

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Relationship with Christ

- The Bible teaches that God is relational. He desires a growing relationship with everyone. However, we are born separated from God because of sin. God's desire for a relationship with us is so great that He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to die on a cross as the payment for our sin. All who believe that Jesus Christ died on their behalf and believe and have accepted that His death paid for their sin, have a relationship with God. In light of this, do you believe that you have entered into this relationship?

**Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_ **Uncertain** \_\_\_\_\_

- Please state briefly how and when you accepted Christ.

## Baptism

- Baptism is a symbol of our identification with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection and therefore is an important step for every believer.
- Have you been baptized, by immersion, since you began your personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

**Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

- If you have not been baptized as described, are you willing to take that step?

**Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Small Group Involvement**

- We encourage all our adults to connect in “community” in one of our many Small Groups (6-12 adults that meet regularly to come alongside one another and do life together). Are you currently connected to one of our groups?

**Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_ **Group Leader name:** \_\_\_\_\_

- If you are not connected to a Small Group would you be interested in finding out more about how to get involved?

**Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Service**

- The Bible teaches that being partners in ministry is about connecting and contributing. To help people serve consistently, we encourage you to determine your spiritual gifts and then use those gifts in service to Christ and the church. Are you willing to talk with someone about your gifts and talents, and where you might get involved in ministry?

**Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

- If you currently serve in some capacity, please list those ministries below.

### **Financial Stewardship**

- We encourage everyone that contributes financially to the church to use giving envelopes unless you give online. Using envelopes allows you to receive tax credit for your giving and makes the receipting process much more efficient for the church financial staff. You can use the envelopes provided in the chair pockets in the auditorium, pick up packets of envelopes in the foyer for your use at home, or call the church office.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List any other phone numbers you would like the church to have  
(e.g. fax, pager, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation/profession: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

Birth date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Do you live at the above address year-round? If not, please give alternate  
mailing address and dates the alternate address should be used:

from \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ thru \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date:

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Grade\*

Child #1 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Child #2 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Child #3 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Child #4 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Child #5 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

\*(if in school)

(If Applicable) I am currently a member of the following church and would like you to notify them of my change in church membership:

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to talk with Jerry Day or Mark Jones (or another one of our Pastors) about your relationship with Christ and the church, please contact us:

**Church Office: (812) 376-8455**  
**Email: [jerryday@theRidge.org](mailto:jerryday@theRidge.org) / [markjones@theRidge.org](mailto:markjones@theRidge.org)**

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS

At The Ridge, we are convinced that every believer is created, called, and gifted to serve. Whether a person serves in an up-front ministry, or prefers to remain behind the scenes, each one of us can use our passions, gifts, and personality to honor the Lord and advance His Kingdom in the world.

Spiritual gifts are special abilities--“divine enablements”--given to us by God for the common good of the church. From the gifts of teaching and leadership, to mercy and hospitality, to wisdom and discernment, there are numerous ways that God empowers each of us to make a difference for Him. Nobody has all the gifts, but every Christian has at least one.

Below is a list of spiritual gifts based on Scripture. There are certainly other gifts and abilities that God uses and blesses, but these are specifically described. Please read down through this list and rate yourself from 0 - 3 on each one. You may want to ask a friend or family member to help you in your self-assessment. Remember, there are no right or wrong answers, we simply ask that you prayerfully consider each one and evaluate where you think you are.

**0 = Never    1 = Sometimes    2 = Usually    3 = Definitely**

\_\_\_ **Administration:** I enjoy developing strategies or plans to reach identified goals; organizing people, tasks, and events; helping organizations or groups become more efficient; creating order out of organizational chaos.

\_\_\_ **Craftsmanship:** I enjoy working creatively with wood, cloth, metal, paints, glass, etc.; working with different kinds of tools; making things with practical uses; designing or building things; working with my hands.

\_\_\_ **Creative Communication:** I am able to communicate with variety and creativity; I enjoy developing and using particular artistic skills (art, drama, music, photography, etc.); I look for new & fresh ways to communicate ideas to others.

\_\_\_ **Discernment:** I am typically able to distinguish between truth and error, good and evil; accurately judging character; seeing through phoniness or deceit; helping others to see rightness or wrongness in life situations.

\_\_\_ **Encouragement:** I enjoy strengthening and reassuring troubled people; motivating others to grow; supporting people who need to take action.

\_\_\_ **Evangelism:** I look for opportunities to build relationships with nonbelievers, communicating openly and effectively about my faith, talking with them about spiritual matters.

\_\_\_ **Faith:** I trust God to answer prayer and encourage others to do so; I have confidence in God's continuing presence and ability to help, even in difficult times; I move forward in spite of opposition.

\_\_\_ **Giving:** I feel blessed to give liberally and joyfully to people in financial need or toward projects requiring support; I strive to manage my money well in order to free more of it for giving.

