

RCC Membership Guidelines

1. Membership is open to anyone who affirms their belief in our Statement of Faith, and chooses to identify RCC as their church home in Columbia, SC.
(<http://rivercitychapel.com/statement-of-faith.html>)
2. Anyone currently attending RCC can become a member by filling out the membership card provided on Sunday.
3. A membership interview with Brad Bird will be required after May 1, 2019 for all new attendees who express interest in membership for the purposes of making the vision and values of RCC understood and answering any questions.
4. Membership is open to all ages. Children under 13 may join with the permission of their parents.
5. A member must be 13 years old or more to vote.
6. Members may periodically be asked to vote on major decisions.
 - a. The Leadership Team will...
 - i. provide advanced notice of anything requiring a vote,
 - ii. schedule an opportunity to discuss the issue as a congregation
 - iii. make sure members who cannot attend a vote will be able to vote in absentia.
7. Membership does not obligate anyone to any actions or activities beyond what the Scripture requires of all believers.
8. Membership implies an interest and a desire to be cared for and accountable spiritually to one another.
9. Membership at RCC does not exclude membership in other congregations.
10. Members may, when necessary, receive additional communication to our weekly email update (notices of meetings, leadership questions, etc.)
11. Current leaders will require a vote of all members to continue in leadership to be scheduled after May 1, 2019. All future leaders must be affirmed by a majority congregational vote.
12. If, at any time, you wish to discontinue your membership at RCC, you can simply let Twig Gray know.



Statement of Faith

1. We believe in one God, the sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To Him be all honor, glory and praise forever!
2. Jesus Christ, the living Word, became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. He who is true God became true man united in one Person forever. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. On the third day He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High Priest and Mediator.
3. The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior. Indwelling our hearts, He gives new life to us, empowers and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth, and seals us for the day of redemption.
4. Being estranged from God and condemned by our sinfulness, our salvation is wholly dependent upon the work of God's free grace. God credits His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, thereby justifies them in His sight. Only such as are born of the Holy Spirit and receive Jesus Christ become children of God and heirs of eternal life.
5. The true Church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit are united together in the body of Christ. The Church finds her visible, yet imperfect, expression in local congregations where the Word of God is preached in its purity and the sacraments are administered in their integrity; where scriptural discipline is practiced, and where loving fellowship is maintained. For her perfecting, she awaits the return of her Lord.
6. Jesus Christ will come again to the earth—personally, visibly, and bodily—to judge the living and the dead, and to consummate history and the eternal plan of God. “Even so, come, Lord Jesus” (Revelation 22:20).

7. The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world and to make disciples of all nations. Obedience to the Great Commission requires total commitment to “Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.” He calls us to a life of self-denying love and service. “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).

Membership Form

____ I affirm my belief in this Statement of Faith, and publicly acknowledge River City Chapel as my church family. (Under 13 years of age, please see below.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Signature for those under 13 years old.
