

Getting Involved at



Centre Street Church



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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your interest in joining the team of servant volunteers here at Centre Street Church (CSC). We want to enable people to discover, develop and use their God-given abilities for God's glory.

Our commitment to you as an individual is:

- To help you discover how God has uniquely designed you to serve others
- To help you find a place of service that fits you best
- To help you grow toward full maturity as a follower of Jesus Christ.

The first step is for you to fill out this form in full and particularly remember to write down the area(s) of ministry in which you want to serve. This is a general form for use by everyone who wants to get involved in a ministry at CSC. After returning your completed form, someone from the church will contact you regarding the next step. We also encourage you to take "Discover Your Design" and other Discovery seminars (offered on Empower weekends three times a year and at other times) in order to learn more about where you might be best suited to serve.

May you come to rely on and discover God's joy and strength in a deeper way throughout the process of getting involved and serving Him.

Your Partner in Serving,
Greg Grunau
Lead Pastor of Spiritual Development

Servant Volunteer Process

OUR PURPOSE

We value each person serving in the right place, for the right reasons and with the right heart.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We value...

- a clear vision of service within the body of believers at CSC.
- every member serving in the body at CSC.
- a concise process for every believer at CSC to get involved.
- a careful understanding of the Kingdom purpose of each volunteer opportunity.
- the equipping of every volunteer for service.
- each volunteer having the heart of a servant.
- volunteers serving in community.
- making more deposits into the life of a volunteer than what we take out.
- people more than task.
- every volunteer replicating themselves in ministry.

PERSONAL REFERENCES

Please list references of people who know you well. This should include friends as well as those who have supervised you (preferably in a Christian ministry) or with whom you have served.

Friend/Colleague: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Supervisor/Small Group Leader: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Former/Current Pastor: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

SAFETY and SECURITY

Have you ever been convicted of any crime, including those for which you may have received a pardon? Yes No

Note: A Criminal Record Check will be required if you have answered "yes" to the above question, and will also be required in order to volunteer in certain ministries. A criminal record does not necessarily exclude an individual from ministry, but may require some explanation during the application process for a specific ministry.

The information on this form will be used for internal church use only.

Please read the following carefully before signing this application:

I certify that I have and will provide information throughout the volunteer application process, including on this application form and in interviews with Centre Street Church, that is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I have and will answer all questions to the best of my ability and that I have not and will not withhold any information that would unfavourably affect my application for a volunteer position. I understand that information contained on my application will be verified by Centre Street Church.

I have read and agree with the CSC Directional Statements and the Lifestyle Agreement for Servant Volunteers included in this form, and I understand that compliance with this Lifestyle Agreement is a term and condition of my volunteer service with Centre Street Church. I agree to protect the privacy and confidentiality of all personal information that I become aware of through my volunteer service at Centre Street Church (such as addresses, phone numbers and any other pieces of personal information). I agree not to copy, transmit or share any personal information except with the consent and under the direction of the staff of Centre Street Church.

Signature _____ Date _____

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LIFESTYLE AGREEMENT for Servant Volunteers (continued)

Following are several examples from the Bible of what it looks like for someone to follow biblical standards and live the Christian life:

- uphold the God-given worth of human beings, from conception to death, as the unique image-bearers of God (Gen. 1:27; Psalm 139:13-16)
- be people of integrity whose words can be fully trusted (Psalm 15:2-4)
- show evidence of the Holy Spirit who lives within them, qualities such as “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control” (Gal. 5:22, 23)
- give faithful witness to the Gospel (1 Pet. 3:15), practice good works toward all (Gal. 6:10; Eph. 2:10), and live lives of prayer and thanksgiving (1 Thess. 5:16-18)

By contrast, the Bible instructs us to refrain from sinful attitudes and behaviours, such as:

- rage, slander, dishonesty, hatred, selfish ambition, idolatry (Col. 3:8-9; Gal. 5:19-21)
- sexual immorality, such as the use of pornography (Matt. 5:27-28), pre-marital sex, adultery, and all other sexual relations outside the bounds of marriage between a man and woman (Rom. 1:21-27; 1 Cor. 6:9-10)
- hypocrisy, self-righteousness, legalism—imposing extra-biblical standards of godliness upon another person (Acts 15:5-11; Matt. 23:13-28)

Following the Lifestyle Agreement

It is important to recognize that none of us have perfectly followed these biblical standards and lived the Christian life fully. We are all imperfect human beings, but we are committing ourselves to not staying where we are but following Jesus in living life as He intended it to be lived. The most important thing is not our perfection but our direction—being willing to follow Jesus in every area of our lives and allowing Him to change us day by day.

Following this Lifestyle Agreement may on occasion require that we take steps to hold one another accountable, challenging one another in love as we walk together and learn to live the Christian life and be faithful to God’s Word and to our own word. Such loving acts of confrontation are at times difficult, but when performed in the right spirit (Gal. 6:1), they serve to build godly character for the individuals involved as well as the community as a whole (Matt. 18:15-17). Only in this way, as we are willing to speak the truth in love, will we “grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ” (Eph. 4:15).

NOTE: If you are not a follower of Jesus yet, you are still welcome to be a part of Centre Street Church and serve together with us in certain volunteer roles. You may not be able to say that you believe in all that the Bible says or that you are a committed follower of Jesus, but if you can agree to live according to biblical principles then you can serve at Centre Street Church. Please check the box below indicating your commitment to doing so.

- Although I am not a committed follower of Jesus, I want to serve at Centre Street Church. I understand that my service and my lifestyle are connected, and so I agree to live according to biblical principles such as those outlines in this Lifestyle Agreement and to seeking to know and discover more about Jesus while I serve.

Please fill out this form and drop it in the box at the Information Centre in the Atrium.

PERSONAL (information marked * is optional)

Name (Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone # Hm: _____ Wk: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ *Birthdate: _____

Occupation: _____

Do you attend CSC regularly? Yes No

If so, how long have you attended here? _____

*Marital Status

Single Married Widowed Separated Divorced

Re-married Common Law

Spouse’s name (Mr./Mrs.) _____

Spouse’s religious affiliation _____

Does your spouse attend CSC regularly? Yes No

If so, how long has he/she attended here? _____

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

1. Have you accepted Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior and committed yourself to following Him with your whole heart? Yes No
If so, when? _____

2. Choose the phrase that best describes your current relationship with Jesus.
 Seeker—I have not yet personally trusted Jesus for the forgiveness of my sins and committed myself to following him. I am seeking the truth.

New/Young Believer—I have recently become a Christian and am excited about my new walk with Jesus.

Stable/Growing Believer—I am confident of God’s faithfulness and his ability to accomplish his will in my life.

Leading/Guiding Believer—I have reached a high level of maturity in the faith and am able to model faithfulness and to inspire and guide others.

3. Have you been baptized? Yes No

If so, when? _____

MINISTRY—Service

What skills and experience do you have that might contribute to a ministry?
(eg. carpentry, administration, hospital visitation, volunteer experience, etc.)

MINISTRY—Service (continued)

What are your spiritual gifts? (eg. evangelism, shepherding, helps, etc.)

List your past ministry involvement, at CSC or elsewhere:

List your present ministry involvement, at CSC or elsewhere:

Area(s) of ministry you would like to be involved in:

Please read the following Directional Statements and Lifestyle Agreement.
When you sign this form, you will be indicating that you have read
and agree with these two documents

CSC DIRECTIONAL STATEMENTS

The compass is a mariner's instrument for charting a course through uncharted waters. Navigation by a compass calibrated to true north is critical to a safe and successful voyage. The following contains the true north statements used to navigate the way for Centre Street Church. They orient us to the vision and direction of God and are always pointing the way.

Our Core Ministry Values

1. We value people because people matter to God and need to know Him.
2. We value the corporate worship experience as being vital to the celebration of God's presence among us.
3. We value scriptural preaching and teaching communicated with grace towards the transformation of lives.
4. We value the practice of prayer.
5. We value small groups as being strategic to the building of a Biblical community.
6. We value the unity of loving relationships permeating every aspect of the church life.
7. We value a discipling process which moves people to become fully mature followers of Christ.
8. We value the empowerment of people to do the work of ministry with a servant heart according to their giftedness.
9. We value servant-leadership given by spirit-filled people.
10. We value giving our best to God because this honours God and inspires people.

Our Biblical Purpose What God calls the church to be

The Biblical purpose for the church is to glorify God through exalting Him, edifying one another and equipping believers for effective ministry and outreach.

Our Vision Where we are going

Centre Street Church will be a Biblically functioning community of fully devoted followers of Christ committed to accomplishing God's redemptive purposes in the world.

Our Mission What we are doing

Centre Street Church exists to introduce people to Jesus and to help them become fully devoted followers of Jesus.

Our Seven Step Strategy How we are fulfilling our mission

- Step 1: We Care
- Step 2: We Share
- Step 3: We Build Bridges
- Step 4: We Worship
- Step 5: We Support
- Step 6: We Disciple
- Step 7: We Minister

The 6 E's of a Fully Devoted Follower of Christ What we are becoming

- Embracing Christian Growth
- Exalting the Lord
- Exercising Good Stewardship
- Evangelizing the Lost
- Experiencing Biblical Community
- Extending the Kingdom

LIFESTYLE AGREEMENT for Servant Volunteers

The goal of the Servant-Volunteer Process at Centre Street Church is to have the right people, serving in the right places, with the right heart and for the right reasons.

The purpose of this Lifestyle Agreement is to:

- Enable us to pursue living in biblical community as fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ
- Empower us to fulfill the mission of Centre Street Church.

It is important that what we believe and what we do goes together. In all we do, we want to live in a way that honours the Jesus we are serving.

Biblical Standards

We understand that, through the Bible, God calls to us and encourages us to respond to Him in a number of ways:

1. The call to love God with our whole being, and to love our neighbour as ourselves (Matt. 22:37-40). Christ-like love should be the motive in all decisions, actions, and relationships (Rom. 13:8-10).
2. The call to acknowledge the Lordship of Christ over all of life. This involves a wholehearted obedience to Jesus and careful stewardship in all dimensions of life (1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 1:18; 3:17).
3. The call to actively pursue holiness in every aspect of our thought and behavior (2 Cor. 7:1) and to treat our own bodies and those of others with honor due the very temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:18-20).
4. The call to participate in the worship and activities of the local church, which forms the basic biblically-mandated context for Christian living (Acts 2:42-47; Heb. 10:25).

Living the Christian Life

We believe these biblical standards will show themselves in a distinctly Christian way of life, an approach to living we expect of ourselves and of one another. This lifestyle involves pursuing and practicing those attitudes and actions the Bible portrays as virtues while avoiding those that the Bible portrays as sinful and destructive.