

## 5. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MBC TO ITS MEMBERS

The responsibility of the local church to its members is to provide the environment for:

Teaching, Care, Encouragement, Equipping and Nurture to enable every member to become mature disciples of our Lord.

This responsibility is borne by the **entire church** for each member but especially by the leadership of the church who are called to be shepherds of the congregation.

NAME:.....

SIGNED:.....

DATE:.....

Office Use:

Interviewed: .....

Orientation: .....

Accepted: .....



Meadowridge Baptist Church

# New Member Application



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# MEADOWRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear Friend

We are so glad that you are thinking about joining this Church! We believe that the Christian community that we choose to become a part of plays a very significant role in our lives. Being actively involved in the life of a church can be a tremendous blessing.

Becoming involved in a Christian community is a significant decision to make and we have a process in place designed to help people make that important decision and to become integrated into the life of the church.

Before formally joining the church as a member we would encourage you to attend the church regularly for a while first in order for you to get an idea of whether this is the church for you.

**New member's orientation** runs every term and consists of one session where one of the pastors will speak about the church and explain our vision; our values; our organizational structure; our understanding of mission and ministry and about how we understand church membership at MBC.

After Membership orientation and after receiving your completed application forms we will arrange with you for someone from the church leadership to meet with you, to get to know you and to help you on your journey into full active membership in the church.

We are so glad that you are considering joining MBC and look forward to our partnership in ministry with you if indeed the Lord leads you to make MBC your Spiritual home.

### 3. I will support the TESTIMONY of my church by

Attending the worship and communion services faithfully  
Living a godly life  
Giving regularly

*"Let us not give up meeting together .. But let us encourage one another." (Heb 10: 25)*

*"Whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ." (Phil. 1: 27 PHILLIPS)*

*"Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering." (1 Cor. 16: 1LB)*

### 4. I will protect the UNITY of my church by:

Acting in love toward other members  
Refusing to gossip  
Following the leaders

*"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together." (Rom. 14: 19 PHILLIPS).*

*"Have a sincere love for other believers, love one another earnestly with all your heart." (1 Peter 1: 22 TEV)*

*"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs." (Eph. 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 no advantage to you." (Heb. 13: 17)*

# MY CHURCH MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Knowing Christ as my Lord and Saviour and believing that it is God's will for me to become a member of the Meadowridge Baptist Church, I now commit myself to God and to the other members of my church family to do the following:

## 1. I will share the RESPONSIBILITY of my church by:

- Praying for its growth
- Inviting others to participate in the life of the church
- Warmly welcoming those who visit
- Seeking to share the good news about Jesus Christ

## 2. I will serve the MINISTRY of my church by:

- Discovering my gifts and talents
- Being equipped to serve by those in leadership
- Developing a servant's heart
- Engaging in some definite ministry in connection with the Church or community

*"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you." (1 Peter 4: 10 PHILLIPS)*

*"[God] 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." (Eph. 4: 11,12)*

*"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus "Who .. [took on] the very nature of a servant." (Phil. 2: 3-4, 7)*

# Personal information:

Surname:

Title: Mrs / Miss / Ms / Mr / Prof / Dr / Rev

Christian Name:

Preferred Name (if any):

Date of Birth (necessary for our data base) (dd/mm/yy):

Spouse's Name (if applicable):

Children's Names (if applicable)      Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy)

Name: .....      .....

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Address:

Postal Code:

Phone (h):

Phone (w):

Cell Ph:

E-mail:

Your Occupation:

## Your Christian life

1. Are you a follower of Jesus Christ and have you committed your life to Him?
2. How did you become a Christian?
3. Have you ever been Baptized as a believer? If so when and by whom (if you can recall)?
4. Which churches, if any have you previously been involved in?
5. Are you currently formally recognized as a member of another church? If so which one?
6. Are you currently involved in any ministries in or outside of the church?
7. Are you a part of a small fellowship group / Cell group / LIFE group? IF so which one?
- 8. Are you willing** to support financially the ministries of this church?
9. Do you accept the full and final authority of the Bible in your own life in all matters of faith and conduct?
- 10.** Are you familiar with and prepared to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this church and embrace our church's Vision and Values?