

*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."
1 Peter 4:7*

Thank you for your willingness to serve alongside us here at West Cohasset Chapel. We count it a privilege to serve our great God by serving others, and we're glad you're here.

In completing this application, you will allow us to get to know you a little better, while you become familiar with our guidelines for child safety and our articles of faith. You will also submit to a criminal background check. Please complete all areas of the application and return it to your ministry leader or the church secretary. If you are already a member of WCC, the Christian Education committee will review your application. If you are not a member, we still welcome your service. Your application will be forwarded to the elders, who will review it. In both cases, you can assume that your application has been approved unless we contact you with any questions. It is our desire to see everyone serving in the context that best uses his or her gifts and talents.

If you have any questions about this application or serving at WCC, feel free to contact your ministry or the Christian Education director.

*"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men."
Ephesians 6:7*

And now, O Israel, what does the Lord ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today, for your own good?"

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Grace and peace to you as you faithfully serve!



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West Cohasset Chapel

Volunteer Application

Full Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

WCC Member? Yes No

Personal References (please list two):

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please explain how and when you became a Christian.

Please list by name any churches *other than West Cohasset Chapel* that you have attended regularly during the last five years.

Please list and describe previous church ministry involvement, especially ministry that involved babies, children or youth.

Please list and describe previous non-church work involving babies, children or youth.

Are you currently involved with any other ministries at WCC? If so, please list.

Have you read the West Cohasset Chapel articles of faith (attached)? Yes No

Do you agree with all the articles stated therein? Yes No

West Cohasset Chapel**Background Check Authorization**

As part of the volunteer or employment process, **West Cohasset Chapel** will obtain a National Criminal Background Check, which I understand may include information regarding my criminal history and mode of living (addresses on record).

During the application process and at any time during the tenure of my employment or volunteer status with **West Cohasset Chapel**, I hereby authorize **West Cohasset Chapel** to procure a criminal history report which I understand may include information regarding my criminal history. This report may be compiled with information from court record repositories, departments of motor vehicles or registration entities and any other source required to verify information that I have voluntarily supplied. I understand that I may request a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of the background verification, to the extent such investigation includes information bearing on my character, general reputation, personal characteristics or mode of living.

PLEASE PRINT

Full Name: _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Previous Full Names (Maiden, alias, etc): _____

Address: _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

West Cohasset Chapel**Child Safety Guidelines**

Please initial next to each item, indicating that you have read, understand and will abide by the following child safety directives while volunteering with babies, children and/or youth at West Cohasset Chapel.

Safety

_____ At no time and at any place is the ministry volunteer to be by him/herself in a closed room, private corner or isolated place with a baby, child or teen.

_____ Two or more adults will be present with a child or teen any time discipline is needed or discipleship is carried out.

_____ A volunteer will at no time arrange for an off-campus meeting for any reason by themselves with a child or teen. *In the event that a teen is being mentored or disciplined, a public setting is preferred with the mentor and mentee being of the same gender.

_____ If a volunteer is unable to complete the tasks required in a specific volunteer position due to skill level or maturity, the ministry leader will meet with that individual (and/or parent or guardian if necessary) to determine the best way for him or her to serve. This may mean modifying the length of time, supervision requirements or specific ministry in which the volunteer will serve. We must take into consideration the safety and well-being of all participants serving in and benefitting from each ministry. If the ministry leader and potential volunteer are unable to find a workable solution, the elders and pastor will evaluate the situation and issue a recommendation. It is our desire to see each person serving Christ in a meaningful way.

Discipline

The purpose of discipline at West Cohasset Chapel is to correct a child in a way that is helpful to all children, helps maintain an orderly learning environment and does not cross lines of discipline that only a parent is mandated to do.

We will...

- 1) Establish clear behavior and participation expectations in the classroom. They will be given by the ministry leader and written down for display in the classroom.
- 2) Remember that we are not the child or teen's parent, as parents are given distinct responsibilities in the area of discipline.
- 3) Maintain self-control in tone and tact during the entire correction process.
- 4) Do our best to assess the circumstances clearly and correctly.
- 5) **Never** physically touch (hit, pull, etc) a child when correcting him or her.
- 6) Remember that Christian tenderness is the rule and means for correction.

Protocol for correction of children and teens:

- 1) Remind the group as a whole of the rules and why we have them in place.
- 2) *If needed*, take the child aside and remind the child of the rules while encouraging him or her to choose to obey them.
- 3) *If needed*, the teacher will separate the child from the group (take a break or time out from the activity) for a brief period of time. Restoration to the group and its activity will be made as soon as possible, following a brief conversation between the teacher and the child, again encouraging the child to choose what is right.
- 4) If none of the above produce corrected behavior, the child's parent or guardian should be asked to come to the room. The parent or guardian may decide to stay with the child or remove him or her from the room. A conversation should follow the incident, encouraging the parent/guardian and child to return to class at the next opportunity.

I have read and understand the above discipline directives. I also understand that failure to follow these directives will disqualify me for volunteer service.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

1. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments alone are verbally inspired of God, and are without error in the original writings; and we believe they are the only authority in the matter of faith, daily life, and final destiny. II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21; I Peter 1:22,23.
2. We believe in one God eternally existing in three persons, namely: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. II Corinthians 13:14; Matthew 3;16,17; Hebrews 1:1,2; Genesis 1:1,2; John 1:1-3.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of Mary when she was still virgin, and that He is true God and true Man. Luke 1:1-35; John 14:711; 10:30; 1 John 5:20.
4. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment; and that He is the supernatural agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption. John 16:8-11; I Corinthians 12:12,13; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 4:30.
We believe that He is the divine teacher who guides believers into all truth; and that it is the design of God for each believer to be filled and led by the Spirit. John 16:13; Ephesians 5:18; Romans 8:14.
We believe that God, by His Spirit, is sovereign in the bestowment of all His gifts; that He calls and equips individual believers for leadership and service; and that His indwelling presence produces Christ-likeness in each believer. I Corinthians 12:4-11; Ephesians 4:7,12; Galatians 5:22,23.
5. We believe that man was created by God from the dust of the earth in God's image; but that when Adam sinned, death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. As a result of Adam's sin, all men are born with a sinful nature which makes them sinners in thought, word and deed. Genesis 1:26,27; 2:7; Romans 5:12; 3:23; Job 15:14; Ecclesiastes 7:20.
6. We believe that the only escape from the penalty and power of sin is to receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith; He who alone is our sacrifice and substitute, having suffered the wrath of God for us, and whose blood cleanses us from all sin. John 1:29; Hebrews 9:26; I John 1:7; II Corinthians 5:2 1; Luke 13:3; Ephesians 2:8,9.
7. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of Jesus Christ, and His ascension into heaven, where He is now seated at the Father's right hand, as our only high priest and intercessor. John 20:24-29; I Peter 3;21,22; Hebrews 9:24; 7:25; I Corinthians 15:3-7.
8. We believe that, according to the Word of God, the next great event in the fulfillment of prophecy will be the coming of Christ into the air to receive to Himself both His own who are alive and remain unto His coming, and also all who have fallen asleep in Jesus, and that this event is the blessed hope set before us in the Gospel, and for this we should be constantly looking. We believe, next, that the taking away of the saved ones will be followed by the great tribulation in the earth which was predicted by our Lord, and that finally He will bring to end that time of judgment for the whole earth by His own appearing. John 14:1-3; I Corinthians 15:51,52; Philippians 3:30; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; 5:9,10; Romans 5:9; Titus 2:11-14; II Thessalonians 2:7-10; Matthew 24:29-311.
9. We believe that this same Jesus Christ will return to the earth as He left it, and will set up His kingdom on the earth to rule and to reign for one thousand years, and the day and hour of His return no man knows. Acts 1:10,11; Psalm 2; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:4-6; Matthew 24:36.
10. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who died and rose for them, become children of God, being born again by the Holy Spirit; and that such have eternal life and shall never perish. We also believe that all such are members of the true church or the body of Jesus Christ, which knows no bound of denomination or sect. John 1:1 1-13; 3:5,6; 5:24; Ephesians 1:13,14; John 10:27-29; I Corinthians 12:12,13; Ephesians 4:4-6; 5:25-27; Romans 8:38,39.
11. We believe that the Scriptures teach that all believers are to be baptized by water, and we preach and practice immersion. Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:15,16; Romans 6:3,4; Acts 2:41,42; 8:36-38.
12. We believe that the Lord's supper is an ordinance given for believers only, to be remembered until He comes. It serves as a proclamation of His death, a reminder of our gathering together unto Him; it symbolizes the fact that an abiding fellowship in the Lord Jesus Christ can only be maintained by self-examination and confession of sin; it pictures our need of constantly partaking of Christ for spiritual sustenance; it bespeaks a unity of the Body of Christ, the Church. I Corinthians 11:24-26; 10:16,17; 5; Matthew 26-26-29.
13. We believe that sanctification is threefold: first, that our standing in Christ is now perfect (II Corinthians 5:21, Hebrews 10: 10-14); second, that our daily walk is imperfect, but we must endeavor to grow in grace (II Corinthians 7:11; II Peter 3:18; Philippians 3:10,12); third, that we shall all be made perfect like Christ when we shall see Him face to face (I John 3:2; Philippians 3:20,21; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53).
14. We believe that the heathen, even though they have never heard the Gospel, are still lost and that it is the tremendous responsibility of every child of God to do all he can to see that they hear the Gospel which alone can save. Romans 1:18-20; Mark 16:15,16; John 3:18; 14:6; Acts 4:12.
15. We believe that all who have been saved by faith in Jesus Christ shall be raised from the dead into everlasting blessedness; and that all others shall be raised from the dead into everlasting, conscious punishment in hell. I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 20:4-6, 11-15.