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We would like to take this time to thank you for

considering Great Expectations Ministries Church of

God in Christ as your place of worship. We are so

grateful to God that you have come to find GEM as

a place where you feel accepted, loved, and comfortable

to Worship God and committing yourself to be a part of

the Body of Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 12: There are many members, yet one

body. There are many of us, yet one. One body, mind

and one spirit.

Our doors are open to people from a variety of backgrounds, regardless of where they are on their spiritual journey. Together, we're striving to become the kind of church described in the Bible, where you’ll find a relaxed but reverent atmosphere, relevant messages and teaching you can understand, heart-felt worship, people you can relate to, constant prayer, and compassionate care for those in need. In short, we'd like to have the kind of contagious Christianity that can influence and encourage our homes and communities. What we can do alone is not near as great as what we can do together—many members a part of one body.

We welcome you, either as someone who already functions as a member, but would like to officially express it, or as someone acting as a member for the first time, to join with us in relationship, in service, and in heart. We are excited for what God has in store for us, individually and together, as we walk in even greater unity and partnership for Kingdom influence.

We believe that the best is yet to come as we stand united in the greatest days in history. If God is so leading you, we welcome you to partner with us in this way. In a day and age where commitments are fleeting and sacrifice conditional, we want to represent a Kingdom model—those who love deeply, serve humbly, and rule justly with one voice under one King. We believe that in this unified and supportive culture, the vision will not only continue to grow, but to thrive like never before.

As a member of GEM, you are entering an opportunity to be integrated into a community of believers where we honor, challenge, validate, defend, and care for one another through deep relationships of the heart. We value the Church as one body with many members, recognizing that we all have a unique part to play. Just as we celebrate the calling and vision of others, we also embrace the distinct purpose that we have as a culture that is called to equip all ages to discover identity and activate purpose for local and global impact. Our passion is to partner with those who connect to that purpose, to strengthen one another in the Lord so that we can impact our world for the Kingdom of God.

Please review this packet with your mind and with your heart. If who we are resonates with who you are, we would love for you to be a part of our family. As you step through our doors, we pray that through every hug, “hello,” worship encounter, message, training, and testimony, you would simply and deeply know, “I am home.”

It’s all about HIM

DeJuan L Hall,

Senior Pastor

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**REGULARLY SCHEDULED SERVICE**

Intercessory Prayer\* Mondays 12:00 PM

Bible Study \* Tuesdays 7:00 PM

Sundays:

Prayer – 8:45 AM

Sunday School – 9:00 AM

Worship Experience – 10:00 AM

***GEM LEADERSHIP***

**ELDER DEJUAN and LADY TAMARA HALL**

**MINISTERIAL**

**MOTHER’S BOARD**

Mother Amelia Cunningham (Mother’s Board President)

Mother Eula Harris

Mother Margaret Edwards

Mother Bonnie Adams

Mother Gloria Reed

Mother Mabel Smith

**SECRETARIAL STAFF**

Evelyn Hall, Financial Secretary

Rosalind Doggett, Assistant

Elder Richard Bateman – Min. Amos Topps

Minister Cletis Foster

Minister Douglas Young

**DEACON/TRUSTEE BOARD**

Deacon Robert Hall, Chairman of Trustee

Deacon Joseph Burnett

Deacon Jerry Hall

Deacon Ronald Hall

Elder Richard Bateman

Min. Amos Topps

**MISSIONARIES**

Mother Eula Harris

Mother Margaret Edwards

Missionary Gwendolyn Hall

Missionary Bobbie Topps

Evangelist Dorothy Hill-Davis

**EXECUTIVE STAFF:** This is the official administrative staff that meets with the Pastor as needed to discuss and resolve all matters pertaining to Great Expectations Ministries COGIC. The executive staff consists of the Pastor, Executive Board, and Secretary and Treasurer of the Church. The Staff members understand vision, calling, and the importance of integrity within the ministry and the integrity of the Ministry.

**DEACONS:** This is a group of affirmed individuals, who aids in the administration of the sacraments, lead small groups and other ministries, and assist the Executive staff and other teams in other functions of the ministry, as needed.

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Description automatically generated WHAT IS MEMBERSHIP?**

The Christian life is not a life meant to be lived in isolation. Jesus Christ died not only to save sinners, but to gather those sinners together into a people for Himself (Eph. 2:19-22). We need help, encouragement, and accountability as we follow the Lord Jesus Christ. This need is the reason that the Bible speaks over and over again about the Church and the need to have communion with one another. It is also the reason that Jesus Christ gave pastors, teachers, and shepherds to His Church (Eph. 4:11; 1 Pet. 5:1-2). Being a part of the Church means commitment. This has both a personal component – your desire to be a part of the larger body of Christ, and also a public component – being baptized as a member of the covenant community and making a profession of faith. Practically, that means membership in a local body of believers, where a believer’s gifts can be exercised, where prayer requests can be brought, and where encouragement can be found. At Christ Church, we encourage those who worship with us to consider making a commitment to membership. Membership in a church does have its “privileges,” but more importantly, it provides opportunities for service and ministry.

***Acts 2:42-47*** *They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

***Acts 4:32*** All the believers were one in heart and mind.

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| What it IS: | What it is NOT: |
| ● Group of like-minded followers of  Jesus committed to one another  and pursuing the mission of God in a community context  ● A committed relationship to the  local church and God’s ultimate  plan for His people | ● Spiritual Promotion  ● An Infusion of Righteousness  ● A Christian Country Club  ● A Common Western Concept |

**THE PURPOSE & HOPE OF MEMBERSHIP:**

● protecting, edifying, and caring for the Church in order to become the fullness of Christ as Jesus intended.

● Encourages the maintenance of a vertical covenant with God through the blood of Christ

while also maintaining a horizontal covenant with His Church for the purpose of following

Christ better together.

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| **OUR MISSION** | GEM believes that everybody is somebody; therefore, our mission is to embrace unity and impact the Kingdom of God while strengthening and encouraging each other, and the community in which we exist.   We are here to empower, encourage, uplift, unify and learn through evangelism, training and discipleship.  We are committed to be the BEACON light that leads others to Christ, because our Kingdom assignment is to be the conduit for changing and transforming lives and communities globally. |
| **OUR VISION** | To see people saved, healed, set free, equipped, empowered, and serving. To make a lasting difference in the lives of individuals, in our homes, community, and in the world.  Therefore, go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you, always, to the end of the age.” -Matthew 28:19-20 NIV |
| **OUR CORE VALUES** | God has a plan and a purpose for everyone’s life that He envisioned before we were born. While everyone is existing, not everyone is “living.” Through spiritual renewal, we believe everyone can experience the life God intended.  “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) Luke 1:37.  When one’s life is changed by the redemptive works of Christ on the cross, a journey of becoming like Christ begins. It is displayed inwardly with love, joy, and peace, and is shown outwardly in lives of integrity and relationships by love and grace. Romans 12:1-3, Hebrews 12:1-2, 1 Thessalonians 5:23 |
| **INFLUENCE** | We firmly believe in the training and activation of every believer to establish the Kingdom of God wherever they go. Our hope is that Great Expectations Ministries’ equipping culture becomes a breeding ground for purpose, creativity, and strategy to be revealed, developed, and fulfilled. As this takes place, our goal is to see people of all ages continue to cultivate and activate what they receive—to be a righteous influence in every area of society and to see lives and cultures positively transformed. |

**THE ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH**

It is generally admitted that for an ordinance to be valid, it must have been instituted by Christ. When we speak of ordinances of the church, we are speaking of those instituted by Christ, in which by sensible signs the grace of God in Christ, and the benefits of the covenant of grace are represented, sealed, and applied to believers, and these in turn give expression to their faith and allegiance to God. The Church of God in Christ recognizes three ordinances as having been instituted by Christ himself and therefore, binding upon the church practice.

**The Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion)**

The Lord’s Supper symbolizes the Lord’s death and suffering for the benefit and in the place of His people. It also symbolizes the believer’s participation in the crucified Christ. It represents not only the death of Christ as the object of faith which unites the believers to Christ, but also the effect of this act as the giving of life, strength, and joy to the soul. The communicant by faith enters into a special spiritual union of his soul with the glorified Christ.

**Feet Washing**

Feet-Washing is practiced and recognized as an ordinance in our Church because Christ, by His example, showed that humility characterized greatness in the Kingdom of God, and that service, rendered to others gave evidence that humility, motivated by love, exists. These services are held subsequent to the Lord’s Supper; however, its regularity is left to the discretion of the Pastor in charge.

**Water Baptism**

We believe that Water Baptism is necessary as instructed by Christ in St. John 3:5, “UNLESS MAN IS BORN AGAIN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT...” However, we do not believe that water baptism alone is a means of salvation but is an outward demonstration that one has already had a conversion experience and has accepted Christ as his personal Savior. As Pentecostals, we practice immersion in preference to “SPRINKLING”, because immersion corresponds more closely to the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord (Colossians 2:12). It also symbolizes regeneration and purification more than any other mode. Therefore, we practice immersion as our mode of Baptism. We believe that we should use the Baptismal Formula given us by Christ for all “...IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON, AND THE HOLY GHOST. Matt. 28:19.

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*We firmly believe in the training and activation of every believer to establish the Kingdom of God wherever they go. Our hope is that Giving Light’s equipping culture becomes a breeding ground for purpose, creativity, and strategy to be revealed, developed, and fulfilled. As this takes place, our goal is to see people of all ages continue to cultivate and activate what they receive—to be a righteous influence in every area of society and to see lives and cultures positively transformed.*

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  Description automatically generatedWe believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written Word of God.
* We believe that there is only One God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and, God the Holy Spirit.
* We believe in the blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ, at His return.
* We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious Blood of Jesus Christ.
* We believe that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation.
* We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the Cross provides healing for the human body in answer to believing prayer.
* We believe that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.
* We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by who’s indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in the present world.

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**SPIRITUAL LEADERS’ RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. **IN THE LOCAL CHURCH:**

**Tithing:**

As born-again believers we are expected to be tithers. We are to HONOR THE LORD WITH THY SUBSTANCE, AND WITH THE FIRSTFRUITS OF ALL THINE INCREASE. Proverbs 3:9. In other words, it comes right off the top: before the government, electric bills, house payments— before anything.

**Offering**

The Lord will reward each person as they give, however, not always in the way you may expect. God will reward you in the way He wants to. Have a giving heart, and let God take care of the rest 2 Cor 9:12 (NIV). In giving, you are not only supplying the needs of God’s people, but it is also overflowing in expressions of Thanks to God for his indescribable gift. 2 Cor. 9:15. Jesus tells us in Mt 10:8, “freely ye have received, freely give.”

**Attendance**

Regular church attendance is a benefit to you and to the body of Christ if you come expecting to be blessed and to be a blessing. Unless hindered by work commitment or health and family, we would like to see you at Bible Study, Sunday school and Worship service at least twice a month.

**Behavior**

Our behavior should be as becoming to saints. Do not talk against your church, or its leadership. If you have an aught, please talk to the Pastor. “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage, and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. “Ephesians 4:29-32.

1. **DENOMINATIONAL**

**The District**

We are members of the DD Chandler Memorial District. Our District leaders are Superintendent Danny O’Neal Blayde, Pastor DeJuan Hall, District Chairman and Lady Gloria Hillard is our District Missionary. Fellowship Meetings are held quarterly, and our Annual District meeting is usually in March. Each member is encouraged to be in attendance at least once during the week-long meeting. (See bulletin announcement for dates). Lay people are asked to give generously of both their time and finances. Keeping in mind that God loves a cheerful giver and you’re not expected to give what you don’t have.

**The Jurisdiction**

We are members of Tennessee Fifth Jurisdiction under the leaderships of Bishop Jerry Wayne Taylor and State Supervisor Designee Mother Pearlie Jenkins. Our Annual Convocation is usually held during the 3rd or 4th week in August. All credential holder members are aware of their respective assessments and should respond accordingly.

**The National**

Our Annual Convocation is usually held during 1st week in November, under the leadership of the presiding bishop, Bishop John Drew Sheard and the national supervisor, Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis. All credential holder members are aware of their respective assessments and should respond accordingly

**WHAT IS A COVENANT?**

All throughout scripture (Old Testament Covenants and the New Covenant in Jesus) is a mirror of how God communicates with His people throughout history, and a deep relational commitment.

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| What Does Our Church Covenant Include? |
| ● Accountability for following Jesus, His commandments, and general Christian living  ● Commitment to investing in and honoring the body of Christ  ● Freedom regarding beliefs that Scripture does not speak to |

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Having been led by the Spirit of God to repent of our sin, believe and make profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and to be scripturally baptized; with lives surrendered to Him, we, relying on that same Spirit affirm this covenant together.

* We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
* We will walk together in brotherly love, exercising loving care and watchfulness over each other as well as faithfully encouraging and holding one another accountable to God’s Word as occasion may require.
* We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others.
* We will accept the Word of God as our authority for faith and everyday living.
* We will follow and be equipped for service by the leadership of the church as they are led by the Holy Spirit and the teachings of the Word of God.
* We will, by a pure and loving example, seek the salvation of our family and friends.
* We will be slow to take offense and always ready for reconciliation.
* We will avoid gossip, backbiting, and excessive anger.
* We will rejoice in times of others’ happiness and with compassion and sympathy seek to bear each other’s burdens and sorrows aiding one another in times of need, sickness, and distress.
* We will seek to live carefully in the world, turning from ungodliness and worldly lusts, remembering that we have a special obligation to lead a new and holy life.
* We will work together faithfully in the ministry of this church as we participate in its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines.
* We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, widows and orphans, and the spread of the Gospel locally, domestically, and to the uttermost parts of the world.
* We will maintain family and personal devotions, accepting our Scriptural responsibility to be the primary guide to our children.
* We will, when/if we move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with another church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God’s Word.

