



# MEMBERSHIP CLASS



Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. - Matthew 28:19

Crestview Community Church  
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# Welcome!

This class is designed as a pathway to formal membership here at C3 and a deepening connection with Christ and the Church. We are excited for your interest in becoming a member of C3! Below is a table of contents for this notebook which will also serve as an outline for our time together today!

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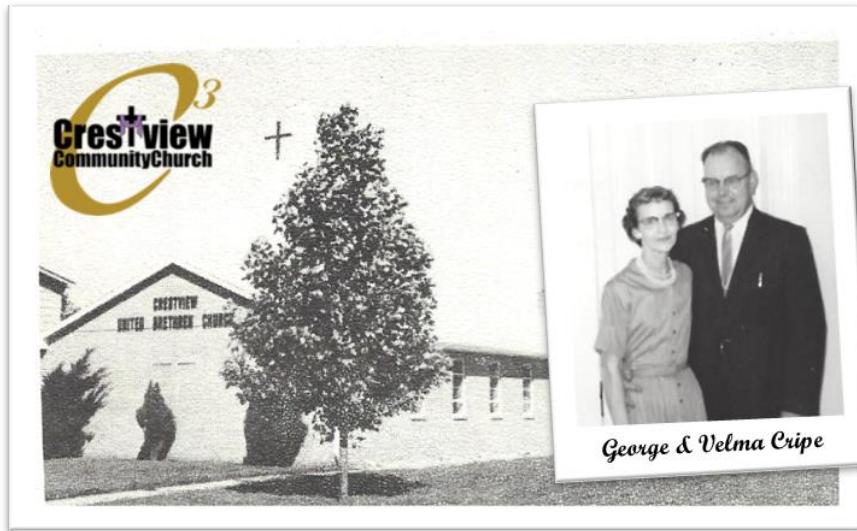
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# The C3 Story

## Crestview Community Church History:



Crestview Community Church, formerly Crestview United Brethren Church, held its first church service on September 3, 1956, in the basement of Reverend George Cripe's home located at 2416 Lafayette Drive near Crestview Ct. in Lafayette, Indiana. The new church was officially organized on December 29, 1956, with six charter members. The church moved into a new building located at 2417 South Ninth Street, on August 15, 1958, and remained in that location for nearly 15 years. In February of 1973, the original church building on 9th street was sold, while a new building was being constructed on roughly 14 acres located at 1400 Ortman Lane in Lafayette. The church met temporarily at Central Catholic High School and moved into the new facility on February 2, 1975. Crestview Preschool was also established as a weekday ministry of the church in 1975. Crestview United Brethren Church continued in operation until July 21, 2014. At that time, the Board of Governance and the members of Crestview United Brethren Church elected to become an independent, non-denominational church. The Church was renamed Crestview Community Church and at that time also became known as C3. In 2008 the church initiated a generosity campaign to add the community room, as well as additional office and classroom spaces. In 2011 the church acquired two portable buildings to provide additional classroom space for youth ministry. 2018 was a marked moment as the church launched another generosity campaign to add additional parking, remodel the sanctuary, build additional office space, create a café-classroom space and remodel the foyer area and Sunday school classroom.

## What does C3 stand for?

Many people assume that C3 stands for Crestview Community Church, and they would be right! However, the 3 C's are also there to remind us of our purpose as a church. At C3 we believe that a *great commitment to the Great \_\_\_\_\_ and the Great \_\_\_\_\_* done with great \_\_\_\_\_ will grow a great church.

The Great commandments (Mat. 22:35-40, Mark 12:28-34, Luke 10:27a.)

The Great commission (Mat. 28:16-20)

Great compassion done with great compassion will grow a great church. (Mat. 9:36, Matthew 23:37, Luke 19:41-42, Ephesians 5:2)

## C3 Mission Statement

Crestview Community Church exists to provide the people of Tippecanoe County the best opportunity to become fully \_\_\_\_\_ followers of Jesus by inviting them to an intimate relationship with God, and connecting them in healthy relationships with other Christians.

## Our Values

At C3, we operate from several core values that characterize our church. These values serve as a filter for determining our ministry decisions. Our core values guide how we achieve our mission, influence major leadership decisions, and shape our everyday ministry plans. They help us navigate staffing, budgeting and resource allocation. Our core values serve as a kind of compass that keeps us focused on the unique call and direction God has given us as a local community church.

- **We value \_\_\_\_\_ recognizing that lost people matter to God, and therefore, they matter to the church.** We promote relational evangelism (Luke 5:30–32; Luke 15; Matthew 18:14).
- **We value \_\_\_\_\_ as a catalyst for transformation in individuals' lives and in the church.** At C3 we teach with the goal that every person can understand and embrace the Word of God in a way that results in salvation, as well as life change known in the church as sanctification. (2 Timothy 3:16–17; James 1:23–25, Romans 12:7).

