



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Name: _____

<u>Approved by</u>	<u>Date</u>	Applicant Photo
Pastor: _____	_____	
Elder: _____	_____	
Elder: _____	_____	
Interviewed by: _____	_____	
Notified by: _____	_____	
Welcomed in Service	_____	

This is an application for membership to PassageWay Church. We believe that Scripture clearly points out the need for every Christian to identify with a local church. Ephesians 4:25 says that we are "members of one another." Church membership is the way we express that oneness.

In becoming a member of this church, you are making a commitment first of all to the Lord Jesus Christ, who is its Head. You are pledging your loyalty to Him; to love Him, obey Him, and to give yourself regularly to the study of His Word and praying to Him.

And because the Church is His body, you are making a commitment to love this church as He does; to submit to the loving leadership of the officers of this church, to seek to discover your own spiritual gifts and to use them for the edification of the body, to support the work of this church with your spiritual and material resources as God prospers, and to faithfully gather together with the other members of this church for worship, teaching, fellowship, and outreach.

But becoming a member of this church also means that we are making a commitment to you; to provide you with the spiritual oversight of the officers, to feed you on the Word of God, to do all we can to care for your spiritual, physical, and emotional needs, to help you discover and use your spiritual gifts, and to see you reach full maturity as a Christian.

It is the desire of the officers that the process of becoming a member of this church be an exciting step in your life. If you have any questions about the application, or feel hesitant for any reason, we would be glad to talk with you.

In His service,

The officers of PassageWay Church



STATEMENT OF FAITH

God

1. We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

The Bible

2. We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.

The Human Condition

3. We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.

Jesus Christ

4. We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus—Israel's promised Messiah—was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

The Work of Christ

5. We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

The Holy Spirit

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

The Church

7. We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace, through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.

Christian Living

8. We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

Gender, Human Life, Marriage and Sexuality

9. We believe that all human life is sacred because all human beings bear God's image. People are genetically and immutably conceived as male or female, and from the moment of conception are worthy of being defended, protected and valued.

We believe that marriage, as created by God and commanded by Jesus, is the union of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union for life. Christian marriage is uniquely intended to portray the loving and submissive relationship between Jesus and His bride, the Church. Sexual intimacy should only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. All sexual immorality is sinful and displeasing to God.

Christ's Return

10. We believe in the personal, bodily and premillennial return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

Response and Eternal Destiny

11. We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.



MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

The following is my covenant with the Lord:

Having been led by the Holy Spirit and brought by His grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and to give myself wholly to Him by receiving Him as Savior and confessing Him as Lord, I am committed to forsake the ways of sin and to walk in Christian love and in the paths of righteousness.

I will seek to exercise loving care as a member of the body of Christ toward the other members of this church to its growth in Christian knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to strive with others for both the peace and purity of this, Christ's church; to sustain its worship and to cherish Christ's ordinances (baptism and communion) by my faithful attendance and diligent participation, and to contribute as a faithful steward, my time, talents, and money, in the measure that Christ prospers me, that this church's world-wide ministry of making disciples by spreading the Gospel be faithfully carried out.

I will seek to maintain family and private devotions, to teach the Bible to my family, to seek the salvation of my family and acquaintances, and to walk uprightly in the world to the end that I may win souls for the Lord Jesus Christ. I will strive to be a Christian example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity of life, remembering that we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth, and that a city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

I will also seek to give and receive admonition with humility and compassion; to remember the other members of this church in prayer, and to aid them in case of sickness and distress; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and to encourage one another in the blessed hope of our Lord's return. I, moreover, commit that when I move from this congregation, I will involve myself with another local church where I can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of the Word of God.

I understand that membership in this church involves accountability and submission to the loving leadership of the officers as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of PassageWay Church. Furthermore, I agree that if my conduct so requires, these men have both the right and the responsibility according to Matthew 18, 1 Corinthians 5, etc., to discipline me in the manner prescribed by these Scriptures.

Finally, I understand that any member who seeks a transfer of membership or any other removal of his name from the church roll while subject to any stage of church discipline will not have his name removed from the church roll without the consent of the elders and the church membership. The disciplinary process will continue to completion.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____



Note: You may use the final back page for any additional notes or to explain any of your responses.

Circle one: Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Dr. Today's Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Birthdate: _____ Occupation: _____

Home Phone: _____ Employer: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Marital Status: (Circle one) Single / Married / Separated / Divorced / Remarried / Widowed

Spouse's Name: _____

Anniversary Date: _____

If divorced or separated, please explain the circumstances: _____

Names & birthdates of all children in your family (living at home): Birthday(s):

Have you been baptized since your decision to receive Christ? Yes _____ No _____

 If not, are you willing to be baptized? Yes _____ No _____

Have you thoroughly read the PassageWay Statement of Faith? Yes _____ No _____

 Do you agree with it in its entirety? Yes _____ No _____

If there is an area of disagreement or misunderstanding about anything in the Statement of Faith, please explain further in the space below: _____

Have you read PassageWay's Membership Covenant and signed it? Yes _____ No _____

If you have any questions or reservations about signing the Membership Covenant, please explain below: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a sexual offense? Yes _____ No _____

Your Personal Testimony:

1. Please describe your life before you came to know Jesus:

2. Please describe how you came to know Jesus and what you now believe about who He is and what He has done for you:

3. Please describe how your life is different now that you know Jesus as Lord and Savior and how you are growing in your faith, obedience and service for His glory:
