

# Cobblestone

## COMMUNITY CHURCH

### Ready to get INvolved?

1. Attend Cobblestone for at least six months. Then...
2. Fill out and turn in an application  
\*(page 1: statement of faith, page 2: INvolved application, page 3: references)
3. Fill out the information required for the online background check (we will send you the link).
4. Come and observe the area you are considering serving. Please know, if you sign up to observe, we are counting on you to be there.
5. Continue ongoing conversations with a lead ministry team member who can both answer questions you may have and help find out what might be a good fit for you.
6. Select a team and share the adventure.

### What am I committing to?

1. Commit to this area for one year. At the end of the one year, you can choose to continue serving in this area, choose a different area to serve, or choose to sit out serving in the kids' ministry.
2. Serve at least one week out of the month as a teacher's assistant, or one month out of every three as a lead teacher.
3. Arrive in your serving area/room 20 minutes before the service starts.
4. Feed yourself during the week through regular prayer and study. We also expect all volunteers to spiritually "feed" themselves through worship/study on Sunday mornings. Serving should not take the place of service, but in addition to it.
5. Attend periodic volunteer training sessions.
6. Arrange to switch dates with another volunteer if you cannot cover a scheduled service. (Please let the ministry director know of these changes.)
7. We're all in different places in our journey. That's okay. But we ask that those who work with preschool and older to be Christ followers.

Are you willing to fulfill this commitment? \_\_\_\_\_

# Cobblestone's Statement of Faith

**BIBLE:** That the Bible, comprising the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is the inspired Word of God. It is without error in the original writings and is the final authority for faith and life. (Matthew 5:18; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

**GOD:** In one God, infinitely perfect in love, justice, holiness and wisdom, Creator of all things and existing in three persons, the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 15:26; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

**JESUS:** In Jesus Christ, wholly God and man, conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins, was buried, and rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He is the mediator between God and man and will return to earth to judge all men and establish His kingdom. (John 1:1-5; Luke 1:35; Romans 3:24-25, 5:8; Philippians 2:6-11; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; 1 John 4:10)

**HOLY SPIRIT:** In the Holy Spirit, who is present in the world to reveal and glorify Christ, to make men and women aware of their sins, and to impart new life to all who place their faith in Christ alone. He indwells believers from the moment of spiritual birth, instructs them, and empowers them to live lives that are pleasing to God. He also imparts a spiritual gift or gifts to every believer. (John 16:5-13; Romans 8:9; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

**PEOPLE:** That human beings were created in the image of God but chose to sin by disobeying God and in that condition are alienated from God. Therefore, all human beings are born with a corrupted nature, completely unable to recover from their sin and estrangement from God except by a personal faith in Jesus Christ. (Genesis 1:26-27, 3:6-7; Isaiah 53:6, 59:2; Romans 3:22-23; 5:12-17)

**SALVATION:** That people can receive forgiveness and freedom from the punishment their sins deserve, spiritual rebirth, and eternal life not by human effort nor by self improvement but only by the grace of God through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ and the power of His resurrection. Those who turn from their sin, place their trust in Christ alone, and receive Him into their hearts and lives become children of God. (Romans 6:23, 8:1; Ephesians 1:7, 2:8-10; Titus 3:5-7; John 1:12)

**CHURCH:** That the true Church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and that only those who are thus united together as members of the universal Church shall be eligible for membership in the local church. We observe water baptism and the Lord's Supper, but do not regard either of these as a means of salvation. (Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 4:4-14; Matthew 28:19-20; Luke 22:19-20; Ephesians 2:8-10)

**IN THE END:** In the personal, visible, and imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ to this earth, and the consummation of His Kingdom, and in the bodily resurrection of the dead: of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment, and of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord. (Acts 1:11; Revelation 22:12; 1 Corinthians 15:51-59; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 20:11-21:8)

## **Applicant:**

I affirm that I agree with and will support Cobblestone Church's Statement of Faith. I will comply with all policies and procedures of Cobblestone. If at any time I find that for any reason I am unable to support the policies, procedures, or doctrine of Cobblestone, I will resign my volunteer position.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Cobblestone COMMUNITY CHURCH

## INvolved Ministry Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (text: Y/N \_\_\_\_\_)

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Most Recent Churches you have attended an ministries in which you have participated:  
\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been attending Cobblestone Community Church? \_\_\_\_\_

There are opportunities to serve, regardless of where you are at in your spiritual walk.