## Our Values Continued...

- **We value the being \_\_\_\_\_ while remaining \_\_\_\_\_.** This includes both the atmosphere and culture throughout our facility, our online presence, printed materials, and event programming. (1 Corinthians 9:19–23)
- **We value \_\_\_\_\_.** We embrace the call to humility, gentleness and patience with one another established by Christ and emphasized by the New Testament authors. We seek to emphasize what unites us as believers rather than focus on the things that divide us. (John 17:20–23, Ephesians 4)
- **We value \_\_\_\_\_ numerically and spiritually.** We expect that healthy churches and healthy Christians will grow. We seek to help every member grow in character and wholeness. (Acts Ephesians 4:25–26, 32; Hebrews 12:1; Philippians 1:6)
- **We value the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ by both men and women.** This includes the concepts of unity, servanthood, spiritual gifts, and ministry callings. At C3 we believe every member is called to ministry. (1 Corinthians 12 and 14; Romans 12; Ephesians 4; Psalm 133:1)
- **We value loving \_\_\_\_\_ within every aspect of church life.** Relationships are the key to thriving ministries, ministry teams, small groups, and classes. (1 Corinthians 13; Nehemiah 3; Luke 10:1; John 13:34–35)
- **We value \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ community.** Members of C3 church grow closer to Christ and one another through regular involvement in small groups and classes for the purpose of discipleship, vulnerability, growth of knowledge, and accountability. (Luke 6:12–13; Acts 2:44–47)

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## Our Values Continued...

- **We value \_\_\_\_\_ in all we do.** We review and evaluate ministries, programs, events, and weekend services to honor God in everything. (Colossians 3:17; Malachi 1:6–14; Proverbs 27:17)
- **We value God-given \_\_\_\_\_ gifts.** We seek to place men and women with leadership gifts in proper places of service to the church. (Nehemiah 1–2; Romans 12:8; Acts 6:2–5)
- **We value \_\_\_\_\_.** At C3 members embrace the challenge to give to others and to the Lord our time, talents, and treasure (Matthew 6:19–21, Proverbs 11:24–25, Proverbs 19:17, Proverbs 21:13, Proverbs 22:9, 1 Corinthians 8:12–15, 2 Corinthians 9:7, 1 Timothy 6:17–19, Luke 6:38, Psalm 112:5)
- **We value the pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ and His cause.** We work to help every believer come to a full knowledge of Christ and understand concepts of stewardship, servanthood, and the pursuit of Kingdom goals. (1 Kings 11:4; Philippians 2:1–11; 2 Corinthians 8:7).

## Why Membership?

There are both \_\_\_\_\_ reasons why church membership is important.

### Spiritual reasons for church membership:

In 1 Corinthians Paul doesn't say the church is *like* a body. He says the church is a body. The phrase he uses to describe the individual connectedness is that we are "members of the body". Therefore, the word "member" in the Bible is more closely related to the medical word for "member" than it is to the common cultural understanding of one who subscribes to a service or club.

As an example, some who has lost a finger in an accident, on that unfortunate day, they became a *dismembered* person. Similarly, and sadly, it is common for people to become separated (*dismembered*) from the body of believers. At C3 we are seeking to help every person connect and embrace the importance of their personal membership within the body of Christ (*the church*). We see membership not simply as an opportunity to be part of a club, rather it is a way for a believer in Christ to live in \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ and the church.

Below are three things that help us understand why church membership is biblical and important.

We find in Paul's letters to the church at Corinth that they were putting people out of the body. So, Scripture teaches that we can be a *part* of the body, and we can be *apart* from the body. It is difficult to get around Scripture when it talks about being brought into the body and also being put out of it. And yet for most churches there is no way to put somebody out because they are not even in. While there seems to be flexibility according to various bodies, there is no such thing in the New Testament as a church without some recognition of belonging (of membership) to the community. People need membership commitment because they need to be connected to a Christian community.

**Membership in the church is a reflection of membership in God's family.**

Membership is not just for the sake of the faith community; it is also for the sake of the individual. \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity is a myth and a damaging pursuit. A Christian without a church home is like a child without a family.

God makes us a part of His larger family when we are born again (John 3:3-5), therefore each of us should make a covenant connection within a local body and live in community with them as family. In the family we agree to live by certain established godly principles and standards. While membership doesn't save us, it does enable us to grow and become \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

**Practical reasons for church membership:**

Our church is a federally incorporated non-profit 501c3 organization, and its members vote and provide a layer of accountability regarding the church's budget and other major decisions. Membership, according to organizational by-laws, also serves as the pool from which our organizations officers are chosen for governance and legal purposes.

**Membership Requirements**

Below is a list of requirements or prerequisites for becoming a formal member of C3.

- Accept Christ as your \_\_\_\_\_ Savior and Lord.
- Water Baptism is a second requirement for membership at C3. Water Baptism and a public profession of faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord is an important step in the life of every person who believes in Jesus. Those who were baptized as infants, or before they were able to make an informed decision, will be required to be baptized as a way of demonstrating their individual \_\_\_\_\_ to follow Jesus and as their own profession of faith in Christ as Lord and Savior.
- To become a member of Crestview Community Church you must at least be \_\_\_\_\_ years old.
- Anyone desiring membership should be a regular attender at C3 for at least \_\_\_\_\_ months before taking the membership class.
- All who seek membership will agree to and sign the C3 membership \_\_\_\_\_ and align with C3 Articles of Faith.
- To become a member, you must \_\_\_\_\_ a Membership Class.

God makes us a part of his larger family when we are born again (John 3:3-5). But then we should make a covenant connection within a local body and live in community with them, agreeing to live by certain established godly principles and standards. Membership doesn't save us. But it does enable us to grow and become spiritually mature in Christ.

At C3 we see the church is a \_\_\_\_\_, not a business!

We are an \_\_\_\_\_ – more than an organization.

Therefore, we function on the basis of \_\_\_\_\_ and not simply elected offices. (1 Corinthians 12; 1 Corinthians 14, Ephesians 5)

### **Membership Affirmation by the Board of Elders**

Each person who meets the requirements for membership, and signs the membership covenant, will be presented by name to the C3 board of elders for a simple vote of affirmation of acceptance to membership at the next board meeting beyond the attended membership class date. Membership by those who have signed the covenant will be considered provisional until the board affirmation vote of acceptance. New member names will be shared with the congregation at the annual church membership meeting.

