MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date: _____

Name of Spouse: _____ Marital Status: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Children's Names & Ages: _____

MEMBERSHIP SAYS…

I belong here. And God says that believers belong together (Hebrews 10:23-25). I sense that God wants me here with the people of Harvest Bible Chapel at this time in my walk with Christ, and I want to make a public declaration that I am committed to God's work through this church.

I affirm, believe and support the teaching of this church. And God says the believers had all things in common including devotion to the Apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42-47). I desire to associate with people of like mind and conviction and embrace the authority of God's Word in my life and the life of the church.

I share the same ministry goals as Harvest. And God says that believers are to be committed to one another for the sake of spiritual impact (Ephesians 4:16). I believe that Jesus has a work to do in the Chicagoland area and around the world, and I am willing to join with others who have the same vision to see that it gets done.

I accept responsibility for a group of fellow believers in the family of God. And that is God's plan as well (Galatians 6:1-2, 10). I want to be part of a caring network of people, sharing one another's joys and sorrows, and helping one another grow through worship, Bible study, and fellowship.

I am accountable to mature brothers and sisters in Christ for my walk with God. And God warns against spiritual autonomy (Hebrews 13:17; Matthew 18:15-20). I want to receive the guidance, equipping, and assistance necessary to remain on target and you do not want to go it alone in standing for Jesus Christ.

I accept responsibility for how things are done here. And God says that is how it should be (1 Corinthians 12:20-27). Elders, deacons, and other church leaders are called from within and serve the congregation. I believe every member needs to contribute their unique gifting and passion to contribute to a healthy body.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

How long have you been attending Harvest? _____ Years

How did you hear about Harvest? _____

What campus do you primarily attend: Rolling Meadows

How has attending Harvest impacted your life?

Why would you like to become a member at Harvest Bible Chapel?

BAPTISM

☐ I have already been baptized since becoming a follower of Christ.

Where and when were you baptized? _____

☐ I have accepted Christ as my Savior, but have not been baptized. Please contact me about the next available baptismal service.

PEAK PERFORMANCE

☐ I have completed Peak Performance classes. When (month & year)? _____

☐ I have not completed Peak Performance classes. Please register me.

PREVIOUS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

☐ I have enclosed my letter of transfer from my previous church

MY TESTIMONY OF PERSONAL FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

In order to become a member of Harvest Bible Chapel, you need to have a clear testimony of personal faith in Jesus Christ. Please follow this outline to write out your testimony. Please write legibly or type out your story.

Before I trusted in Christ my life was…

This is how and when I trusted in Jesus Christ as my Savior…

Here are one or two ways Christ has changed my life…

PREPARING YOUR STORY

Writing out your story of personal faith is Jesus Christ is a wonderful exercise to reflect on how God has worked in your life to draw you to Himself.

As you consider your testimony, realize that you are a unique person in God's eyes. You have your own story to tell. However, make sure the focus is on what God has done and is doing in your life.

The three part outline is helpful for guiding your testimony:

I once was…
Spend a brief time on "before." This is not a biography from childhood. It is best to start at a time in life which relates to your experience with Christ. .

But Christ…
Be as specific as possible. When and where did you surrender your life to Christ? What was happening in your life at the time? If you know the month and year, share that. How did you surrender your life to the Lord?

And now…
Be practical. Explain how Christ has changed your life. Share how you are growing in your walk with Christ. "Just as you have received him, so walk in him, rooted and built up and strengthened in the faith" (Colossians 2:6-7).

FOUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENTS

1) I have by faith become a **follower of Jesus Christ** and I have been baptized as a visible way of demonstrating that commitment.

2) Because a disciple **worships Christ**, I will attend and fully participate in weekend worship services at Harvest.

3) Because a disciple **walks with Christ**, I will seek to maintain consistent disciplines of Bible study, prayer, and personal witness. I will walk in fellowship with other believers at Harvest by participating in the Small Group ministry at some level. To maintain unity in fellowship, I will neither criticize nor listen to criticism concerning any member(s) of this body and will, when personally offended, speak directly and lovingly with those involved.

4) Because a disciple **works for Christ**, I will seek a place to serve with Harvest that corresponds with my spiritual gifts and passions. I will financially support the ministries of Harvest by faithfully giving back to the Lord a biblical portion of my increase.

DOCTRINE

☐ I have read the Doctrinal Statement of Harvest Bible Chapel.

☐ I am in agreement with the Doctrinal Statement of Harvest Bible Chapel.

☐ I have these questions and/or concerns regarding the Doctrine of Harvest Bible Chapel.

I have shared truthfully in this application and am in agreement with the commitments for membership as stated above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

To schedule a Membership Interview, please complete this form and submit it to Sue Dueck at:

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- **sdueck@harvestbiblechapel.org**
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