
BRIDGEWAY REQUEST FOR PARTNERSHIP

Thank you for your interest in partnering with Bridgeway Community Church! Please take a moment to review our partnership requirements and partnership covenant.

Be sure to complete any blanks with the appropriate information. Approximate dates are acceptable. Once you've completed this form you should return it to the church office by mail or email or hand it to a Bridgeway pastor. After your request is reviewed you will be contacted to schedule your "interview" with someone on our Partnership Team. After your "interview", when approved, you will receive your Certificate of Partnership! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Chad Welch by calling 443.283.7209 or emailing chad.welch@bridgewayonline.org.

Personal Information

Full Name:

Date of Birth:

Preferred Phone:

Email:

Full Home Address:

Spouse & Children's Names (if applicable)

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Partnership Requirements in Review

By requesting to become a partner at Bridgeway I affirm that I:

1. ...have believed in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
Date of profession of faith: _____
2. ...am committed to engaging in a dynamic, growing, and obedient relationship with God
3. ...have been baptized as a commitment of *going public* with my faith in Christ
Date of baptism: _____
4. ...am informed and in agreement with Bridgeway's statements, and structure, including the policy on church discipline.

5. ...am at least 18 years old
6. ...have regularly attended Bridgeway for at least 6 months
Date that you began regularly attending Bridgeway: _____
7. ...have attended a Partnership Download/Class.
Date of Download/Class: _____
8. ...am now led by the Holy Ghost to declare Bridgeway Community Church my church home and make the Partnership Commitment. (Please fill out the Request for Partnership and give to Chad Welch (or any staff member of BCC) and you will be contacted within the next 7 to 10 business days to set up your interview.

THE PARTNERSHIP COVENANT

In partnering with Bridgeway I am committing myself to God and to the other partners by actively taking the responsibility to:

I. ...*protect the unity of my church*

- By acting in love toward others.
- By refusing to gossip.
- By following the leaders.
- *"So then let us pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another." - Rom. 14:19*
- *"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus." - Rom. 15:5*
- *"Have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart." - 1 Pet. 1:22*
- *"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs." - Eph. 4:29*
- *"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you." - Heb. 13:17*

II. ...*share the responsibility of my church*

- By praying for its growth.
- By inviting the unchurched to attend.
- By warmly welcoming those who visit.
- By giving regularly.

- By attending Partnership Meetings.
- *"We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers." - 1 Thes. 1:2*
- *"Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full." - Luke 14:23*
- *"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God." - Rom. 15:7*
- *"On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income..." - 1 Cor. 16:2*

III. ...serve the ministry of my church

- By discovering and using my gifts and talents.
By being equipped to serve by other ministers.
- By developing a servant's heart by serving regularly and consistently.

NOTE: I commit to finding a place of ministry within the church within the next 6 months and continue to serve by God's grace in some capacity as long as I am a partner at Bridgeway.

- *"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others..." - 1 Pet. 4:10*
- *"It was he who gave some to be...pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." - Eph. 4:11-12*
- *"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus... who took on the very nature of a servant..." - Phil. 2:4-7*

IV. ...support the testimony of my church

- By attending faithfully.
- By living a godly life.
- By moving forward in my faith.
- *"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another..." - Heb. 10:25*
- *"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ." - Phil. 1:27*

- "... present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship." - **Rom. 12:1**

NOTE: Should I find a need to discontinue my partnership with Bridgeway, I will notify the church office of this decision in writing in a timely fashion.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Your God-Story:

Please write out or type your personal God story on a separate piece of paper of how you have come to trust Christ as your Savior and how God has brought you to Bridgeway. You'll also be asked to share this story with someone on our Partnership Team (pastor, elder, or leader.)

PLEASE EMAIL OR MAIL TO THE BRIDGEWAY OFFICE AND YOU WILL BE CONTACTED TO SET UP AN "INTERVIEW" WITH SOMEONE ON OUR PARTNERSHIP TEAM SO THAT YOU CAN SHARE YOUR GOD STORY AND ASK ANY REMAINING QUESTIONS.

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This Section is For Partnership Team Use Only & Will Be Completed At Your Partnership Interview

- I affirm that _____ has met the requirements for becoming a Bridgeway Partner.
- Please send a Certificate of Partnership to the address listed above.
- Please have a Certificate of Partnership available for pick-up at the Bridgeway Information Center. Call or email before the Sunday it will be available.
- Additional Notes or Comments:

Partnership Team Member Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____