# Salvation Explained

Salvation and Baptism are two experiences of faith that are closely linked in the Bible. Let's look at each one individually and then we'll see how they go together! Below are is a simple explanation of salvation known as the A,B,C's of salvation. Let's walk through this simple way of understanding the Gospel (the good news about Jesus).



## A - \_\_\_\_\_

Admit what you have done wrong and ask forgiveness.

Romans 3:23 All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23 The wages of sin is death.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

## B - \_\_\_\_\_

Believe that Jesus died on the cross and rose again as a payment for your sins.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

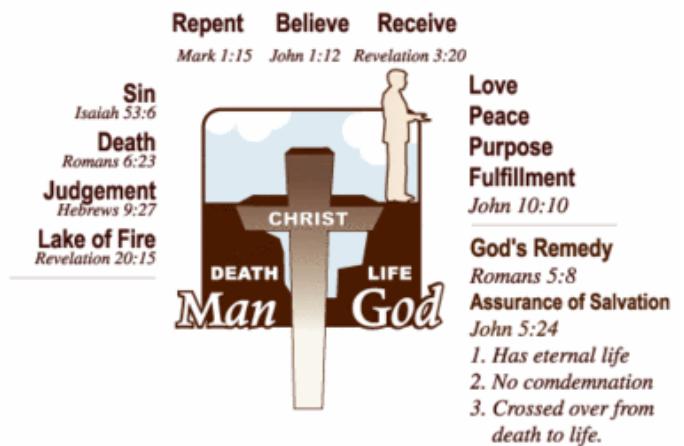
## C - \_\_\_\_\_

Confess and choose to allow God to be in charge of your life.

Matthew 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Romans 10:9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:13 Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.



# Understanding Baptism

At C3 we expect that all who accept Jesus as savior and Lord will seek an opportunity to be water baptized.

Baptism - An \_\_\_\_\_ expression of an \_\_\_\_\_ reality. Baptism is an ordinance of the church. An outward rite ordained by Jesus Christ symbolizing an inner spiritual condition that already exists.



## What is symbolized in baptism?

At C3 we believe that baptism is an outward sign of an individual's personal faith commitment-the spiritual relationship that exists between the person and God through Jesus Christ. Romans 6:3,4 reminds us that the believer has \_\_\_\_\_ to their old way of life and has been resurrected as \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ. Baptism also symbolizes a moral cleansing. (Acts 22:16, 1Corinthians 16:11) Baptism is also an act of identification with the Body of Christ. (1Corinthians 12:13) Baptism has no saving power. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ of a salvation experience that has already taken place. When verses talk about baptism that saves you (1 Peter 3:21) it's referring to what baptism symbolizes - identification with Jesus. He has separated us from the lost and given us new life through His death and resurrection. We are justified by faith alone. (Romans 4, 5:1,2)

## Why be baptized?

If baptism has no saving power then why do it? Simply put...because Jesus told us to and we are to be \_\_\_\_\_ to His instructions (Matthew 28:19,20). Jesus modeled obedience in baptism. (Matthew 3:13-17). Peter teaches the baptism response in Acts 2:38. The same with Paul in Acts 22:16. Baptism, the public declaration of our faith in Jesus, is of the utmost importance in the life of a believer.

## Who should be baptized?

Baptism is an expression of an individual's faith commitment to Jesus Christ, therefore C3 baptizes \_\_\_\_\_. People that have already made a \_\_\_\_\_ decision to accept Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of their life.

Baptism was the normal practice in the New Testament. People repented, entered into a relationship with Jesus, and were baptized as a \_\_\_\_\_ proclamation of that relationship (Acts 2:41; 8:12,12,37; 9:18).

Jesus said, "Go into the world...make disciples...and baptize them.

There is no mention of babies being baptized in the Bible. The household passages don't mention children or infants being baptized. Infant baptism is a meaningful action on the part of a child's parents, but it is a decision that has been made on behalf of the child. Biblical baptism by immersion is a personal response to what God has done in a person's life. It is a decision that a person needs to make for \_\_\_\_\_ to proclaim what has taken place in their life because of the grace of God.

Here at C3 parents commit their infants and children to God's care and keeping through infant and child \_\_\_\_\_ experience. Baptism is reserved to celebrate the point when a child decides for themselves to personally enter into and publicly declare a relationship with Jesus.

## How do we baptize?

The Greek word for baptize is baptidzo. The primary meaning is to dip or to \_\_\_\_\_. It was a word used by dyers of cloth. To baptize a fabric meant to dip it completely under the dye. There were different terms used for sprinkling or pouring. Our church baptizes believers by immersion because it is the method that matches what the Bible teaches.

The practice of believers in the New Testament church. (The first record of sprinkling was in 250 A.D. in a death bed experience. In 1311 the Catholic Church first made immersion or sprinkling acceptable.) Baptism by immersion also vividly portrays what has happened in the life of a believer. The death and burial of an old way of life and being raised to new life in Jesus (Romans 6:3,4).



# How to grow as a member at C3

At C3 we encourage every member to grow spiritually and relationally with one another. As a matter of fact, we believe the two are closely related. Below are ways that you can do both!