Tell us where you are:

\_\_\_\_\_ I'm exploring my faith      \_\_\_\_\_ I'm not sure      \_\_\_\_\_ I'm a Christ follower.

Please explain:

What prompted you to fill out an application and check us out?

Any special talents, abilities, skills or experiences that may be helpful?

Serving Opportunities:

What area(s) most interest you (check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ Serving in a classroom  
\_\_\_\_\_ Teaching      \_\_\_\_\_ Assisting

What ages to you prefer?      \_\_\_\_\_ Birth - 2 year olds      \_\_\_\_\_ 3 year olds - Pre-K  
\_\_\_\_\_ Early Elementary      \_\_\_\_\_ Upper Elementary

\_\_\_\_\_ Welcome Center/Security

\_\_\_\_\_ Tech Booth

\_\_\_\_\_ Administrative: data entry, filing, mailing, etc

**REFERENCES:**

List adults who have known you for at least one year, who are NOT related to you and who have a definite knowledge of your character/ability to work with children (i.e. pastor, teacher, employer, etc).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of time known: \_\_\_\_\_

Their email: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of time known: \_\_\_\_\_

Their email: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of time known: \_\_\_\_\_

Their email: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Association: \_\_\_\_\_

**ABOUT YOU:**

Because you will be a role model to kids, we need to know more about you. Please answer the following questions. If you answer "yes" to any of the questions, please explain. You may choose to discuss your answers privately with a member of the staff, rather than answer on this form. Answering "yes" will not automatically disqualify you.

Have you ever been arrested, convicted of or pleaded no contest to any crime? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been concerned that you may have an addiction to drugs, alcohol, pornography or other addiction; or has anyone suggested that you do? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been accused, alleged, investigated, charged or convicted of any act of neglecting, abusing, exploiting or molesting a child? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been a victim of any form of abuse? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been treated for or diagnosed with a psychiatric disorder? \_\_\_\_\_

Currently, or in the past year, have you been sexually active outside of marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please read and sign:**

The information contained in this application is true. I authorize any reference or church listed here to give you any information (including opinions) that they may have regarding my character and fitness for working with children. I understand my involvement with Cobblestone is influenced by the information provided by all these sources. I release from liability for damages any person or organization identified by me in this application, and waive my right to inspect any written material from contact with them or from the online criminal background check.

I have carefully read the foregoing release and know the contents thereof and I sign this release as my own free act This is a legally binding agreement which I have read and understand.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Ministry Covenant***

Representing Christ well by the way we serve and minister...

1. As a team, we will honor our commitments: first to Christ, taking time to care for our own souls. Then, to our family. Finally, we will make every effort to keep our commitment as a ministry volunteer, (or find a substitute and inform a ministry leader of any changes.)
2. As a team we will be prayer warriors - every Sunday morning, we will meet in front of the kids' welcome center for prayer.
3. As a team, we will be honest with each other, ask for help when needed, admit weaknesses and allow others to minister to us, even as we do ministry.
4. As a team, we will make our highest ministry goal to represent Christ in a way that builds His kingdom and brings Him greater glory.
5. As a team, we will be intentionally hospitable. We will know people by name. We will remember important parts of their story. We will engage students as soon as they enter our area of ministry.
6. As a team, we will be prepared. We will be ready for our area of ministry before check begins (twenty minutes before the service starts).
7. As a team, we will be diligent about protecting the health of our children by the way we clean up/ sanitize at the end of a ministry activity.
8. As a team, we will make every effort to keep peace and unity. This means we will complain up, with confront with gentleness and humility and will overlook an offense as often as possible.

*As a team, it will be our mission to introduce each child  
to the presence,  
power  
and saving grace  
of Jesus Christ  
so they can leave affirmed,  
equipped  
and commissioned  
to live for the glory of God.*