

BAPTISM & MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP FORM



PREPARING FOR BAPTISM AND/ OR MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP

We praise God for your desire to take this step of faith and are thrilled for you!

Your decision to turn from sin and trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour is the most important decision you will ever make. Following your personal commitment to submit your life to the Lordship of Christ, an important next step in your spiritual journey is to be obedient in believer's baptism. This will be a very special moment in your life, and your faith family, Central Community Church, looks forward to worshipping and celebrating with you at your **Baptism**.

If you are committed to the purpose, vision, values and beliefs of Central Community Church, specifically, to follow Jesus and lead others to do the same through community, and now desire to be received as a **Ministry Partner**, we are excited to connect with you!

This form has been prepared to outline for you the steps you need to take to apply and prepare for your baptism / ministry partnership.

SECTION 1: BASIC INFORMATION

This form is personal in nature. If you are married please have your spouse complete his or her own application

Full Legal Name

First Name: _____ Middle Name _____

Last Name: _____

Prior Last Names: Maiden Name and previous names, please explain
(if applicable) _____

Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Marital Status: Single _____ Married _____ Separated _____
Divorced _____ Widowed _____

Spouse's name: _____

Father's name _____ Mother's name? _____

Your Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Birth Date (month/day/year) ___/___/___

Have you been baptized as a believer? Yes _____ No _____

*If "yes" move to section 3

*If "no" please fill out both section 2 and 3

We desire a clear understanding of who you are and where you are at as a follower of Jesus, if you require additional space for your answers, feel free to use additional paper.

SECTION 2: BAPTISM

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as the Saviour and Lord of your life?

- That Jesus died as the sacrificial substitute to pay the penalty for your sins.
- Wrestled through the fundamental question of Jesus' leadership in your life.
- Surrendered your wants and desire for control and risk a step of faith.
- Giving up your own kingdom and embracing God's Kingdom?

Yes _____ No _____

Is it your desire to be baptized? Yes _____ No _____

Baptism illustrates a number of significant realities

Christ's death and resurrection

The disciple's union with Christ in His death and resurrection

The new life in which a disciples walks

Cleansing and washing away of sin

We believe baptism is a public sign that a person has repented of their sins, received forgiveness, died with Christ and has been raised to new life through the power of the Holy Spirit. Baptism is the public declaration of a believer's incorporation into the body of Christ as expressed in the local Church through Ministry Partnership.

Understanding the Meaning of Baptism according to the Bible

- Publicly demonstrates your identification with Christ (Acts 2:38; 8:16; 10:48; Romans 6:3-4, Colossians 2:11-12). You are showing the work of Christ - His death, burial and resurrection - and your participation in that work by God's grace.
- Visibly declares your deliverance from the judgement of God (1 Peter 3:18-21)
- Displays your union with Christ's body, His Church (Acts 2:26-41; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 4:3-6)
- Follows both the example (Matthew 3:13-17) and command of Christ (Matthew 28:19)

Share your understanding of what participating in Baptism signifies: _____

Why do you desire to be baptized? _____

SECTION 3: MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as the Saviour and Lord of your life and experienced believers baptism (immersion/effusion) following your conversion? Yes _____ No _____

Date and age you were when you got baptized. (approximately)

Date: _____ Age: _____

(If you have not been baptized yet simply answer baptism request)

What is the name of your former Church? Were you a member?

(If applicable) _____

If you were an official member of another church please provide the name of the church and contact them requesting a "transfer of membership" to be sent to us by mail or email.

Why do you desire to become a Ministry Partner at Central? _____

What is your understanding of who God is? _____

Upon what basis do you have assurance of your salvation? _____

How did you come to the realization that you were guilty before God and separated from God? What separated you from God? _____

How have you responded to the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection?

What circumstances and people influenced your decision to trust in Christ?

Describe your personal devotional life.

Share an experience of growth in your spiritual life during the last year.

If applicable, are there any unresolved issues left in your life or from your past or former church? What are you doing to resolve this? _____

If you are married, comment on the quality of your relationship. _____

About your time with Central

How long have you attended Central Community Church?

Which Campus do you attend? Chilliwack _____ Agassiz _____

Are you part of a Life Group? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what is the name of your leader? _____

Which community and/or church ministries are you currently active / volunteering: _____

Our Ministry Partners commit themselves to the purpose, vision, values, and beliefs of Central Community Church, specifically, to follow Jesus and lead others to do the same by Loving God, Loving People and Serving Our World. (see central365.org for more information)

Share your understanding of Central's purpose, vision, values and belief and how you may live them out together with the rest of the church body.

Are you willing to engage in your own spiritual growth and discipleship as a follower of Jesus (Loving God)? (Heb. 10:24-25, Phil. 1:27, Ps. 37:5, 1 Cor. 16:2)

Yes _____ No _____ Comments _____

Are you willing to share in the responsibility of engaging in the life of the church for your good and the good of others (Loving People)? (Rom. 15:5, 7; Lk 14:13)

Yes _____ No _____ Comments _____

Are you willing to *serve, use your gifts, and give towards the mission we are on together at Central to reach Chilliwack, Agassiz, and the world for Jesus?*

(1 Pt. 4:10, Eph. 4:11-12, Phil. 2:3-7)

Yes _____ No _____ Comments _____

In your own words clearly write out your personal testimony and why you wish to be baptized/become a Ministry Partner , using the following outline:

1. Describe how your life looked before you became a follower of Jesus.
2. How you became aware of your need for Jesus?
3. How and when you specifically became a follower of Jesus?
4. Communicate the gospel message clearly and briefly. (biblical reference)
5. How has Jesus changed your life today?

Please use the final page of this document to write your testimony.

Once complete drop hard copy off at the Welcome Desk or submit to the Church office. Online forms will automatically be submitted to a Campus Pastor.

It will be reviewed by a Campus Pastor and/or Lead Team Member, after which we will set-up a face to face meeting with you prior to your baptism / becoming a ministry partner.

Applicant Signature

Month/Day/Year

In signing this form, you give consent to Central Community Church to use your personal information. The church has adopted a Privacy Policy as we recognize the rights of people to keep their personal information private. The church will use the personal information we collect for the purpose disclosed at the time of collection. We will not use your personal information for any other purpose without first seeking your consent, unless authorized or required by law.