## 1. Attend Sunday worship services.

Our Sunday services are for people at all stages in their spiritual journey. Our Sunday morning worship services are \_\_\_\_\_ in ways that minister to the believer and help unbelievers explore faith and learn what it means to have a genuine relationship with God.

### C3 Sunday services focus on four values:

#### **Worship and Celebration**

We believe church should be \_\_\_\_\_.

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" - PSALM 122:1 NKJV

#### **Inspiration**

We believe church should be a place where people \_\_\_\_\_ God's presence.

"But... when some unbelievers or ordinary people come in, they will be convinced of their sin by what they hear. They will be judged by all they hear, their secret thoughts will be brought into the open, and they will bow down and worship God, confessing, 'Truly God is here among you!' - 1 CORINTHIANS 14:24-25 GNT

#### **Preparation**

We believe church should be a place where people \_\_\_\_\_ what the Bible says and how the Bible \_\_\_\_\_ to our daily lives.

"So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelist, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people to works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." - EPHESIANS 4:11-12

## Salvation

We believe church should be a place where people can \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him, unless someone tells them?” - ROMANS 10:13-14 NLT

## 2. Participate in Adult Christian Education. (Adult Sunday School)

At C3 we are committed to your \_\_\_\_\_ and so we provide opportunities for adults to connect and learn together in classes where you can learn what is in the Bible, how to study it, and how to apply it to your every-day life. Adult Christian Education classes are hosted during the morning services:

Larry Underwood hosts in room 111  
Sunday Mornings at 9:00AM

Kevin Underwood hosts in room 111  
Sunday Mornings at 10:45AM

Curt Miller hosts in Portable Building #2  
Sunday Morning at 10:45AM



\*Special Adult Christian Education classes are made available during the year and will be shared online, on Facebook and the church bulletin.

## 3. Connect in Small Groups.

When you look at the many “one another” statements found in the Bible, it is clear that we are meant to \_\_\_\_\_ beyond an hour on Sunday.

At C3 we also believe that the church must grow \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ at the same time. Small groups are a way for the church to do both.

We believe \_\_\_\_\_ happens best in the context of relationships. Our C3 Small Groups exist to bring people together in Christian fellowship and discipleship and to help them become fully developing followers of Jesus. Small Small groups help C3 members become fully \_\_\_\_\_ followers of Jesus.

## Small Groups provide three things:

### 1. A place to \_\_\_\_\_ with others.

We were not made to do life alone. God created us for community, and Life Groups provide a place for you to connect with others, share life, and grow in faith together.



### 2. A place to \_\_\_\_\_ each other.

“We know what real love is because Jesus gave up His life for us. So, we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.” - 1 JOHN 3:16 NLT

When we do life together, our problems become smaller as God uses others to bring support and encouragement to our lives. Life Groups become a place where others don't just know your name but care about what is happening in your life and want to support you in your spiritual journey.

### 3. A place to \_\_\_\_\_ together.

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” - PROVERBS 27:17

We believe every person is created with God-given potential to make a difference in the world. Life Groups are a place you can grow with others to become more like Jesus and reach the potential God has put inside you.

## A Church of Small Groups:

At C3 we seek to be a church of Small Groups, not just a church *with* Small Groups. If you would like to sign up to host a group, please visit [www.C3Lafayette.org/small-groups](http://www.C3Lafayette.org/small-groups).

**RightNow Media**

One of the best resources used by individuals, classes and small groups is our online video library known as RightNow Media. RightNow contains thousands of Christian videos and teachings that are organized in libraries like: books of the Bible, parenting, marriage, men, women, biblical finance and more. There is also a library full of children's videos that are a great source of entertainment, as well as Christian education!



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## BREAK TIME!

## 4. Be a part of the mission.

Sharing Christ in our city, our nation, and our world.

In **Acts 1:8** we are reminded of Jesus words when He said that the Holy Spirit would empower his followers to, “... **be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**” With this scripture in mind, C3 has become focused on reaching people in three key places:

1. “**In Jerusalem**” - \_\_\_\_\_

“Real religion, the kind that passes muster before the God the Father, is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight.”

James 1:27 MSG

2. “**In Judea and Samaria**” - \_\_\_\_\_

“As they traveled from town to town, they presented the simple guidelines the Jerusalem apostles and leaders had come up with. That turned out to be most helpful. Day after day the congregations became stronger in faith and larger in size.”

ACTS 16:4-5 MSG

3. “**To the ends of the earth**” - \_\_\_\_\_

“Jesus said to His followers, ‘Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone.’” - MARK 16:15 NCV

## How we reach our city (Jerusalem)

**Be The Church Weekend** – a weekend we set aside once a year to devote ourselves to serving our city. Teams of people from C3 church team together to accomplish service projects toward the benefit of individuals in our community or in partnership with community organizations that are making a difference in our area.

**Be The Church Projects & Partnerships** – the C3 missions team seeks to connect groups and individuals with serving opportunities throughout the year. Below is a list of organizations C3 has been in partnership within service to our community.

- Food Finders
- LUM (Lafayette Urban Ministry)
- Trinity Life Ministries
- Home With Hope
- Salvation Army
- And more...

## How we reach our nation (Judea & Samaria)

Youth Mission Trips \*state side – our student ministry seeks to establish mission trips and mission-oriented outings for students during their summer break each year. The goal is to help students build a heart for serving others and sharing the gospel. Mission trip locations and signups are often established in the late fall for the next coming summer.

Adult Mission Trips \*state side – our C3 Missions Team helps to connect adults with missions experiences they can participate in groups or as individuals. The missions team seeks to establish mission trip locations and involvement details each fall in advance of the summer when trips most often take place.

