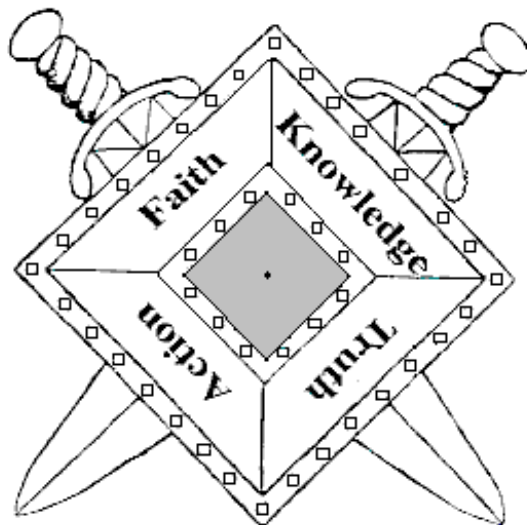


GETTING HOOKED UP

MEMBERSHIP
AT
HOUSE OF THE LORD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

FAITH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE



PRODUCES TRUTH IN ACTION

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HOUSE OF THE LORD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Dear Prospective Member,

We thank God for your interest in becoming a member and getting involved with the growing body of believers at House of the Lord Fellowship Church.

I want to share with you two types of membership we offer at House of the Lord. The first is called **Regular Membership** and the other is our **Working Membership**.

Regular Membership: **Regular** membership is open to all that have read and agreed with our Statement of Faith (attached) and desires to become a part of our fellowship.

- A. Agree, read and sign our Statement of Faith.
- B. Fill out Section I. of the Membership Application form.
- C. Come forward on Membership Sunday.

Working Membership: **Working** membership is for those who not only desire to join our fellowship, but desire to work in a department in the body or in leadership.

- A. Complete the 8-Week "What We Believe" class.
- B. Agree, read and sign our Statement of Faith.
- C. Agree, read and sign our Statement of Moral and Ethical Behavior
- D. Complete the entire Membership Application form.
- E. Come forward on Membership Sunday.

The Word of God says "*Know those that minister among you*", (I Thessalonians 5: 12) and "*It is required in stewards that they be found faithful*". (I Corinthians 4: 2) To this end, and so that harmony abounds, every person working in every department must meet the same level of training. "*How can two walk together except they be agreed*". (Amos 3: 3) If all our workers receive the same training and criteria, adhere to the same standards of moral conduct, the strength of unity is preserved and will be assured.

Should you have any questions or comments, we are here to serve and bless you.

In His Love and Grace,

Jim Lillard
Sr. Pastor



HOUSE OF THE LORD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. The Old and New Testament are the inspired Word of God. In these Testaments we find the complete revelation of God's will for the salvation of men and the divine and final authority for all-Christian faith and life.
2. In one god, Creator of all things, who is infinitely perfect and eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.
3. That Jesus the Christ is true God and true man. He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into Heaven, and is now at the right hand of the Father as our High Priest and advocate.
4. That man was created in the image of God, but fell into sin and thereby lost his position with God. Only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can Salvation and spiritual life be obtained. The shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only grounds for justification and salvation.
5. That water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be observed by the church during the present age. However, they are not to be regarded as means of salvation.
6. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. During this age, He indwells guides, instructs, and empowers the believer with Godly living and service. Every believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues as the initial physical evidence.
7. Every born-again, Spirit Filled believer should maintain a consistent prayer life. This should be true both in praying with the understanding and in praying in the Spirit.
8. That without faith, it is impossible to please God. The atonement provides not only salvation for the believer, but healing and prosperity as well. We are redeemed from the curse of the law, which are poverty, sickness and death. Our lives will be prosperous and healthy, as we will walk in the light of this redemption with faith in God's Word.
9. The true church is composed of all those who are born again. Through this new birth we are united together in the body of Christ. Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church. Every local church has the right under Christ to decide and govern its own affairs.
10. In the personal, pre-millennial and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. This "Blessed Hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.
11. In the bodily resurrection of the dead, of the believer to everlasting joy with the Lord and of the unbeliever to judgement and everlasting conscious punishment.

By affirmation of my signature, I attest my agreement to the above Statement of Faith.

Signature

Date

Our Commitment to Ministry Excellence

When an individual leaves the anonymity of the congregation and steps into the spotlight of ministry, leadership, or service, certain lifestyle traits and character development are expected. With promotion comes responsibility and a higher order.

