

## CHURCH OF GOD CHAPEL

22 Academy Way & Walkers Road, George Town, Grand Cayman

### What We Believe and Practice

#### **Salvation: John 3:3**

The necessity of a personal salvation experience through faith in Jesus Christ.

#### **The Bible as Our Sole Authority: 2 Timothy 3:16**

God's Word is the only completely reliable and truthful authority, so we accept the Bible as our manual for living.

#### **Autonomy of Each Local Church: Colossians. 1:18**

Christ Jesus is the recognized Head of our church, not any person, group or religious organisation.

#### **Priesthood (Ministry) of Every Believer: Revelation 1:5-6; 1 Peter 2:9**

The Bible teaches that every Christian is called to "full-time" Christian service regardless of his or her vocation.

#### **Tithing: Leviticus 27:30; Matthew 23:23**

We practice tithing for the support of Christ's Body, the church--not as a commandment, but as a Biblical principle.

#### **Baptism by Immersion: Romans 6:4**

We practice baptism by immersion (under water)—the way Jesus was baptized and the way the Bible commands.

#### **Spirit-Led Living: Philippians 2:13; Ephesians 5:18**

We believe the only way possible to live the Christian life is by God's power within us.

#### **Telling Others about Christ: 1 Peter 3:15**

Every Christian is personally responsible to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those God sends our way or causes to come into contact with us.

### What is Expected of Each Member

At The Chapel, we never ask our members to do more than the Bible clearly teaches. We only encourage our members to do what the Bible expects every Christian to do. These responsibilities are spelled out below and in the right-hand column.

### The Church of God Chapel Membership Commitments

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with The Church of God Chapel's statements, strategy, and structure (including the Relational Commitments that are now incorporated into our Bylaws), I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with The Chapel church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

#### 1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

- By acting in love toward other members
- By refusing to gossip
- By following the leaders
- By reconciling conflict

*"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together." Rom. 15:19 (PH)*

*"Live in complete harmony with each other - each with the attitude of Christ toward each other." Rom. 15:5 (TLB)*

*"Have a sincere love for your fellow believers, love one another earnestly with all your hearts." 1 Peter 1:22 (GNT)*

*"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 (NIV)*

*"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you." Heb. 13:17 (NASB)*

#### 2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

*"To the church ... we always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers." 1 Thes. 1:1-2 (NIV)*

*"Go out into the country ... and urge anyone you find to come, so that My House will be full." Luke 14:23 (TLB)*

*"Warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." Rom. 15:7 (TLB)*

#### 3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

- By discovering my gifts and talents
- By being equipped to serve
- By developing a servant's heart

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

*"[Jesus Christ] gave some to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, 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 (NKIV/NIV)*

*"Let each of you look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus... who made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant..." Phil. 2:4-5, 7 (NIV)*

#### 4. I WILL SUPPORT THE LIFE OF MY CHURCH

- By attending faithfully
- By supporting the ministry of the church financially
- By living a godly life

*"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing... but let us encourage one another..." Heb. 10:25 (NIV)*

*"Since you excel in everything...see that you also excel in the grace of giving." 2 Cor. 8:7 (NIV)*

*"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ." Phil. 1:27 (NIV)*

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### The Church of God Chapel Membership Covenant

1. Have you committed your life to Jesus Christ and trusted Him for salvation?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
  
When? \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ No, but I am now ready to commit my life to Jesus Christ.
2. Have you been baptized by immersion (under water) after you committed your life to Christ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
  
When ? \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ I want to be baptized.
3. Have you read The Chapel Membership Commitments? And do you understand them?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I have read them and I do understand them (including the Relational Commitments).
4. Do you desire to abide and live by The Chapel Membership Commitments (including the Relational Commitments)?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I do!
5. I am \_\_\_\_\_ years of age and I have been worshipping regularly at the Church of God Chapel which meets at George Town, Grand Cayman (indicate which one):  
\_\_\_\_\_ for more than six (6) months      \_\_\_\_\_ for more than twelve (12) months

If you meet the criteria above and desire to be a Covenant Member of our Congregation, please provide the following details and sign where indicated below, then return this form to us:

Your Email Address(es):

Your Phone Number(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Print Your Name: