



## Welcome to Connections Tell Us About You

We are glad that you are interested in knowing more about *the Church* and more about your relationship with Jesus Christ. Over the next ten weeks you will have an opportunity to understand God's call on your life; how that call is carried out in the life of a Christian; how that call fits with the mission and vision of *the Church* and given an opportunity to join us in what God is doing in this place.

On an almost daily basis we are reminded of God's faithfulness as He brings to *the Church* individuals with just the gifts that are needed to further our mission to connect people to Life in Jesus.

We want to make sure that you will sense the "rightness" of your decision to examine who we are and what we teach. To help begin the Connections Series, please fill out the following questions, and turn in this form at the first session, you may give this form to your instructor.

**Please take a few minutes and answer the following questions.**

*Note: Answer those questions that you are able. Don't hesitate to ask if you have questions.*

**Tell us about yourself. Check as many as apply:**

I'm in my:

20's       30's       40's       50's       60's       70's+

Male

Female

Student (youth) \_\_\_\_grade

Married

Separated/Divorced

Widowed

Parent with children at home

Parent with grown children

Head of household

Employed outside the home

Single

**Tell us a little bit about your interests. Please check all that apply.**

Sports

Technology/  
Electronics

Social Media

Baking

Fitness

Camping/Hiking/  
Outdoor Sports

Music

Photography

Knitting/Embroidering/  
Quilting/Sewing

Cooking

Journaling/Writing

Singing/Dancing/Theater

Hospitality

Computers

Drawing/Sketching/Painting

Gardening

Arts and Crafts

Travel

**Please check any areas that interest you.**

Administrative

Fellowship/Hospitality

Lawn Care

Care Ministry       Children's Ministry       lifeGroup  
 Family Connection       Youth       Media/Video Technology  
 Nursery       Worship Team       Finance  
Have you ever visited our website(Circle one) **Yes/No** or our Facebook page?(Circle one) **Yes/No**

Approximately when did you begin worshipping at *the Church*: \_\_\_\_\_.  
Month/ Year

How did you hear about us?

Word of Mouth       Website       Facebook Page       Tv/Radio       Yellow Pages  
 Newspaper       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Which services do you normally attend?

8am Traditional       9am(Verona)  10am (East Madison)  10:45am Exalt

What brought you to *the Church*? \_\_\_\_\_

Were you brought by someone? (circle one) **Yes/No** If so, who brought you? \_\_\_\_\_

Before coming here, did you regularly attend another church?       Yes       No

**If you checked "Yes" above, answer the questions below.**

What Church did you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever held a position of leadership in the church?

If so what? \_\_\_\_\_ (Example, elder or elected officer)

Have you ever served as a:       Sunday school teacher       youth worker  
    Bible study leader       music ministry  
    small group leader       other \_\_\_\_\_

**If you checked "No" above:**

What has been your previous exposure to Christianity? (check as many as apply)

Have been baptized When? \_\_\_\_\_ Church? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attended Sunday School as a child  
 Attended church as a child  
 Never found a church where I felt comfortable  
 Am totally unfamiliar with Christian teachings  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything else you'd like to share about yourself? Or anything you would like to ask us?

Would you be willing to email us a picture of yourself and/or your family so we can add you to our online directory? (circle one) **Yes/No**

Would you liked to be added to our email list which includes our weekly lifeNotes and monthly Good News newsletters? (circle one) **Yes/No**

If yes, please provide the email address you'd like us to use here: \_\_\_\_\_

# Your Family's Christian History

Household Name (last name): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD

Interested in Membership (circle one) **Yes/No**

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

Title: (circle one) Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Dr. Rev. Preferred Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Can you receive Texts? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Place of Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Method of Contact: \_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_ Email

May we text you? (Circle one) **Yes/No** If yes, what is your cell phone provider? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have social media pages? If yes, please provide URL: Facebook: \_\_\_\_\_

Twitter: \_\_\_\_\_ LinkedIn: \_\_\_\_\_ Google+ : \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Baptized at: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Confirmed at: \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State: \_\_\_\_\_ City and State: \_\_\_\_\_

