



TWIN RIVERS

Membership
Guide

FAMILY

This class is a basic introduction to our church family. Since some come from many different church backgrounds, this class was designed to clearly explain who we are and what we believe, as well as answer questions about our God-given mission and vision.

OUR TEAM

Pastor

Jeremiah Walpert along with his wife Meardey have two daughters. They began serving at Twin Rivers in January 2021. His ministry passion is knowing God and making Him known in the context of the local church as God's people are informed and transformed by the work of the word and the Spirit in their hearts.

Pastoral Staff

Greg Felt | *Associate Pastor*

Kevin VanLoo | *Youth Pastor*

Jaalynn Felt | *Children's Ministry Coordinator*

Elders

Jason Cunningham

Kevin Fisher

Jared Taylor

Luke Whitson

What do you think of when you hear the word "family"?

THE TWIN RIVERS STORY

Twin Rivers Church first met together on August 17th, 1950, with 28 charter members. A church building began construction in April 1951 where the church still sits today after a number of different building projects over the years.

By God's grace, we seek to continue the rich heritage of shining the bright light of the Gospel into the hearts and lives of those living in our community and around the world in our obedience to the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20). We desire to be a church of passionate followers of Jesus Christ who both know Him and make Him known. As a believer, if you are looking for a place to belong, connect with God, and serve with your gifts we invite you to join our church family.

THREE KEY TRUTHS

"...You are a member of God's very own family... and you belong in God's household with every other Christian." Ephesians 2:19

1. The church is a _____.
2. God expects you to be a member of a _____.
3. A Christian without a church family is an _____.

MISSION STATEMENT

"Making Disciples" (Matt. 28:19-20)

"Devoted Followers" (Acts 2:42)

VISION STATEMENT

"Transformed Lives" (2 Cor. 5:17)

WHY MEMBERSHIP MATTERS?

UNITY

Membership gives you the opportunity to determine if you are in agreement with a local church's doctrine, mission, and vision.

fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. (Phil. 2:2)

SERVICE

The church is described as a body with spiritual gifts. The purpose of these gifts is to edify the body of believers which is done in the context of the local church.

Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; ⁴ but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." (Acts 6:3)

⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. (Rom. 12:6-8)

ACCOUNTABILITY

When we join a church, we are offering ourselves to one another to be encouraged, rebuked, corrected, and served. We are placing ourselves under leaders and submitting to their authority (Heb. 13:7). We are saying, "I am here to stay. I want to help you grow in godliness. Will you help me to do the same?"

"Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' ¹⁷ And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. (Matt. 18:15-17)

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. (Heb. 13:17)

THE GREAT COMMISSION

MAKE DISCIPLES IN SPRINGFIELD AND AROUND THE WORLD BY REACHING THE LOST, EQUIPPING BELIEVERS, AND MULTIPLYING AS DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST.

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. (Matthew 28:19-20)

1. Make Disciples

Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. (Luke 9:23-24)

2. ...by reaching the lost

"Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."" Mark 2:13-17

3. ...by equipping believers

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-13)

4. ...by reproducing as fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. (Act 2:42)

WHAT DOES A FULLY MATURE CHRISTIAN LOOK LIKE?

1. Found People Find People. (_____)
2. Saved People Serve People. (_____)
3. Growing People Change.(_____)
4. You Can't Do Life Alone. (_____)
5. You Can't Out-Give God.(_____)

Which areas are strongest in your spiritual life? Weakest?

WORSHIP SERVICES

A. _____

*"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1
"...the Father seeks worshippers... and His worshippers must worship Him in spirit and in truth." John 4:23-24*

B. _____

"But if an unbeliever or someone who does not understand comes in... he will be convinced by all that he is a sinner and will be judged by all, and the secrets of his heart will be laid bare. So, he will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, 'God is really among you!'" 1 Corinthians 14:24-25

C. _____

"It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and 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." Ephesians 4:11-12

D. _____

*"Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But who can ask them 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 him?"
Romans 10:13-14*

HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH:

Build a personal _____.

Share your _____ story.

Give a personal _____.

WHAT CAN I DO NOW TO REACH PEOPLE?

_____ (Matthew 9:37-38)

_____ (Isaiah 6:8-9)

_____ (Matthew 6:19-21)

GROUPS

Authentic community happens in circles not rows. Getting connected at Twin Rivers Church means participating in a small group. Some people enjoy a large church because of its focus on others while others want a small, intimate church. We believe that our church must become larger and smaller at the same time.