*“I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” - John 15:5*

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1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

**CHURCH COMMITMENT**

Church commitment is very vital to your walk in the Lord. It is very telling of our relationship with God. The Church is a place where we come to worship and learn more about God. The Church is our covering and a place to come together with our family in Christ to fellowship. Lastly, God uses the Church to fulfill his purpose and will.

For us as Christians to grow and reach our full potential we should have a local church where we are rooted and actively involved. Psalms 92:13 says, “The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will stay fresh and green.”

Just like a tree or plant that needs to be rooted and fed to live, we as church members also need the same. It is very unhealthy for Christians to not be planted; if they are not, they will begin to wither like a plant pulled out from its roots.

The Bible states that it is very important for us to come together as the Body of Christ to worship and fellowship with one another. Hebrew 10:25 says, “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

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**HOW TO GET INVOLVED**

Outlined below are the basic requirements for any individual that would like to get involved in leading, and working or volunteering in any of the different ministry areas:

1. A Heart for God and a lifestyle of Worship, Prayer, Witness & the Word. (1 Tim 4:12).

2. A Heart for Great Expectations Ministries Church of God in Christ and its Mission and Vision. (Amos 3:3).

3. A member of Great Expectations Ministries COGIC

4. Submission to the Great Expectations Ministries Church Leadership. (Rom 13:1-2)

5. Faithful Tither and Giver (Malachi 3:8-10)

6. Church/Bible Studies/Prayer Attendance and Participation (Heb 10:24-25).

A. Forsake not the gathering of the Saints.

B. People follow the example of the leaders.

C. Your Participation is tangible proof that you support the vision.

D. One who is planted in the House of God flourishes.

**HELP MINISTRY:**

These are members that operate in the ministry of helps, co-laboring with the Pastor to carry out the God given vision of the ministry. These individuals assist in the work of the Lord in many ways. They can be found in every aspect of the ministry, such as ushers, greeters, pulpit aides, sound, children’s ministry, youth ministry, office help etc. Help ministry consist of volunteer workers and is under the direct supervision of the Director in charge of that particular department and must meet certain qualifications.

**HOW TO BENEFIT FROM MEMBERSHIP**

The purpose of becoming a member in a local church is to put yourself in a position where you can be taught the word of God to develop your spiritual maturity, and function as a viable part of the body of Christ. According to Ephesians 4:11, the ministry gifts were given to equip the saints for works of service. It is our goal to minister to you in such a way that you may mature in all of God’s will for your life.

You can get the most out of the membership by understanding your purpose of being a member. We are committed to meet the spiritual needs you have and to stand before you anointed to teach the things of God in a manner where you can understand and apply them. We have fellowship opportunities available to help you grow in your walk with the Lord.

These opportunities include Worship services, Bible studies, Prayer Meetings, Men and Women’s fellowship, Youth Services and Activities, Community Outreaches, and other special events throughout the year. Your participation in these fellowship opportunities will determine the level of spiritual and relational growth you will experience. We strongly encourage you as a member to get involve.

**MINISTRIES**

* **Administration:** Is the heart from which the ministry is organized and mobilized. It consists of daily church policies, procedures, operations and includes office/clerical duties. This department also runs all the publications.
* **Praise and Worship:** This ministry consists of vocals as well as instrumental music, which assists the congregation to enter into praise and worship and to prepare the hearts to hear the Word. Our mission for our Worship Ministry is to cultivate an atmosphere where the people of God can experience intimate communion with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which will result in increased maturity and greater service for God’s Kingdom.
* **Ushers and Greeters:** Our mission for our Ushers and Greeters Ministry is to provide a loving and safe atmosphere so the people of God can worship and serve the Lord without distractions and to meet and greet people and our visitors.
* **Children’s Ministry**: Our Mission for our Children’s Ministry is to produce Anointed boys and girls that have a clear and fun understanding of their relationship with Jesus Christ, and to instill in them the boldness and the responsibility of being a witness for Him. Our children’s ministry consists of teachers and assistants who are extensions of the pastor’s heart and hands. (Ages 3-10 years old)
* **Youth Ministry**: Our mission for our Youth Ministry is to Produce Anointed teenagers that have the passionate and love for Jesus Christ, and ready to storm the gates of Hell to set the captives free and tear the devil’s kingdom down.
* **Outreach Ministry**: Our goal for our outreach program is to reach the lost within our city and unite the church within our city. Consists of those in the Body who have a hunger and calling on their life to reach out and touch a lost and dying world.
* **Missions**: To reach out to the people around the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
* **Intercessory Prayer**: Consists of intercessors and prayer partners dedicated to the ministry of prayer to see God’s purposes and plan come forth in our local body and community.
* **Men’s and Women’s Fellowship**: To provide a means for men and women of GEM Church to come together and build a strong Godly relationship with the Lord.

