

OPC Membership Application

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION	Name: (M F) _____ Date: _____
	Spouse's Name: _____
	Street Address: _____
	City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
	E-mail: _____
	Home Phone: _____
	Cell Phone: _____
	Marital Status: (please circle) Married Single Divorced Widowed
	School District: _____ Subdivision: _____
	Birth Date: _____
	Names of Children Living at Home: _____ Birth Dates: _____

CAREER	Employer: _____
	Occupation: _____
	School: _____

PREVIOUS CHURCH EXPERIENCE	Please provide the name of the church (city, state) where you were previously attending: _____
	How long were you attending this church? _____
	Why have you decided to leave this church? _____
	What led you to seek membership at Oak Pointe Church? _____

<p>STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT: <i>Having received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, and being in agreement with the vision, values, and beliefs of Oak Pointe Church, I have prayerfully decided to join the Oak Pointe family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members of Oak Pointe church. I also commit to pursue living in grace, growing as a believer, sharing in group life, serving with my gifts, and being a good steward.</i></p>	
Signature of New Member _____	Date _____

NOTE: To complete this application, please include the Personal Response section from the Membership Self-Study Workbook (distributed at the Join OPC class).

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SPIRITUAL GIFTS	Please indicate what you believe are your spiritual gifts (comfortable that others can validate the exercise of these gifts): Check all that apply. If unknown, skip this section.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> Exhortation	<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy
	<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching
	<input type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input type="checkbox"/> Mercy	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom
	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/> Helps/Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Shepherding	
If you do not know your spiritual gifts, would you consider taking OPC's class about spiritual gifts and serving? Y N				

PASSION	Please identify those areas that you are drawn toward, or are passionate about, that may become a personal motivator for potential involvement in a ministry:				
	People Groups	<input type="checkbox"/> Career Women <input type="checkbox"/> Children <input type="checkbox"/> College Students <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Empty Nesters <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly	<input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Group <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitalized <input type="checkbox"/> Infants <input type="checkbox"/> Mentally Challenge <input type="checkbox"/> MOPS <input type="checkbox"/> Parents <input type="checkbox"/> Parents who lost a child	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Prisoners <input type="checkbox"/> Refugees <input type="checkbox"/> Single Adults <input type="checkbox"/> Single Parents <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuser <input type="checkbox"/> Teen Moms/ Teen Pregnancy	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Young Married <input type="checkbox"/> Youth <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
	Issues / Causes	<input type="checkbox"/> Abortion <input type="checkbox"/> Addiction <input type="checkbox"/> AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Arts/Creative <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care <input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> Discipleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Economics <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care <input type="checkbox"/> Homosexuality <input type="checkbox"/> Injustice	<input type="checkbox"/> International <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy <input type="checkbox"/> Media (TV, Music, Print, Movies) <input type="checkbox"/> Politics <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty <input type="checkbox"/> Racism	<input type="checkbox"/> Reaching the Lost <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse <input type="checkbox"/> Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Violence <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
	Church Function / Role	<input type="checkbox"/> Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Care <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Connecting People <input type="checkbox"/> Discipleship <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership <input type="checkbox"/> Men <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring <input type="checkbox"/> Missions <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery <input type="checkbox"/> Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Outreach <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving <input type="checkbox"/> Resources: CD,books <input type="checkbox"/> Retreat <input type="checkbox"/> Seekers <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> Worship <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

PERSONALITY	Please indicate if you feel you possess any of the following personality traits (circle all that apply):			
	Decisive (<i>now</i>)	Imaginative	Supportive	Cautious
	Determined	Influences others	Stable and Steady	Competent
	Doer - get the job done	Impulsive, fun	Works behind scene	Careful
	Outcome-focused	People-focused	Feelings-focused	Detail-focused
	Likes to lead or be in charge/control	Likes freedom from details	Likes harmony (limited change): status-quo	Likes excellence, quality info/results
	Enjoys a challenge	Adventurous	Avoids confrontation	Process/Procedures
	Self-motivated: likes to make things happen	Like recognition, popular with friends	Likes specialization, familiar environment	Likes time for thorough analysis
	<i>Concrete</i> thinker (uses 5 senses - focuses on tangible, hear and now)	<i>Abstract</i> thinker (uses intuition, focuses on beyond)	Prefers to work in <i>unstructured</i> environment	Prefers to work in <i>structured</i> environment