GROUPS PROVIDE THREE THINGS:

1. A place to _____.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. (John 13:34)

2. A place to _____.

"We know what real love is because Christ gave up His life for us. And so we also ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters." (1 John 3:16)

3. A place to _____.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

CURRENT GROUPS

1. MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES
2. YOUNG MOM'S BIBLE STUDY
3. WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY
4. SMALL GROUPS

BECOME A SMALL GROUP LEADER

We believe that everyone has areas of strength and gifting that could benefit others. The first step in becoming a small group leader is filling out a connection card or speaking with a pastor. We'll give you an overview of what it takes to start and lead a group.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Leader: Adam Bascom

Location: 1488 18th St, Springfield at Along Came Trudy Café

Time: Fridays 6:30-7:30am

Leader: Kevin Fisher

Location: Twin Rivers Church in the Lobby

Time: Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Leader: Larry Carnine

Location: Twin Rivers Church in the Lobby

Time: Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

YOUNG MOM'S BIBLE STUDY

Leader: Jaalynn Felt

Location: Twin Rivers Church in the Stream Room

Time: 1st and 3rd Monday at 10am

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Leader: Pam Forster

Location: Twin Rivers Church in the Sanctuary

Time: Thursdays from 9-11am

SMALL GROUPS

Leader: Greg and Jaalynn Felt

Location: 1081 Saville Ave. in Eugene

Time: 1st and 3rd Sunday at 6pm

TEAMS

All of us were created by God to make a difference in the life of another person. God has a place for you where your unique abilities and passions can touch the lives of others. We believe that your life will never make sense until you find, develop, and fulfill that purpose.

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me." Acts 20:24

"Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities...and there are different kinds of service to God (ministry)...All of you together form the one Body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:4-5, 27

AT TWIN RIVERS CHURCH...

...every member is a _____.

...every task is _____.

...every member is a _____ in some area.

"Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something."

If you could do anything in the church, what would you choose to do? God is working in you to give you both the power and the desire to achieve His will (Phil. 2:13). God has given every Christian a unique set of gifts and unique passion to fulfill His purpose. Find that one thing you can do that makes an eternal impact for Christ and then do it. Start today!

JOINING A TEAM

I. Fill out a Connection Card

You can find a Connection Card in every pew. Please turn in your submission to a box in the back or hand them to an usher or pastor.

2. Meet with a Pastor, get trained, and start serving

Some positions will require a background check and references prior to serving (Kids Ministry, Nursery, etc.) but other will not

TEAM DESCRIPTIONS

A-Team (Administration): This team utilizes their gifts of administration and organization to help with organizing the office, maintaining the data base, making copies, creating and printing bulletin, and printing publications.

Children's Ministry Team: This team works under the supervision of the Children's Ministry Coordinator. They assist in helping create an environment where children are consistently exposed to the love of Jesus and the truth of His Word. They intentionally invest in the lives of our children in welcoming families to our children's area, providing nursery care, teaching kids classes, and helping with special events.

Events Team: Church-wide events are creatively planned and energetically hosted by this team who places priority on valuing people and serving with excellence.

Facilities: This team works diligently behind the scenes to maintain a spirit of excellence in every area of our church. Serving opportunities include upkeeping the church facilities, renovations, and sprinkler maintenance.

Growth Track Team: As the official hosts of our Growth Track, this team greets guests as well as provides materials and assistance throughout our next step classes.

Hospitality: This energetic team connects with guests by offering a warm welcome and a friendly smile. This team also prepares the tools that allow guests to participate in worship during our services or at all church events.

- **Greeters:** Loves people and makes them feel at home here at TRC. They welcome guests with a smile, encouragement, and personal touch so that hearts are open to the Gospel message.
- **Welcome Center/Info/Resources:** Connects guests to TRC, providing resources and information on all our current events and ministry opportunities.
- **First Responders:** This unit of health care providers serves to triage basic medical attention to our guests in the event of an accident or emergency here at TRC.
- **Kitchen Crew:** Serves in our kitchen for all church events from beginning to clean-up at the end. Works with staff to organize food options, purchasing of food, and maintain kitchen pantry.

Men's Ministry: Serves to reach, teach, and release men to grow to their full potential in Christ. To provide opportunities to minister to particular needs and interest of men in areas of service, study, growth, and fellowship. Facilitate a quarterly men's breakfast and invite other men from our church and community to attend. Assist with cooking and/or teach a devotion. Other activities may include weekly men's Bible study, service opportunities for men to be involved with Godly men on a larger scale, recruiting and train men for church leadership.

Parking Team: This fun and enjoyable team is truly the first impression of TRC! IF you relish the great outdoors, look good in a uniform, and enjoy telling people where to go, this is the team for you!

Prayer Team: This team meets Sunday mornings at 9am (but is not limited to that time slot). Join this team that is blazing the trail for God in our church and city.