### How we reach our world (to the ends of the earth)

Adult Foreign Missions Trips: One of the primary ways we reach our world is through sending teams from our church to work in specific areas of the world and through the support to foreign missionaries. Mission trip locations are established by our C3 Missions Team and teams are formed based on the type of mission trip and project they are setting out to accomplish.

Below are the missionary couples C3 supports as they reach the world by translating the Bible and Bible study tools into foreign (and sometimes unwritten) languages.



**Mark & Patti Bean** went to Peru in 1984 as Bible translators in the Andes mountains. In addition to Bible translation, they also encouraged worship music in Quechua, prepared basic discipleship materials for the Quechua church, and developed literacy materials. In 2003 they dedicated two New Testaments: one for Margos-Yarowilca-Lauricocha and the other for Huamalíes-Dos de Mayo Quechua speakers.

Since then, they have been translating the entire Bible for six related Quechua languages: the two above as well as Huaylas, South Conchucos, North Conchucos and Huacaybamba Quechuas. Pray for these six Bibles to make it safely through the final steps of layout, proofing, and publication. Pray for the local Quechua speaking church to be able to read and use the whole counsel of God.



**Curtis and Jennifer Campbell** are starting their work with the people of Sabu who have been waiting over 10 years to relaunch Bible translation efforts for their language.

Curtis' linguistic and exegetical skills are needed to work with mother tongue translators on understanding the Bible passages and ensuring the Scriptures are translated accurately.

With God's help to relaunch the Bible translation project, Curtis and Jennifer have begun learning and documenting the local language, partnering with the

local church, and building a team to begin translating the scriptures. They are working with 4 teams to draft the books of Genesis, Ruth, and Jonah, as well as adapting the book of Mark to a local dialect.

With the addition of twins, their family has outgrown the motorcycle and are saving funds for a vehicle for Sabu. They look forward to engaging local partners, gathering field data, engaging in language immersion, culture learning experiences, and safely transporting their family on unpaved roads to facilitate Bible translation.



**Dutch and Robin Honingh** are the founders of Milk & Honey Ministries. Robin has authored a book titled "Walk With Yeshua". In her book, Robin instructs her readers how to grow closer to Jesus through a method of studying the Bible known as the "inductive" study method. Her book has been translated into two languages other than English and is useful to them as they disciple people through their ongoing ministry work areas in and around Israel.

## Our Missions Team (Mission C3):

At C3, we intentionally invest a portion of our resources in missions work all around the world. Our missions team serves to coordinate our efforts to serve others and share the gospel in a wide range of ways locally and globally. Text the word "SERVE" to 765-230-3230 to receive updates related to C3 missions related opportunities.

### Embracing mission C3 as your own:

There are at least 3 key ways that you can participate in our mission...

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Pray that we might reach people with the Good News of Jesus.

"Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."

- MATTHEW 9:37-38

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Give your of your resources to reach people for Christ.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be." - MATTHEW 6:19-21

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Join a mission team or project where you can serve others, share Christ, and show people the love of God.

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!' He said, 'Go and tell this people...'"

- ISAIAH 6:8-9



## Sharing Christ and C3 with others:

"Go out into the country... and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full." - Luke 14:23 TLB

As we continue to reach people far from God, every one of us can do our part to help others take steps toward Christ and the church:

1. Accept the personal \_\_\_\_\_ of being a witness for Christ.
2. Build a personal \_\_\_\_\_ with others who are not in a relationship with Christ.
3. Share your personal \_\_\_\_\_ \* Use the QR code to learn to write and share your testimony.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ your friend to accept Christ as Lord and Savior.
5. Give a personal \_\_\_\_\_ to join you at C3.



"Yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him." - 1 CORINTHIANS 9:22 TLB

### My circle of relationships:

List the names of at least three people who you can invite to take a step toward Jesus by inviting them to worship alongside you here at C3.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

# Church Leadership

As you consider investing your time, talent, and treasure into the life of a church, it is important for you to feel \_\_\_\_\_ in church leadership. Our goal in sharing the details of C3's governance and leadership structure is that you will understand that our church is structured to support the values of spiritual authority and church accountability.

**Our church government is made up of two groups of leaders.**

**C3 church is..**

**1. Guided by** \_\_\_\_\_

(Pastoral staff & appointed leaders)

The Pastoral Staff team is led by Pastor Thom Redmond and assisted by Associate Pastor Todd Hair. Our pastors, along with our part-time staff, oversee the day-to-day ministry and operations of the church. Our pastoral staff serve the congregation and are responsible for the ongoing development of ministries the church.

**2. Protected by** a \_\_\_\_\_

Our elder board is made up of men and women appointed from within the congregation with affirmation from our Sr. Pastor, current elder board and church body. This team of men and women serve to provide spiritual covering for the church, assist in establishing direction, and offering pastoral care to the church body. They also provide counsel to the Senior Pastor regarding the major financial commitments of the church.



## Giving at C3

"Every Sunday each of you make an offering and put it in safekeeping. Be as generous as you can. When I get there you'll have it ready, and I won't have to make a special appeal." - 1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-4 MSG

At C3, we practice \_\_\_\_\_ for the support of Christ's body, the church, as God commands. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard for giving.

"Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year." - DEUTERONOMY 14:22-26

"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 there will not be room enough to store it." - MALACHI 3:10

Giving is one of the central themes in the Bible. Jesus talked more about this subject than Heaven, Hell, or prayer. To understand what it means to be a Christ-follower, it is important for each of us to understand what it means to be a \_\_\_\_\_ within the church.