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ABILITIES / SKILLS / TALENTS / TRAITS	Please circle all abilities, talents and skills that apply:	
	Administration	Bookkeeping; Coordinating; Event Planning; Filing; Mailing; Newsletters; Office Manager; Organizing; Typing; Word Processing; Other:
	Arts – Physical	Artist, Banner; Beading, Carpentry, Crafts; Decorating (home); Drafting; Drawing; Fiber Art; Graphics; Interior Designer; Jewelry Making; Knitting; Layout; Painting; Photography; Print Making; Quilting; Scrapbooking; Sculpting; Set Construction; Sewing; Stamping; Wood Working; Other:
	Arts – Performance	INSTRUMENTAL: Composer; Guitar, Percussion; Harmonica; Keyboard; Piano; Synthesizer; String Instrument (please identify); Wind Instrument (please identify); Other: VOCAL: Choir; Composer; Director; Soloist; Worship Leader; Other: DRAMA: Acting; Choreography; Dance; Directing; Mime; Puppets; Script Writer; Theater: PUBLIC SPEAKING: Other:
	Arts – Technical	Audio Duplication; Audio/Video; Lighting; Multi-Media; Photographer; Set-up/Tear-down; Sound Effect; Sound/Mixing; Training; Editing; Videographer; Other:
	Computer/Technology	Computer Graphics; Computer Programming; Data Entry; Database Programming; Desktop Publishing; Electronics; Graphic Layout; Microsoft Certified; Power Point Presentations; Spreadsheets (Excel); Systems Analyst; Web Design; Word Processing; Other:
	Culinary Arts	Baking; Cake Decorating; Catering; Chef/Prep Chef; Cooking; Gourmet Cooking; Grilling; Wine; Other:
	Medical	Chiropractor; Dentist; Doctor (specify); Mental Health Professional; Nurse; Paramedic/EMT; Physical Therapist; Recreational Therapy; Other:
	Professional Services	Accounting; Architect; Advertising/Marketing; Child Care; Counseling (please indicate type); Engineer; Financial; Human Resources; Journalist; Landscaping; Law (Attorney); Law Enforcement; Librarian, Public Relations; Radio; Research; Second Language Skills; Sales; Secretary; Social Work; Taxes; Teacher; Television; Trainer; Tutoring; Writing; Other:
	Skilled Trades	Auto Mechanic; Brick Layer; Carpet Cleaner; Carpenter; Chauffer's license (truck driving); Construction; Electrician; HVAC; Maintenance/Home Repair; Mechanic; Mechanical Repair; Painting; Plumbing; Other:
	Sports/ Outdoor and Indoor Recreation	Aerobics; Baseball; Basketball; Biking; Board Games, Boating; Bowling; Camping; Cards; Coach; Extreme Sports; Fishing; Football, Gardening; Golf; Hiking; Hockey; Running; Sailing; Skiing (snow, water); Soccer; Tennis; Volleyball; Walking; Weight Training; Other:
	Working With ...	Cancer Patients, Deaf, Divorced; Handicapped; Hearing Impaired (Signing); Homosexuals; Hospital Visitations; Housing for Homeless; Incarcerated; Learning Disabilities; Married Couples; Meals on Wheels; Mentoring; Nursing Homes; Parents; Substance Abuse, Shut-Ins; Substance Abuse; Troubled Teens, Women Crisis Centers; Other:
	OTHER	List any other special ability or experience:

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Personal Response

(Copied from the Membership Self-Study Workbook)

Up to now in the membership process, we have shared information with you about OPC's values, beliefs, characteristics and commitments we hold true as essentials for members of Oak Pointe. Now it's your turn to express specific affirmations concerning the same essentials. We have organized these affirmations along the same lines as the 5 G's study lessons. Use this guide to make your own responses.

Grace.

Describe how you became a Christian (your personal testimony).

Please answer briefly the following question: If you were to die today, what would be a good reason for God to allow you into heaven?

