

HOW TO JOIN SPRINGPARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Be sure you have committed yourself to the Lordship of Christ first by repentance and faith. Without this commitment, church membership and involvement become meaningless.

- Announce to the church about your desire for membership by responding to the Altar Call, informing the pastor or by approaching any of the church leaders of your decision...
- Be baptised the Bible way. Obey Christ in His command of baptism (if you have not). This is your act of witness to the transforming grace of God in your life. If you have been baptised elsewhere, then come by transfer of membership. (And, if in the future you would want to return to your home church, we would be happy to commend you back).
- Call and arrange for a information session on membership with a pastor/elder.
- Determine that you will serve God through this fellowship in whatever skill, talents or spiritual gifts that God has given you, and to do it faithfully.

Glorify God by acting promptly on this matter. Any delay is opportunity lost. Who knows, God may have called you to this fellowship of kindred hearts for such a time as this!

Giving

We encourage members to generously support the church through regular electronic giving: BSB: 035 050, Account: 290982.

Leadership Structure:

Our members appoint Elders and Pastors to manage and oversee the day to day operation of church. The eldership appoints ministry leaders to oversee the ministries of Springpark. Any major decisions are made by the members as they together discern the will of God.

Elders: Kofi Kumi: Chair, Ivan Igros: Secretary, Thelma Saludo: Finances, Alvin Axalan, Crisvic Duran.

Gavin Jones: Lead Pastor, 0403 311 867, Elijah Avila: Youth Pastor.

OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose as a church is a growing, spiritually healthy fellowship in which all ages and all peoples are not discriminated against but feel comfortable together. Hence,

OUR VISION

Enabling people to experience spiritual transformation by the Word of God

OUR MISSION

Come, Connect, Serve.

1. Come/Worship

We "Come" to God through Jesus Christ ... We "Worship" - we respond to who God is and all that He has done.

We believe that we were created to worship. Worship at Springpark exists to glorify God.

2. Connect/Belong

Our small groups provide opportunities for relationship: growing together through Bible study, shared worship experiences, uplifting times of prayer and encouragement, ministry opportunities, and shared life.

3. Serve/Fulfil

- Ministries (inside the church)
- Missions (outside the church)

OUR VALUES

Bible as the only authority and central in our preaching and teaching
Adoration of God thru inspirational & celebrative worship services
Prayer life formation for effective Christian life and witness
Total giving of our Tithes & Offerings towards our ministry
Immersion as a mode of baptism to signify our obedience in Christ
Studying and learning the Word as to be equipped for the ministry
Two-fold commitment: 'The Great Commission' and 'The Great Commandment'

REASONS FOR JOINING A LOCAL CHURCH

The difference between 'attendees' and 'members' can be summed up in one word : COMMITMENT. In our church we recognise the need for a formal membership for the following reasons.

Biblical Reason: Christ is committed to the church.

'... Christ loved the church, and gave his life for it' Ephesians 5:25. The New Testament focuses primarily on the local church with believers being connected as members and functioning in their capacity. God's work can be organised and coordinated most effectively through the local church. Believers fulfil their calling in Christ as they assume their place in the local body of Christ.

Cultural Reason: It is an antidote to our society.

We live in an age where few want to be committed to anything... a job... a marriage... our country. This attitude has even produced a generation of 'church shoppers & hoppers'. No Christian, however sincere his/her intentions may be, can freely and fully participate in the life of the local body without committing himself or herself to it. Commitment always builds character.

Practical Reason: It defines who can be counted on.

Every team must have a roster. Every school must have an enrolment. Every business has a payroll. Every army has an enlistment. Even our country takes a census and requires voter registration. Membership identifies our family.

Personal Reason: It produces spiritual growth.

The New Testament places a major emphasis on the need for Christian to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth. You cannot be accountable when you're not committed to any specific church family. The church is accountable to God for what influence it makes on its community. Membership gives us the privilege to stir up the body and maximise its potential for God.

OUR COMMITMENTS [membership covenant]

Serve on a Ministry Team

We believe...Serving is a great place to build relationships with others who share your interests and giftedness. Great joy is found when you serve others as a member of a team...

Participate in a Life Group

We believe...that the ideal place for Christian growth is in a small community of believers that can challenge, affirm, and comfort us in both our good and bad times.

Reach the unreached

We believe.....That the spiritual condition of our lost friends matters to God and should therefore matter to us. [John 3:16]

Influence and witness

We believe... that our Christian walk as led by the Holy Spirit should influence others and will make a difference as a witness to our community and the world. [Philippians 1:27]

Nourishment in Worship

We believe... That consistently attending a service to worship, pray, learn, and take communion with other believers is a fundamental necessity of the Christian walk. As we worship, we encounter Him and will transform us spiritually [Hebrews 10:25]

Give our Tithes & Offerings Faithfully

We believe... That our individual faithfulness to giving will open doors to accomplishing great things as a church. [Malachi 3:10]

These will help us develop a...

Positive

Attitude

Reflecting

Kingdom-values

We desire to accomplish Springpark's MISSION (CCS) by living out our VALUES (BAPTIST) and fulfilling our COMMITMENTS (SPRING_PARK)