### 1. Tithe

The tithe, or "first fruits" of our labor/income belong to God. We find this principle all through God's word. Tithing, giving God the \_\_\_\_\_ of our income to the local church, is the primary, practical way we acknowledge that God is first. (Proverbs 3:9-10)

### 2. Offerings

An offering is giving over and \_\_\_\_\_ the tithe. The Bible says that by giving generously, we are able to "take hold of the life that is truly life." You aren't really living unless you are freely giving. (1 Timothy 6:18-19)



### **3. The Spiritual Gift of Giving**

The gift of giving is a spiritual gift that God gives to some people (Romans 12:8). It is a Spirit- given capacity and \_\_\_\_\_ to serve God by giving of your material resources, far beyond the tithe, to further the work of God.

Many people love to give to God and as they do, they want to feel confident in the organization through which they give. At C3, we want people to understand they are giving to God \_\_\_\_\_ the church, not to the church. As we openly share the honesty, integrity, and spiritual values that guide the financial practices of C3, we believe people can focus on what God is calling them to give and trust that He is leading our church to steward it well.

## Discovering Your S.H.A.P.E.

Each of us is uniquely created by God and \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit for ministry. At C3 we want to help you discover your S.H.A.P.E. and then help you connect with opportunities to be involved in the ministries and mission of C3. SHAPE is an acronym associated with five different areas of your life that are important to explore as you move toward joining ministry teams that serve the church and community.

**S** = \_\_\_\_\_

Spiritual gifts are special abilities distributed by the Holy Spirit to every believer according to God's design and grace for the common good of the body of Christ.

**H** = \_\_\_\_\_

What do you love to do? This section of your SHAPE discovery dives into your passions. In your heart are God-given desires that compel you to make a difference in a particular ministry. The fact that each of us cares deeply about certain things more than others is by God's design.

**A** = \_\_\_\_\_

What are your natural talents and abilities? What training, skills, and/or education do you have? We want to help you see how you can use these abilities to do ministry and bring glory to God.

**P** = \_\_\_\_\_

Better understanding your perspective, how you interact with others, and how you interact with the world around you can help you find your place and function in ministry. Knowing more about your own personality can help you discover the roles that are right for you to fulfill in the ministries here at C3.

**E** = \_\_\_\_\_

God can use your life experiences for His purposes. What experiences do you have that have molded you into who you are today? God can use both the good and the bad experience of your life as you serve in ministries to others!

### Where to take the S.H.A.P.E assessment

The online SHAPE assessment can be found at <https://www.freeshapetest.com>. The assessment takes about 30 minutes and must be completed in one sitting. When entering your contact information at the end of the assessment, you have the option to send your results to a church leader (use [SHAPE@C3lafayette.org](mailto:SHAPE@C3lafayette.org) for that field). Once we receive your SHAPE assessment results we will follow up with you to discuss the results and help you find your place of service best fit you.



## Membership Expectations Summary

Below is a summary of the ideas and ideals we have shared about in this workbook and class today. In summary, C3 members are expected to...

- Regularly \_\_\_\_\_ worship services and small groups.
- Actively \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual growth and witnessing opportunities.
- Consistently \_\_\_\_\_ as part of a C3 ministry team.
- \_\_\_\_\_ proportionately and generously (tithe and offerings).
- Respect and \_\_\_\_\_ C3 leadership (Pastors, Elders and Appointed Ministry Leaders).

## C3 Membership Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and having been baptized in water as a declaration of faith and demonstration of my decision to follow Christ and being in agreement with the values and ideas presented in the C3 Membership Class, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the C3 family. In doing so, I make the following commitment to God and my fellow church members:

1. I will                    **the unity of my church by:** Acting in love toward other members. Refusing to gossip. Following the leaders:

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and one the growth of our fellowship together."

ROMANS 14:19 PH

“Live in complete harmony with each other - each with the attitude of Christ toward each other.”

ROMANS 15:5 TLB

“Have a sincere love for other believers, love one another earnestly with all your heart.”

1 PETER 1:22 GNT

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs.”

## EPHESIANS 4:29

“Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.”

HEBREWS 13:17

2. I will \_\_\_\_\_ **the responsibility of my church by:** Praying for its growth and health. Inviting the unchurched to attend. Warmly welcoming those who visit.

"To the church... we always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers."

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-2

"Go out into the country... and urge anyone you find to come in, so that the house will be full."

LUKE 14:23 TLB

"So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified."

ROMANS 15:7 TLB

3. I will \_\_\_\_\_ **the ministry of my church by:** Discovering my gifts and talents. Using my God- given gifts to make a difference in the lives of others. Developing a servant's heart.

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you."

1 PETER 4:10 PH

"So Christ Himself gave... pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."

EPHESIANS 4:11-12

"Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus... taking the form of a bondservant."

PHILIPPIANS 2:4-5, 7 NKJV

4. I will \_\_\_\_\_ the testimony of my church by: Attending church and small groups faithfully. Living a Godly life. Giving regularly.

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

ACTS 2:42

“Let us not neglect our meeting together... but encourage one another.”  
HEBREWS 10:25 NLT

“But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the Gospel of Christ.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:27 PH

**NOTE:** You will have an opportunity to sign a membership covenant at the end of our class time today should you meet all the requirements and desire to become a formal member of C3.

# C3 Articles of Faith

## Our Beliefs

### **1. The Bible is the inspired word of God.**

The Bible is the only written revelation from God to man. The Bible is infallible and trustworthy teaching us how to conduct our lives. "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and make us realize what is wrong in our lives." 2 Timothy 3:16 NLT. We also believe that the Bible is the one true authority in matters pertaining to the Christian faith. (Acts 17:11; Isaiah 8:20)

### **2. Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**

Jesus Christ is the second person of the trinity, The scriptures teach he was born of a virgin (Matthew 1:18-23), that he led a sinless life, John 3:4-5, and that he performed miracles Acts 10:37-38., Acts 2:22). Jesus also died on the cross for our sins, 1 Peter 2:24 and was resurrected from the dead, John 20:5-10. And he now sits at the right hand of the Father (Acts 1:9, 11.)

### **3. Jesus Christ is the only means of salvation.**

Jesus Christ is the only way to God because of His death on the cross, which paid for our sins. (Acts 4:12; John 14:6). Because of this sacrifice we, are adopted into God's family. The Holy Spirit is given to us to guide, comfort, convict, and help us grow in our faith with Jesus Christ.

### **4. The Trinity**

We believe there is only one true God who is both infinite and eternal (Matt 5:48; 1 King 8:27). But he has revealed himself in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Matthew 28:19. God is neither limited by space or time and is eternally self-existent. (John 8:54-59)

### **5. Baptism**

The Scripture teaches that all who repent and believe in Christ are to be baptized by being immersed in water (Matthew 28:19). Baptism is a public profession of faith in Christ. It is symbolic of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, and it is a declaration to the world that we have died to sin and have been raised with Christ to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4).

## **6. Communion**

The Lord's Table consists of two elements: the bread and cup. Those elements are symbolic of the body and blood of Christ. Communion is a memorial of Christ's sufferings on the cross and a celebration of our salvation. (Matthew 26:26-28) It is an opportunity for a believer to examine oneself and repent in order to experience the forgiveness granted to us in the cross.

## **7. The Church is the body of Christ.**

The Church is the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:12-27) and has a four-fold purpose: to Glorify God (Colossians 3:1617, Ephesians 1:12, and Ephesians 5:16-19), make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20, 2 Timothy 2:2), make Jesus known to a lost world (Acts 1:8), and to meet human need (Luke 6:35-36, Acts 11:29, 1 John 3:17, James 1:27).

## **8. The Holy Spirit is an integral part of Christian life.**

The Holy Spirit is given to every follower of Christ to guide, comfort, convict, and adopt us into the family of God. The nine fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) are by-products of a Spirit-filled life and spiritual maturity evidence. The nine gifts of the Spirit are different manifestations of the Spirit to build up the body (1 Corinthians 12:11). We are instructed to diligently seek the gifts (1 Corinthians 14:26-33) in the context of love (1 Corinthians 13:1-13).

## **9. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

Crestview Community Church recognizes that there is One Holy Spirit but many gifts. Therefore, we realize *all the Spiritual gifts* as outlined by the Apostle Paul in I Corinthians 12. We also believe in maintaining proper order during our services (I Corinthians 14:40). Above all, we desire the gift of love to be present in all our worship activities (I Corinthians 13:1-7).

## **10. Marriage Gender and Sexuality**

Crestview Community Church supports the Biblical teaching that marriage is both holy and sacred. And we believe in the biblical definition of marriage described in Genesis 1:27; 2:23-24; 5:1-2, and Matthew 19:2-5. Crestview Community Church respects the right of the Supreme Court's opinion, including same-sex marriage as a legal right. However, we find this opinion both contrary to the biblical teachings on marriage and homosexual behavior. (Romans 1:26-28, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

Thus, we respectfully decline participation in same-sex marriage unions. Crestview performs scripturally based marriages to its members who abide by and agree to our faith statement.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, or use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10).

We believe that to preserve the function and integrity of Crestview Community Church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to Crestview Community Church members and the community; it is imperative that all persons employed by Crestview Community Church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:22).

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture or Crestview Community Church's doctrines.

# Ministry Team Descriptions:

C3 church ministries are fueled by volunteerism! We seek to have every member serving the church and community through involvement on one or more of the following ministry teams:



## Creative Arts Teams

### Graphic Design

Our team provides graphic arts support to the church office, pastors and others ministry teams and team leaders for the purpose of clear and inviting printed communication, sanctuary messaging and online promotions.

### Photography

Our team visually captures images of C3 throughout weekend services, missions projects and special events in ways that help share and recall the heart of ministry moments and inspire involvement of others.

### Video

Our team captures the testimonies and stories of God's faithfulness. The team seeks to film ministry moments, special events, and produce videos for services weekend worship, teaching and announcements.

## Fusion Teams

### Café / Kitchen

Our team hosts provide coffee and donuts before and between services and other special events.

### Door Greeters & Ushers

Our team welcomes each person and provides an open door to all who enter.

Greeters are on-the-spot to answer questions regarding the morning ministries and C3 facilities. Our ushering team assists people in finding seats and helps to maintain a distraction-free service environment.

### **Welcome Center**

Our team provides a warm welcome and gift to first time guests, as well as information to regular attenders who are seeking help connecting with ministries and special events.

### **Parking**

Our team serves as the first impression for families as they drive onto the church campus. They greet and direct people to guest spaces, handicapped spaces and other open spaces in the parking areas.

## **Children and Youth Teams**

(Background Check Required)

### **C3 Infant Nursery (0-2 years)**

Our team provides a fun, safe, and nurturing environment for children 0-2 during both morning worship services at 9:00AM and 10:45AM.

