



# Calvary Chapel Middle River Ministry Application

Thank you for your desire to serve the Lord at Calvary Chapel Middle River. The desire to serve is a natural and appropriate response to the work of Christ in your life. Where to serve depends on your gifting from the Lord and life experiences that God uses to accomplish His work for His body. This ministry questionnaire has been designed to assist us in getting to know you better and assist you in determining your proper place of service within the body.

We are happy that you are answering God's call to serve at Calvary Chapel. In order for you to get to know us and for us to get to know you we ask that you regularly attend services at Calvary Chapel Middle River for 4 months before serving in any ministry. You should also be familiar with our philosophy of ministry, statement of faith, and what is expected from servants of the Lord. Our philosophy of ministry can be found in a book called *Calvary Distinctives* by Chuck Smith. You can find a free PDF version of it on our website. It is also highly recommended that you read the short book *On Being a Servant of God* by Warren Wiersbe to give you the proper perspective and attitude of serving the Lord. We appreciate your faithfulness as you serve the Lord with your gifts and believe that by familiarizing yourself with these materials you will be a more effective servant at Calvary Chapel Middle River.

This is a process that will be approved by the board of Elders. We will review the application and get back with you about your fit into the requested ministry or whether we feel your talents would be best served in other areas at this time. If approved, the ministry leader will contact you about when and how you can get started. Thank you for understanding that the depth of this process ensures that we have safe, spiritually qualified people serving in the area God has gifted them with the proper motive to bring glory to our King.

Sincerely,  
Adam Spencer

## **Calvary Chapel Middle River Statement of Faith**

**We Believe** that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They are equal in power and glory, and that this triune God created, upholds, and governs all things.

**We Believe** that the Bible is the only inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God.

**We Believe** in God the Father, an infinite, personal Spirit perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love, and that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men. We believe that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

**We Believe** in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, and in His miracles and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, His bodily resurrection, and His ascension into heaven where He sits at the right hand of the Father. We believe in His personal, visible return to earth, and the establishment of His kingdom.

**We Believe** in the Holy Spirit, who convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and who regenerates, sanctifies, and empowers for ministry all who believe in Christ. We believe the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ, and that He is an abiding Helper, Teacher, and Guide. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, and in the exercise of all Biblical gifts of the Spirit.

**We Believe** that all people are sinners by nature and choice, and therefore regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential. We believe that repentance (turning away) from sin and acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is the ONLY way to come into relationship with God. We believe that Jesus Christ baptizes the seeking believer with the Holy Spirit to empower the believer for service, and that this often occurs after salvation.

**We Believe** in the resurrection of all people, both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto eternal life in heaven, and they that are lost unto eternal damnation in hell.

**We Believe** it is important to uphold the Scriptural practices of the early church. Therefore, we hold to the practice of water baptism and the regular taking of communion. We do not believe that either of these practices is essential for salvation, but that they serve as a demonstration of our living faith in Christ.

**Everyone who serves at Calvary Chapel Middle River must:**

- Be born again and have a clear testimony.
- Honor Jesus Christ as the number one priority in their life.
- Attend Calvary Chapel Middle River worship services regularly.
- Be reliable and dependable.
- Agree with Calvary Chapel Middle River Statement of Faith with no reservations.

Do you agree with the Statement of Faith without reservation? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If not, please explain the specific areas of your differences (use a separate piece of paper if necessary and attach it to the back of this form).

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**Please Print Clearly**      Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

How long have you fellowshiped at Calvary Chapel Staunton? \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Years There: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Names and ages (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you walked with the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been water baptized? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

In which area (s) would you like to serve? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any previous serving experience? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when, where, and in what ministries? \_\_\_\_\_

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For the next set of questions, attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Briefly Give your testimony, when did you become a Christian and how has your life changed?

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Describe your devotional life. Spiritually, where are you now?

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What part does prayer play in your life?

