

calvary chapel lake elsinore

Before you complete the attached questionnaire and "Ministry Application", please read the following.

We are blessed that you want to volunteer to serve here at CCLE. The purpose of this application is to provide us with contact information, and help us to get to know you a little better. We believe that your "service" to the Lord in any capacity of ministry here at the church, should be part of your worship, and should be done with a right heart and right motives. We also believe that we have a great responsibility to provide a safe environment for those who attend church here, and that it is important to maintain an atmosphere that is conducive to worship and the teaching of God's Word. Therefore, we ask that you would provide the information on the attached sheet in order for us to evaluate whether you are able to serve in the ministry you have chosen at this time.

Some of the most basic requirements, are that you have attended CCLE for at least 6 months, consider this to be your church home, and that you are a "born again" follower of Jesus Christ, and are in agreement with our Statement of Faith. We ask that everyone who serves here, no matter what area of ministry, has a completed and approved application on file in the church office.

Once you turn in a completed questionnaire and Ministry Application, it will be reviewed by the person who oversees your area of ministry, and by one of the pastors. You will be contacted if we have further questions, or to let you know that your application has been approved. You may also be given more instructions depending on the ministry you will be serving in.

Calvary Chapel Lake Elsinore
Pastoral Staff

Statement of Faith

The Bible is the Word of God and without error in all issues to which it speaks. It is our authority in all areas of doctrine and life.

There is one God, eternal, a Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The three Persons of the one Godhead share equally, fully, and simultaneously in all the attributes of God. God is the Creator of the universe and all things within it.

The eternal Son, Jesus Christ, took on humanity by means of the Virgin Birth. He was born sinless, and lived a sinless life. He died as the sacrifice for the sins of all mankind. He physically rose from the dead, and ascended to heaven. He will someday return and setup His kingdom upon the earth.

The first man, Adam, was created by God sinless, but chose to disobey God's command, bringing sin and death upon himself and a curse to this world. As a result, all individuals since are born with a sinful nature, separated from God, and in need of salvation.

Salvation is a gift of God's grace through personal faith in Jesus Christ. The gospel describes this saving faith as belief in Jesus' death for one's sins, and belief in His resurrection. After death, those who have believed the gospel will live forever in the heavenly presence of God, while those who have not believed the gospel will be separated from God in hell for all eternity for their sins.

The moment one sincerely believes the gospel, he/she is born again, and only then is truly a Christian. All Christians are indwelt by the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation, and should seek to live a holy life, pleasing to God. Although a Christian may sin, these sins are still forgiven by God on the merits of Jesus Christ. However, the evidence of true salvation will show itself in the growth and development of a Godly lifestyle under the direction and power of the Holy Spirit.

In order to get to know you better, we ask for your answers to the following questions. Circle the response that best indicates your current beliefs. Please answer honestly, and not just what you think we want to hear. We recognize these are broad statements, and you may not have 100% agreement with any statement. Only if your view is not adequately expressed by one of the choices, then please indicate so on the back. We also recognize you may honestly not have an opinion, or have not studied the issue enough to form an opinion. If so, just write 'no opinion' to the side.

GENESIS RELATED

- 1)
 - A. Genesis is to be interpreted as God creating the entire universe in six 24-hour days, approximately 6,000 - 10,000 years ago.
 - B. Science has proved that the universe has existed for millions or billions of years, and Genesis should be interpreted accordingly.
- 2)
 - A. God used evolution to bring the first man, Adam, into existence.
 - B. God personally created Adam from the dust of the ground.
- 3)
 - A. The story of the flood of Noah's day is to be understood as a worldwide judgment causing the death of all living things, except those animals and people in the ark.
 - B. The flood story is not to be understood as worldwide and totally destructive.
- 4)
 - A. Fossils are not really related to the flood story.
 - B. The flood story explains the existence of most fossils found around the world.
- 5)
 - A. Dinosaurs once lived on Earth at the same time as man.
 - B. Dinosaurs once lived, but never co-existed with mankind.
 - C. There never were dinosaurs. Those fossils were either placed in the ground by God to test our faith, or by Satan to lie to us.
- 6)
 - A. The Tower of Babel story explains why different people have different languages.
 - B. The tower of Babel story is not meant to be understood so literally.