**Annual Events**

We are an active and growing congregation with a variety of activities planned annually. These are not the only activities throughout the year, so please read the service bulletins and for other opportunities.

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| JANUARY | * Executive Board Meeting * Annual Business Session * Building Campaign Kickoff |
| FEBRUARY |  |
| MARCH |  |
| APRIL |  |
| MAY | * Mother’s Day |
| JUNE | * Father’s Day |
| JULY |  |
| AUGUST |  |
| SEPTEMBER |  |
| OCTOBER | * Pastor’s Appreciation Celebration * Breast Cancer Awareness Month * Domestic Violence Awareness Month |
| NOVEMBER | * Thanksgiving Praise Celebration |
| DECEMBER | * Christmas Service |

We believe this membership packet will be very helpful to you and will enable you to understand the heartbeat of this ministry. We are extremely thankful that you have become a part of our GEM family and are committed to the continued growth of your spiritual life and walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

How to find out what’s going on?

**There are various sources of information:**

Website - <https://greatexpectationsmincogic.com/>

Facebook – (Community Group) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/greatexpectationsministries>

Electronic Newsletter – <https://greatexpectationsmincogic.com/newsletters>

Church Office – Contact us at 901-476-6666

**PERSONAL NOTES**

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**\*\*Statement of Faith**

Have you read, and do you agree with the attached Confession of Faith? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Have you read, and do you agree with the attached Church Covenant? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Please indicate areas of disagreement if any:

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I confirm that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has/have met the qualifications for membership, and hereby make recommendation for official church membership.

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*Please submit completed Membership Request to church secretary*

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*I have received Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and Lord, and desire to become an active member and support the ministries of Great Expectations Ministries COGIC.*

**PERSONAL INFORMATION** ID# \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Last 4 digits of SS#)

First and Last Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Single  Married  Divorced  Widowed  Remarried

Church Previously Attended: (Name of church and city/state) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Please check the appropriate box(es) below giving us your permission to include this information in any church directories that may be published. Otherwise, your information will be kept confidential.  Name  Home  Address  Email Address  Home Phone Mobile/Other

INDEPENDENTS

Last Name First Name Date of Birth M/F

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**\*Please note any special needs or accommodations you feel we should be aware of.**

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Have you been baptized in water? (Date) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ If not, do you wish to be? Yes  No

What way(s) do you wish to serve within our church ministry (based on your interests, abilities, gifts, and time?) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TESTIMONY

**Please provide a short description of how and when you received Christ as Lord and Savior.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How has Christ transformed your life since you became a believer and follower of Christ? If you became a follower of Jesus at a young age, indicate how you have grown in spiritual maturity in your walk with Christ. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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We all need a place to belong. At GEM, we have a place for you. A place to grow in the Word. A place to serve the church and the community. A place to worship. A place to use your spiritual gifts and talents. A place to feel loved, valued, needed, appreciated, and encouraged. A place to find hope, forgiveness, mercy, grace, and kindness. A place to find Jesus, friends, and family.

Whatever your needs, whatever your gifts…find your place in the Kingdom work of God.

**🡨 PLEASE LET US KNOW INTEREST 🡪**

☐ Youth Ministry Worker

**Outreach**: ☐Visitor Follow Up

☐ Conferences

☐ Evangelism Ministry

☐ Mission Ministry

**Worship:**

☐Music Ministry (Choir Member)

☐Praise and Worship

☐Usher Ministry

☐Greeters Ministry

☐ Pulpit Aide

**Men's Ministry**

☐ Men's Bible Study

☐ Men's Breakfasts

☐ Men's Fellowship

☐ Men's Discipleship

☐ Children Ministry Worker

☐ Women Ministry Worker

☐ Media Ministry Worker

☐ Ladies Fellowship Events

☐ Grounds Maintenance

☐ Building Maintenance/Repair

**Education Ministry:**

☐ Adult Sunday School Teacher

☐ Adult Sunday School Substitute

☐ Children Teacher

☐ Children Assistant Teacher

☐ Youth Teacher

☐ Youth Assistant Teacher

☐Vacation Bible School Teacher

☐Vacation Bible School Assistant