\_\_\_ **Helps:** I enjoy working behind the scenes to support the work of others; finding small things that need to be done and doing them without being asked; helping wherever needed, even with routine or mundane tasks.

\_\_\_ **Hospitality:** I like meeting new people and helping them to feel welcome; entertaining guests; opening my home to others who need a safe, supportive environment; setting people at ease in unfamiliar surroundings.

\_\_\_ **Knowledge:** I enjoy studying and researching subjects I hope to understand better; sharing my knowledge and insights with others when asked; sometimes gaining information that is not attained by natural observation or means.

\_\_\_ **Leadership:** I enjoy directing groups; motivating and guiding others to reach important goals; managing people and resources; influencing others to perform to the best of their abilities.

\_\_\_ **Mercy:** I feel empathy for hurting people; I strive to patiently & compassionately support people through painful experiences, often helping those generally regarded as undeserving or beyond help.

\_\_\_ **Prophecy:** I speak with conviction in order to bring change in the lives of others; I feel called to expose cultural trends, teachings, or events that are morally wrong or harmful, boldly speaking truth even when it may be unpopular.

\_\_\_ **Shepherding:** I enjoy providing long-term support and nurture for a group of people; providing guidance for the whole person; patiently but firmly nurturing others in their development as believers.

\_\_\_ **Teaching:** I enjoy studying, understanding, and communicating biblical truth; developing appropriate teaching material and presenting it effectively; communicating in ways that motivate others to change.

\_\_\_ **Wisdom:** I often see practical, straightforward solutions in the midst of conflict or confusion; I enjoy giving helpful advice to others facing complicated life situations; I strive to help people take positive action to solve real problems.

If you would like a more detailed **Spiritual Gifts Assessment**, you can request one through the church office or [info@theRidge.org](mailto:info@theRidge.org). We'd be glad to send one to you.

# Talents & Interests

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Put a "✓" beside areas you would enjoy serving in or trying.

## ARTS

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|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Artist      | <input type="checkbox"/> Actor/Actress       | <input type="checkbox"/> Set Construction          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Drama Direction     | <input type="checkbox"/> Set Design                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Script Writing      | <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Instrument: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Web Design  | <input type="checkbox"/> Seamstress/Costumes | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocalist                  |

## CHILDREN/STUDENT MINISTRY\*

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare (birth-2)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Edge (Jr High) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Little Xkids (Preschool) | <input type="checkbox"/> 212° (Sr High) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Xkids (Grades 1-6)       |   |

\*(Involvement requires background screening process)

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Café    | <input type="checkbox"/> Info Desk    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Host    | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher        |

## HANDS-ON

### Food Services

- Coordinate Banquet
- Prepare Food
- Deliver Food
- Serve

### Office Skills

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Data Entry           | <input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Word             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Office Helps | <input type="checkbox"/> Excel            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Receptionist         | <input type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> Publisher        |

### Facilities / Maintenance / Construction

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt/Sealing | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical      | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape/Gardening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry       | <input type="checkbox"/> Flooring        | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Framing         | <input type="checkbox"/> Tile            | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finish          | <input type="checkbox"/> Vinyl           | <input type="checkbox"/> Wallboard/Finish    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet         | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpet          | <input type="checkbox"/> Welding/Metal       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning        | <input type="checkbox"/> HVAC            | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanic            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete        | <input type="checkbox"/> Interior Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Engine Repair |

## OUTREACH / RELATIONSHIPS

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Verve (College Age/20's) | <input type="checkbox"/> Jail Ministry            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Group Leader       | <input type="checkbox"/> Recovery Ministry        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Group Host         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Visitation      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Ministry         | <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling: _____ (area) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Ministry           | <input type="checkbox"/> Van Driver               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Care Team                |   |

**TECHNICAL**

- Audio Production
- Sound Mixing
- Lighting

- Camera Operator
- Multimedia Tech
- Video Production

- Computer Maintenance
- Network Support
- Web Design
- Web Maintenance

Are there any other products, specific resources, skills, talents, abilities, or unique opportunities that you would like to mention?

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## MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

**Realizing that no one is perfect, it's important for us to strive toward spiritual growth and maturity. Therefore, as a member of The Ridge:**

I have read the "Discover the Ridge" publication.

I have attended the "Membership Matters" Forum.

I have completed the Membership Application in this material.

I have been baptized by immersion (or agree to do so).

I will support the "What We Believe" doctrinal statement of The Ridge, and the constitution (both attached).

I will pray for the ministry and leadership of The Ridge.

I will be accountable to the church leadership in matters concerning my relationship with God and with others.

I will build bridges with unbelievers to point them toward Christ.

I will give generously and serve diligently to support The Ridge.

I will seek to participate in a Small Group.

I will set an example in the community that honors both God and the church.

I will regularly participate in church activities and events.

I will maintain unity by avoiding negative talk or gossip.

I will give my best in everything I do.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_