## SPOUSE

Interested in Membership (circle one) **Yes/No**

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

Title: (circle one) Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Dr. Rev. Preferred Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Can you receive Texts? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Place of Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Method of Contact: \_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_ Email

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City and State: \_\_\_\_\_ City and State: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPENDENT CHILDREN** (Full Given Name)

**Interested in Membership** (circle one) **Yes/No**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
Baptism Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_  
City and State: \_\_\_\_\_ City and State: \_\_\_\_\_

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City and State: \_\_\_\_\_ City and State: \_\_\_\_\_

**OUR FAMILY'S PREVIOUS CHURCH INFORMATION** (Please list most recent church)

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Denomination \_\_\_\_\_  
Date you last attended? \_\_\_\_\_

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A covenant is a mutual agreement between two parties. It infers accountability and an ongoing commitment. The Hebrew word for covenant (*berit*) is a relational term used to illustrate the firm commitment of God to His people and the expectations that God has for His people.

The **Old Covenant** is most simply expressed through the 10 commandments. Nothing but complete obedience to them would earn God's favor. Yet, God showed us grace and unmatched love by sending us Jesus. Jesus is the only one who completely fulfilled the requirements of the Old Covenant. And in Jesus a **New Covenant** (agreement between God and man) was made through which we might find favor with God. This new Covenant is a Covenant made in Jesus' blood. Through the redeeming sacrifice of Jesus, by His death and resurrection, we are set free to serve God and live by the indwelling of His Holy Spirit. In this new Covenant comes a new obedience, NOT one of compulsion or duty but one that flows out of redemption, gratitude and love.

It is this New Covenant that we celebrate and invite you to join in with us. This document is not designed to add to the completed work of Jesus but rather to be used as a tool, reminder and catalyst for His continuing growth and prominence in our lives. Obedience does not earn salvation, but salvation bears fruit in obedience.

This is our covenant to each other and before God...

In celebration of new life found in the New Covenant in Jesus' blood, and in my desire to follow Him with all of my being and to be held accountable through the community of believers, I will:

## Come to

We join together to focus on Jesus, offer Him praise, and allow Him the space to speak to us. lifeWorship is an exciting part of *the Church* experience. The Bible teaches that joining together with other believers to encounter God is a necessary part of the Christian life.

Join us in lifeWorship every week and experience one of the greatest blessings God offers to you.

- Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. *Hebrews 10:25*
- Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. *1 Peter 2:2,3*

## Connect to

We live life together in lifeGroup. We meet weekly in each others' homes to share a meal and share our lives as we grow in Jesus. We worship, grow in the Word, pray and care for each other, and serve those in our community and the world.

Authentic biblical community requires deep connections. Our connection to other people is at the heart of our Christian experience. Though we often experience worship in a large setting with many other people, authentic connections happen most effectively in smaller groups where there is opportunity for dialog and relationships.

Our primary place for these authentic connections is called lifeGroup. If you are not actively involved in a lifeGroup, you may not be getting the whole picture of what the Church experience is supposed to be. Take the time to live life together in a lifeGroup and discover how God can help you connect with people of all ages and walks of life.

- Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. *Acts 2:46-47*
- Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. *Colossians 4:2-6*



We offer our talents, gifts and abilities to serve God, serve His church and serve others.

It is easy to come to church only for what we can get out of it. But the Bible says that each of us has something to GIVE back. Each of us has a need to SERVE. We want you to experience Life in Jesus and encourage you to take time to give yourself away.

- “Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ “In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit,” says the LORD Almighty. “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the LORD Almighty. *Malachi 3: 8-12*
- Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.  
*1 Corinthians 6:19-20*
- Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. *Romans 12:1-2*

I accept these expectations as a member of *the Church*. As a public declaration of intent, I sign this covenant with the people of *the Church*.

Sign Here \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name Here \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Bio Form

*Please complete this form and bring it with you to the first Connections class.*

Name:

The area of town I live in is:

One of my favorite foods is:

The kind of music I enjoy is:

I grew up in:

The college or pro team I cheer for is:

One of my favorite childhood activities was:

Church background:

I heard about this church from:

One thing I like about this church is:

If I could ask God a question, it would be: