (LB)

"...have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart."

— 1 Peter 1:22

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs..."

— Ephesians 4:29

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you."

— Hebrews 13:17

2. I Will Share the RESPONSIBILITY of My Church

- ...By praying for its growth
- ...By inviting the unchurched to attend
- ...By warmly welcoming those who visit

"We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers." — 1 Thessalonians 1:2

"...Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full."

— Luke 14:23

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

— Romans 15:7

"So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified."

— Romans 15:7 (Living Bible)

3. I Will Serve the MINISTRY of My Church

...By discovering my gifts and talents
...By being equipped to serve
...By developing a servant's heart

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."
— 1 Peter 4:10

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you..."
— 1 Peter 4:10 (Phillip's)

"It was he who gave some to be...pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up..."
— Ephesians 4:11-12

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others...but [Christ] made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant..."
— Philippians 2:3-4,7

4. I Will Support the TESTIMONY of My Church

...By attending faithfully
...By living a godly life
...By giving regularly

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."
— Hebrews 10:25

"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ..."
— Philippians 1:27

"On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income..."
— 1 Corinthians 16:2

"A tithe (tenth) of everything....belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD."
— Leviticus 27:30

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____
(spouse's signature if applicable)

Your Name(s) Printed _____