BIBLE GENERAL

- 1)
 - A. The King James Bible is the only Bible Christians should teach from for all other English Bibles are influenced by Satan. It is perfect.
 - B. The inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible specifically refers to the original writings in Greek and Hebrew. It is possible that a few copyist mistakes over the years have entered our different translations, but these mistakes are minor and do not significantly influence or change any doctrines of the Bible.
 - C. The Bible has been dramatically changed over the years. As a result, for any given story, it is quite hard to determine what really happened or was said at the time.
- 2)
 - A. The miracles of the Bible should be understood as literally as possible.
 - B. The miracles teach significant spiritual truth, but aren't meant to be read so literally.
- 3)
 - A. The Bible teaches spiritual truth, and is not meant to be looked at as an authority in other areas of study like history or science.
 - B. Although not a history or science book per se, the fact that the Bible is God's Word means it also is accurate in every subject in which it speaks.

GOD'S OMNISCIENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY

- 1)
 - A. The Bible declares that God knows all things, whether past, present or future.
 - B. The Bible teaches that God on occasion is learning as time goes on.
- 2)
 - A. Because God knows all things, God has determined all things. What we observe as man's choice is really just the predetermined sovereign plan of God, taking place over time.
 - B. Although God knows all that man will do, in His sovereignty He allows man to make choices in life. God in His sovereignty works so that man's choices can not thwart His plans.
- 3)
 - A. The Bible supports the idea that God has both a perfect will, and a permissive will for a person. An example would be God's perfect will that a person believe the gospel and be saved, but His permissive will allows for such a one to also choose to reject the gospel and be damned.
 - B. The Bible does not teach a distinction such as the permissive will of God. In the above example of salvation, whether a person is saved or damned should just be seen as the perfect will of God.

SALVATION ISSUES

- 1)
 - A. A person who sincerely believes in the gospel and has been born again can, at a later date, lose or reject his salvation.
 - B. Once truly believing, a Christian is eternally secure.
- 2)
 - A. All who commit suicide go to hell. It is an unpardonable sin.
 - B. Suicide is not an unpardonable sin.

- 3)
 - A. Water baptism is a ritual that Jesus asks of His followers, where we publicly proclaim our faith, and identify with His death and resurrection for our sins.
 - B. Water baptism is essential for salvation, and anyone who dies before being baptized will be in hell.
- 4)
 - A. Death ends any chance for someone to be saved who has not yet believed the gospel.
 - B. A person is given one last chance after death to believe the gospel and go to heaven.
 - C. God desires living Christians to pray for those who have died to be allowed into heaven.
- 5)
 - A. The Bible gives clear teaching on who is saved among those who do not have the ability to hear and/or understand the gospel. Some examples are those in nations who have never heard of Jesus, little babies, and the mentally handicapped.
 - B. For the above sorts of people, the Bible is mostly silent. Thus, we rest knowing God is good, gracious, and just.
- 6)
 - A. Hell is a real place of torment and judgment. Those who are there, will suffer forever.
 - B. Eventually, anyone in hell is annihilated, and ceases to exist after a period of judgment.
 - C. There is no hell. The unsaved cease to exist once they die.