Small Group Leadership: We believe that real life change takes place in the context of relationships. As a Small Group Leader, you have the greatest opportunity to connect with others, fulfill your passions, develop your gifts and live out the great commission.

Ushers: These mighty men prepare people for a positive worship experience by welcoming and assisting them to a seat, facilitating the offering, distributing publications as needed, and maintaining a distraction -free environment.

Women's Ministry: Serves to reach, teach, and release women to grow to their full potential in Christ as Titus 2 women. Plan and facilitate quarterly events and provide these opportunities to minister to particular needs and interests of women in areas of service, study, growth, and fellowship. Teach and/or coordinate a volunteer to teach a short devotion at these events, as well as invite other women from our church and community. Provide seasonal Bible studies.

Worship Ministry Team: This team works under the supervision of the Worship Pastor. Through vocals, instruments, or audio engineering, this dynamic team prepares the way for our guests to encounter the presence of the living God.

- **Media/Technical Production:** Bring your creativity and tech savvy to this team by delivering the word and worship through lighting, video, visual elements, and maintaining our website and social media.

Youth Ministry Team: This team works under the supervision of the Youth Pastor. They assist in helping create an environment where students are loved, challenged, and disciplined in their relationship with the Lord or encouraged to begin a new life in Christ. They intentionally invest in the lives of our students through Bible study, youth events, and intentional relationship building.

Senior Ministry Team: This team works under the supervision of the Associate Pastor. This team helps at the XYZ Luncheons to set up, serve and clean up. It is a special ministry that is very appreciated by the senior saints of TRC. In addition to the luncheons, the team connects with the seniors on Sundays and Wednesdays as they see them in the lobby or sanctuary.

MEMBERSHIP

The difference between “attendees” and “members” is commitment.

An Attendee is a _____.

A Family Member is a _____.

At Twin Rivers Church we recognize the need for a formal membership, which we call our family. We ask you to commit to a family for 4 reasons:

1. A _____ Reason

Christ is committed to the church.

“...Christ loved the church, and he gave his life for it.” Ephesians 5:25

2. A _____ Reason

The Church is the immune system for a broken world. live in an age where very few want to be committed to anything...a job...a marriage... our country. This attitude has even produced a generation of “church shoppers and hoppers”. Partnership swims against the current of America’s “consumer religion.” It is an unselfish decision. Commitment always builds character.

3. A _____ Reason

It defines who can be counted on. Every team must have a roster (see Acts 2:47).

Every school must have an enrollment. Every business has a payroll.

Every army has an enlistment. Even our country takes a census and requires voter registration.

Partnership identifies our family.

4. A _____ Reason

It produces spiritual growth. The New Testament places a major emphasis on the need for Christians to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth. You cannot be accountable when you’re not committed to any specific church family.

How can we become a Twin Rivers Church family member?

The membership of this church shall consist of believers baptized in the name of the Father, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit—who accept the Bible as their only and sufficient rule of faith and practice, subscribing to the Statement of Faith, Constitution, By-laws, and Church Covenant.

1. Candidates who meet the qualification criteria will fill out a membership application and meet with the Pastor
2. Once the Pastor has determined the candidate is duly qualified to join the membership of Twin Rivers, he will submit the candidate's name to the Elders for approval.
3. Upon approval of the Elders the pastor will present the new members to the congregation.

Next Steps Check-List

- Start a relationship with Jesus
- Sign up for Water Baptism
- Schedule a meeting with a pastor
- Join the family and become a member of Twin Rivers Church

FAMILY COVENANT

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with the values and ideas presented, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Twin Rivers Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to Jesus and to other members of the Twin Rivers Family to do the following:

1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH...

- ...By acting in love toward other family members
- ...By refusing to gossip
- ...By following the leaders

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together." Romans 14:19

*"Live in complete harmony with each other - each with the attitude of Christ toward each other."
Romans 15:5*

"Have a sincere love for your fellow believers, love one another earnestly with all your hearts." 1 Peter 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..." Ephesians 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 no advantage to you." Hebrews 13:17

2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH...

- ...By praying for its growth
- ...By inviting the un-churched to attend
- ...By warmly welcoming those who visit

"To the church...we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly." 1 Thessalonians 1:2

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

"So warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." Romans 15:7

3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH...

- ...By discovering my gifts and talents
- ...By being equipped to serve by my pastors
- ...By developing a servant's heart

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you..." 1 Peter 4:10

"God gave...some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." Ephesians 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 Jesus Christ...who took on the very nature of a servant..." Philippians 2:3-4, 7

4. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH...

- ...By attending church and small groups faithfully
- ...By living a godly life
- ...By giving regularly

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another." Hebrews 10:25

"But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ." Philippians 1:27

"Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering." 1 Corinthians 16:2