### **C3 Kids (Pre-K)**

Our team invests in the lives of Pre-K children including elements of worship, Biblical teaching, and Bible learning media.

### **C3 (K-4th Grade)**

Our team invests in the lives of children K-4<sup>th</sup> grade including elements of worship, Biblical teaching, Bible learning media, as well as, friendship building activities and games.

### **EPIC Journey (4,5,6<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

Our team serves by investing in preteen students through elements of worship, Biblical teaching, Bible learning media, friendship building large group activities and small group conversations.

### **EPIC Student Ministry (7-12 Grade)**

Our team serves by investing into Junior High (7-8th Grades), High School (9-12 grades) students. We host gatherings each week including prayer, Bible study, large and small group conversations, as well as activities and games that build healthy friendships. Many special events are scheduled throughout the year to reach, connect and help spiritually grow our students.

## **Sanctuary & Service Production Teams**

### **Sanctuary Tech Team**

Our team consists of audio, lighting, camera crew, stage crew, creative media and producers who all serve in support of our weekend and mid-week corporate gatherings.

### **Worship Team**

Our team exists to provide worship through music on Sunday mornings and at other special events. The Worship team is made up of people who have connected in formal membership with C3 and have the both the giftedness and availability to serve the church as part of the worship team vocal and instrumentalist rotation.

## **Special Teams**

### **Small Groups Team**

Our team is trained to facilitate Small Groups and equipped to build relationships while helping group members discover their next steps of spiritual growth and connection.

### **Prayer Team**

Our prayer team meets each Sunday morning for the purpose of praying for the church services, pastoral staff and worship team, as well as the needs of the congregation. From time to time the prayer team will assemble for special prayer events.

### **Be The Church Project Managers**

Our team members serve to spot and communicate the needs of church members, other local people and community organizations so that we can respond to each need by gathering resources and teams who will address and mitigate the needs on Be The Church Weed or special BTC project dates.

### **Security Team**

Our security team includes health care professionals who are available during services to respond and providing basic medical assistance in the event of an accident or emergency. Our security team works to protect the church and help ensure a safe environment during church services and special events.

### **Annual Gift Shop Teams**

Each year our gift shop teams for to prepare, display, and sell holiday items and bake sale goods in an effort to raise funds for local partner organizations and to help funs special C3 ministry related needs or projects. The Gift Shop event takes place on the second weekend of November each fall.

### **Fall Festival Team (Trunk or Treat)**

Our fall festival team assembles early in the summer to brainstorm ideas and form plans for our C3 fall outreach event. Other teams from later in the summer based plans to carry out special tasks related to the event and special promotions.

# C3 FAQ's

## **What does it mean to be “non-denominational”?**

A non-denominational church is a Christian church that holds no formal affiliation with the recognized denominations and mainline churches such as the Baptist, Catholic, Presbyterian, Lutheran, or Methodist churches. Church denominations are larger organizations that hold a particular identity, set of beliefs, and traditions, and governing structures. C3, like many non-denominational Christian churches, believes that the Bible is the authority that dictates teaching, worship, and other aspects of church life.

## **How often do the members meet?**

The C3 membership meeting takes place annually in the early part of each year (January or February). Member meetings are often hosted after the second service and last for about 1 hour. Membership meetings are a place where members hear reports regarding the ministries, finances and provide affirmation votes regarding eldership. Meetings will be announced well in advance through church email, bulletin and website.

## **How many members does C3 currently have?**

C3 is a growing church, and we are excited when regular attenders take the step to become members. As of 6-7-21 we currently have \_\_\_\_\_ members.

## **Do members have special privileges regarding use of the church building?**

Yes, membership has its privileges! Members can request use of the building. Building requests are processed through the church office administrator via our online request form found under the ministry resources tab on the church website.

## **Do you have to be a member to host a wedding at C3?**

We are happy to perform officiate and / or host weddings for C3 regular attenders and members. We also expect the couple to attend pre-marriage counseling courses through C3 or another approved counseling experience.

**Is my membership from another church transferable?**

The transference of membership is mostly done between churches of the same denomination. Because C3 is a non-denominational church we do not accept or write up letters of transfer. We value your participation in our membership process as way for you to fully understand and embrace C3 as your spiritual home. We encourage you to share with your former church that you are formally leaving their fellowship and care as a part of your steps toward membership at C3.

**Is it ok if I am a member of another church and a member of C3?**

We recognize that some church traditions hold members for life while others only keep people on their membership roles so long as they are active in the ways we have outlined and described in our class. If you desire membership with C3 we ask that you share with your former church that you have formally left their fellowship and care.

**How long do I need to attend at C3 before I can become a member?**

We ask that you regularly attend C3 for at least 3 months before attending the membership class and making the choice to become a member. This gives you time to experience the church in worship and in fellowship, ask questions and explore the church ministries before making your decision to become a formal member.

**Can I become a member even if my spouse chooses not to?**

Yes, while we encourage couples to embrace membership together, we see membership as an individual choice to affirm and affiliate with the vision, mission, core values and beliefs of C3.

**Do I have to be a member to join a ministry team?**

We do not require you to be a member of the church to join a ministry team, however, because ministries are extensions and expressions of our church vision mission, core values and beliefs we seek to have each ministry directed and lead by formal members of C3.

**Do I have to be a member to enroll a child into the Crestview Preschool?**

We do not require you to be a member of the church to enroll your child the Crestview Preschool. However, members (and regular attenders) are offered early registration before the general public.

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