The tithes and offerings are holy before God. Those who handle the receiving of this holy ministry of finances from the people of God to God must do so with clean hands. The offerings of the people cannot be polluted because an usher or hostess or minister is living a life of sin. The prosperity of the body can be affected.

Those who lead the people into God's presence in praise and worship, those who bring God's presence to the people through worship or praise must do so with clean hands. Sinful lifestyles in members of the praise team can hinder the flow for the entire body.

Department heads, teachers, ministers and leaders in the body must lead a lifestyle of exemplary conduct. People can be led astray by their unchaste behavior. Their act of sin can pollute or affect a department or even a congregation.

When one picks up the mantle of leadership or service in a ministry area they must also recognize that more is required of them. They must live a life of example. They must answer to a higher standard. To this end the following pledge is presented.

House of the Lord Fellowship Church

Our Commitment to Moral and Ethical Responsibility For Those in Leadership and Ministry Service

I understand that people are watching my life and examples...

(Matthew 7: 16, 17 - Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.)

and I know that improper behavior on my part may cause another to fall...

(Romans 14: 21 - It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.)

I know that all who may be touched or impacted by my life and example may not be mature, and their growth in God may be affected by some improper action or conduct on my part...

(I Corinthians 8:9 - But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak.)

That there is a price to pay for majoring in liberty rather than seeking God's will for my life...

(Galatians 5: 13 - For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.)

I Therefore:

1. Agree that I will live my life openly before all in such a manner as not to cause another to stumble due to my behavior, example or lack of restraint. Rather, that my life and service build the body of Christ as I determine to be a good example for others to follow. As it says in Romans 14: 12,13 "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way."

2. Will live a life free from the use of any and all illegal prohibited or controlled substances. I will walk in the victory Jesus bought for me.
3. I will live free from moral contaminates such as pornography, perversion, engaging in sex of any kind outside the sanctity of marriage. I will set no evil thing before my eyes.
4. I will not engage in any form of excess, whether it is alcohol, prescription drugs, gluttony, or anything or place which could mar or impair my judgement or abilities.
5. I understand that my Godly moral conduct goes beyond the ministry in which I am involved. That my Christian example should be one of control, not allowing anger, jealousy, rebellion, gossip, deception or any form of dishonesty or impropriety to gain a foothold in my life.
6. I understand that I am to lead by example, not just by precept. I agree therefore, that my ethical behavior will, at all times, reflect that which is expected of those who handle the things of God, as outlined in the New Testament.
7. I commit to living my life in the manner that draws others to God, rather than one that causes others to fall. I will strive to leave behind that which hinders and press toward maturity and the stature of the Christ.
8. I understand that a breach of my moral and/or ethical responsibilities before God and my fellow believers could result in my temporary or permanent removal from any or all positions of responsibility at House of the Lord Fellowship Church.

I set myself in agreement with this commitment to moral and ethical responsibility by assigning my signature here to:

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name_____



HOUSE OF THE LORD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

SECTION I. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

BIRTHDATE _____ HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

- Yes No 1. I have received Jesus Christ as my Personal Savior.
- Yes No 2. I believe in the scriptural mandate of Baptism in Water.
- Yes No 3. I believe in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.
- Yes No 4. I have read and signed that I am in agreement with the Statement of Faith.

SECTION II. - WORKING MEMBERSHIP

I am submitting this application for membership to the House of the Lord Fellowship Church. I have completed the eight-(8) membership classes of "What We Believe" and have read and signed "my commitment to moral and ethical responsibility". Upon acceptance, I understand that I will be a member in good standing at House of the Lord Fellowship Church. I further understand that I will qualify to work as a volunteer or staff member in the ministerial areas of this Church body. (All Ministers are required to sign the same statements and attend the same classes without exception.)

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

- Yes No 5. I have completed all eight (8) membership classes.
- Yes No 6. I understand the commitment I am making and have signed the statement of moral and ethical conduct for leadership and Helps Ministers.
- Yes No 7. I am committed to support House of the Lord Fellowship with:
 - Yes No - My regular attendance.
 - Yes No - My talents and abilities.
 - Yes No - My tithes (10% of my increase) and offerings as I am blessed.
 - Yes No - My prayers.

Signature _____ Date _____