Note: Much misunderstanding exists about what it means to "be a Christian." Church attendance, belief in God, strong commitments, etc. are all good but none of them make you a Christian in the biblical sense. If you're at all unclear as to whether or not you're a Christian, we'd like to clear up any confusion you have—please don't feel embarrassed if you're not sure. You do not need to continue answering the remaining questions in this response sheet. Call the church office to talk to a pastor or an elder to discuss your uncertainties. This matter is of vital importance and we want to help you feel confident in your understanding and decision.

Have you been baptized as a believer? If so, when and where?

Growth.

There are many ways to help deepening one's walk with Christ and to pursue Spirit-filled living, such as prayer, bible study, worship, fellowship, etc. Describe how you are presently nurturing your spiritual growth through disciplines on your own.

Note: In asking you to describe your spiritual habits, we want to be careful to avoid the mistaken notion that legalistic formulas and rigid rules guarantee a healthy devotional life. What's more important is that your walk with Christ has regular and meaningful input between you and Him privately, and you're becoming more like Him in character over time. What you want to avoid is relying solely on public gatherings (i.e., Sunday morning worship) for your spiritual food.

Group.

Are you connected to a small group of believers here at OPC for the purpose of growth, loving support and accountability?

- Yes. Please name of small group leader _____
- No. If not, is there a specific reason? Can someone contact you about connecting into a small group?

Unity is stressed repeatedly in the body of believers. Are you willing to protect the unity of OPC by acting in love toward other members (Romans 14:19; Hebrews 10:23-25), by refusing to gossip (Ephesians 4:29); and by supporting and following the leaders (Hebrews 13:17)?

- Yes
- No

Gifts.

Are you nurturing the development of a servant’s heart through using your spiritual gifts in a place of service at OPC ?

- Yes. Please indicate the area of service and ministry leader’s name _____

- No. If not, is there a specific reason?

If not serving, can someone contact you about volunteer opportunities? Yes No

We offer a class called Discover Your Design to help you understand your unique gifts, passion and temperament, and to review possible serving opportunities that match your God-given design.

Would you like to be contacted next time this class is being offered?

- Yes
- No

Good Stewardship.

Do you agree, in principle, with the twelve Treasure Truths as outlined in the self-study workbook?

- Yes
- No

If no, what truths do you not affirm and why?

Are there Treasure Truths that have challenged you, where you will prayerfully make changes in your spending/giving patterns?

Note: What has shaped OPC’s position regarding giving? The Old Testament provides the backdrop— instructing God’s people to give the first 10% of their income back to Him—and as such, it ought to move us all toward adopting at least that percentage. The tithe is the starting point. In response to Christ’s lavish grace and His cost on the cross, the New Testament goes on to teach proportional giving, and spurs us on to give even

more to advance His kingdom as God individually prospers and leads. The New Testament also stresses the importance of a cheerful giver, and giving willingly with an open hand. This heart attitude is what we value most in our members. We also recognize that the final decision of your financial giving is ultimately between you and God. We honor the privacy of this process, and your financial records are kept private. This being said, we have a high level of trust that members are contributing regularly to support our church and believe God will bless and empower us as we joyfully band together to bring Him glory.

Want to go deeper?

OPC offers a class on financial stewardship called Good Sense—How to Honor God in your Finances. This hands-on class helps you discover the peace and contentment that comes from managing your financial resources according to God's purposes and principles. During the course, you will develop a spending plan for the coming year. You will learn about and choose between three different record-keeping systems to help you stick to your plan. Most importantly, you will discover how being financially faithful can help you become financially free. Private consultations are available after the class for further review of your own finances.

Would you like to be contacted next time this class is offered?

- Yes
- No

Thank you for taking the time to complete this workbook and personal response (spiritual inventory).

We are not looking for members who "have it all together", but we are looking for individuals who are Christ followers, pursuing Spirit-filled living, and available for God's use in His church. God can make a difference through us as we continually seek to follow Christ.

As we are knitted together as a body of Christ at OPC, our prayer is for God to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen! (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Next Steps.

Please submit your Membership Application and the Personal Response Sheets from this workbook (pages 15-17) to the Welcome Center (in the atrium) or to the church office. You will be contacted and scheduled for the next available elder interview. The purpose of this confirmation interview is to affirm your commitment to OPC and to help you by discussing next steps in your spiritual journey. Please call the church office if you have any questions.

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