CHRISTIAN LIVING AND PRAYER

- 1)
 - A. All the Biblical spiritual gifts are still available today, but are distributed by God as He wills, and according to His purposes.
 - B. Some spiritual gifts are present in the church today, but many have not been given by God since the days of the apostles.
 - C. There are no spiritual gifts in operation today, now that we have a complete Bible.
- 2)
 - A. God has decreed the gift of speaking in tongues as the only sure evidence one is filled with the Spirit.
 - B. The gift of tongues still exists, but most Christians do not have this gift, nor will they ever receive this gift. They can still be filled with the Spirit without demonstrating it.
 - C. The gift of tongues is no longer valid. Any supposed instances of it today are either phony or Satanic.
- 3)
 - A. Satan, also known as the devil, is a real, evil, spirit being.
 - B. Satan, the devil, is only symbolic of evil, and not meant to be understood as someone or something real.
- 4)
 - A. If we have enough faith, God will always answer our prayers for healing or financial assistance.
 - B. God may choose to not answer 'yes' to our prayers. It is not about our lack of faith, but His will.
- 5)
 - A. Sexual intercourse outside of marriage is a sin.
 - B. There are some instances when sex is allowable outside of marriage, like when a couple are engaged or love each other.
 - C. The restrictions on sex as stated by some are outdated. God created the sex act to be enjoyed.

SOCIAL ISSUES

- 1)
 - A. The human soul and life begins at conception.
 - B. The soul does not enter the baby until he/she breathes air after delivery from the womb.
 - C. The soul is given sometime between conception and birth. (State when _____)
- 2)
 - A. The Bible would support our current abortion on demand laws.
 - B. The Bible would teach we greatly restrict and/or eliminate our abortion laws.
 - C. The Bible provides no guidance as to God's view on abortion.
- 3)
 - A. The Bible would support euthanasia (mercy-killing), since God would not want a person to suffer with a painful illness. (note - this does not refer to simply removing mechanical life support systems and letting death then occur naturally)
 - B. God is in charge of the date of our deaths, and suffering can be used for His purposes.
- 4)
 - A. Marriage should only be between one man and one woman.
 - B. Marriage should be expanded to include homosexuals who wish to commit to each other.
- 5)
 - A. God allows for divorce since He does not want people to live together who are unhappy.
 - B. God hates divorce, and allows for it only under very specific circumstances.

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Ministry Application

Name: _____ Age: _____ Gender: M F
Address: _____
Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ E-mail: _____

Ministry for which you are filling out this application:

Children's	_____	Women's	_____	Music/Worship	_____
Ushering	_____	Youth	_____	Men's	_____
Helps	_____	Prayer	_____	Bookstore	_____
Coffee Bar	_____	Sound	_____	Other	_____

How long have you been a genuine follower of Jesus Christ? _____
Do you know what it means to be "Born Again"? _____
Briefly explain in your own words. _____

How long have you attended Calvary Chapel of Lake Elsinore? _____
Which church did you attend previously? _____
For how long? _____ Reason for leaving? _____

Do you feel that you understand the essential teachings and beliefs of Calvary Lake Elsinore? _____
Are there any teachings or beliefs here at Calvary Lake Elsinore that you disagree with? _____
If yes, please explain. _____

I understand that by signing this Ministry Application, I am granting permission to
Calvary Chapel of Lake Elsinore to conduct a background check on me.
Please sign and date if you agree:

signature

____/____/____
date

Church use only

Pastor's signature of approval

Ministry Overseer's signature of approval

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Thank you for your interest in joining the ministry team here at Calvary Chapel. In order to continue the process and complete your application we will need to conduct a background check. We assure you that this is simply a part of our normal policy and procedure as we feel it is a matter of good stewardship and wisdom to conduct these checks on those who are going to be in visible positions in the body here. We also want to assure you that the information you provide will be kept confidential, and will be shredded upon completion of the background check. If you could please fill out the attached form and return it to the church office, we can promptly complete your application. Thank you for your cooperation, and may God bless you as we serve together.

Calvary Chapel of Lake Elsinore

Full Name : _____

SS # : _____

Drivers License # : _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

I hereby give my permission for Calvary Chapel of Lake Elsinore to conduct a background check using the information provided:

Signature