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Please list or describe your talents, skills, hobbies, etc.

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Please list any Bible College, adult education classes, workshops, counseling classes, or training that you may have.

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Please list three people who could provide a personal reference should we need it.

Name	Phone Number
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Will you commit to being on time and prepared? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Will you commit to giving adequate notice to the appropriate ministry leader should you be unable to take your turn on the schedule or otherwise fulfill your responsibilities? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you discussed your potential ministry and the time commitment it will require with your spouse?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Are they supportive? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If you are applying for a ministry involving children please also fill out the following information that we will use to conduct a criminal history and sex offender background search. If you are not applying for a ministry involving children, you may skip this section, and just sign the consent below.

Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize any references listed in this application to give you any information that they may have regarding my character and fitness for ministry. In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application by Calvary Chapel Middle River, I hereby release any individual, church, youth organization, charity, employer, reference, or any other person or organization, including record custodians, both collectively and individually, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature that may at any time result to me, my heirs, or family, because of compliance or any attempts to comply, with this authorization. I waive any right that I may have to inspect any information provided about me by any person or organization identified by me in this application.

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Signature

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Date

Again it is highly encouraged that you read *On Being a Servant of God* by Warren Wiersbe so that you have a proper understanding and attitude about serving in His church. It is a short read; 150 pages broken up into 30 small chapters.

I have taken some bullet point notes for your convenience.

- Wiersbe defines ministry as taking place when divine resources meet human needs through loving channels to the glory of God.
  - Think through that definition; make sure you understand what that means.
  - Who provides the resources? God
  - Why does He provide them? To meet human needs
  - How does He do that? He uses loving people
  - Who gets the glory? God
  - Example: Jesus feeds the 5000 in John 6:1-14. Jesus provided the resources (food). He provided them to feed hungry people. He used the disciples to distribute what God had given. God received the glory.
- The church is the body of Christ on earth, taking the place of Jesus who has returned to heaven. He “did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (Matt. 20:28); and that must be our attitude: sacrifice and service to the glory of God.
  - Selfishness says, “What will I get?” Service says, “What I have I’ll give to you.”
- We need to minister in love but not compromise the truth of God.
- If our motive for serving is anything other than the glory of God, what we do will only be religious activity and not true Christian ministry. (1 Cor. 10:31 and 1 Peter 4:11)
- God is glorified when people see the Lord not the servant.
- God uses those that have holy integrity. Our lives need to be right before the Lord in order for Him to be able to use us effectively.
- Often what you do will not be appreciated and maybe not even noticed by people. You need to be okay with that and serve unto the Lord.
- Christian service is supposed to make you grow.
  - If your service to the Lord does not make you grow, you are either in the wrong ministry, or you have the wrong attitude towards the right ministry.
  - When your service is most difficult, God may be doing His deepest work in your life, so don’t run away.
- If your ministry is hurting your home, there is something wrong with your home, or your ministry, or both. The best thing you can do for your ministry is build a godly family; and the best thing you can do for your family is build a ministry that glorifies God.
- The best and the happiest thing we can do is serve the Lord. There is joy in serving the Lord, because “The joy of the Lord is your strength.” (Neh. 8:10)
  - The work is hard and often times have trials and tears, but it also has joys and triumphs.
  - There is joy because you are doing what God wants you to do. It pleases God because:
    - You are becoming more like the Master as you do His will.
    - You get the opportunity to help others come to know Jesus and grow in Him.
    - Your service will last eternally.
- In ministry you can NOT succeed apart from the Word of God.
  - The Bible reveals the character of God, renews the mind to be like God, strengthens our faith, and purifies our lives.
  - Christians who live in the Word are used by God to get His work done.
- While the purpose of ministry is the glory of God, one of the goals of ministry is to seek the lost and win them to faith in Jesus Christ.
  - No matter what area of ministry you are involved in, ask God to use you to reach others for His Kingdom.