

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY APPLICATION

Calvary Chapel Ontario

The following questions are designed to give us information which will assist us in placing individuals in available Children's Ministry positions. We are not looking for professionals, but rather for individuals who have a strong commitment to and faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. Becoming a Children's Minister is a commitment to God and His body, the church. Therefore, please pray and read this application before filling it out to ensure that you agree and meet all qualifications to serve.

PERSONAL DATA:

Date _____ Name _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Male or **Female** (circle) Age _____ Birthday _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Marital Status _____ Spouse's Name (if applicable) _____

Occupation _____ Place of Employment _____

Names and ages of your children (if applicable) _____

Please give two non-family references whom we may contact:
(Please do not turn in your application without addresses totally completed.)

(1) Name _____ Years known _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

(2) Name _____ Years known _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

In addition, list a Pastor, Elder, or other ministry leader at Calvary Chapel Ontario who could give you a reference:

Applicant's Statement: The information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize any references listed in this application to provide the Calvary Chapel Ontario Pastor and/or Ministry Director and/or Safety Director with any information that they may have regarding my character and fitness for children or youth ministry.

Upon acceptance of my application, I agree to follow the policies and procedures of Calvary Chapel Ontario Children's Ministry in the performance of my duties, and to refrain from unscriptural conduct in the performance of my services.

_____/_____
Signature / *Date*

SPIRITUAL QUESTIONNAIRE:

Explain in your own words what you believe it means to be a Christian:

On a scale of 1 to 10 (*10 being the most certain*) how certain are you that if Christ returned today you would be in heaven? (*Circle one*)

Not sure - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 – absolutely positive

Explain your response:

When did you personally become a Christian?

If someone asked you how they could become a Christian, what would you tell them?

When did you begin attending Calvary Chapel Ontario?

Had you ever attended another Calvary Chapel before? **YES NO** (*Circle one*)

Do you understand that by participating in this ministry you will be expected to regularly attend Calvary Chapel Ontario each week? **YES NO** (*Circle one*)

Do you understand that if the ministry in which you are serving takes place during one of the Sunday morning services you will be required to attend the other morning service? **YES NO** (*Circle one*)

Do you have any Bible teachers/authors that you listen to or read on a regular basis? **YES NO** (*Circle one*)

If yes, please list them below:

Please carefully read the following *Statement of Faith for Calvary Chapel Ontario*. (Please note that there is a place provided at the end of each point where you can respond.)

What we believe at Calvary Chapel Ontario

Point Number One — The Bible

We believe the Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God.

(2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1: 21)

This means, we believe in the sufficiency of Scripture and the Authority of Scripture.

Sufficiency means that the Word of God is all we need for life and godliness. (2 Peter 1:3) We believe that the answers to any issue are found within the pages of the Bible, and that no other book, philosophy or psychological insights are required.

Authority refers to the fact that the Scriptures come from God and therefore express the true and accurate expression of His will toward mankind. When we see a truth expressed in the Word of God we believe that the Lord, Himself, is conveying this truth to our hearts and lives.

Furthermore, we believe the writings of the Bible to be infallible in their original articles. We recognize that years of transmission have had minor effect on certain portions of Scripture, however we do not believe the meaning and clarity of the text has been affected at all. Rather, we see the hand of the Lord over the years preserving the Scriptures for us. We do not see one single English translation of the Scriptures as more “anointed” or “blessed” than any of the others.

- I agree completely
- I have some questions about this point
- I disagree

Point Number Two — The Godhead

We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Distinguishable, but indivisible. (Matthew 28: 19; 1 Peter 1:2)

*This, of course, means we are solidly Trinitarian in our theology. This does **not** mean, as some suggest, that we believe God wears three different functional “hats.” Trinitarian theology makes a clear distinction in the members of the Godhead as separate and distinct Persons—Who together make up the One, true God.*

- I agree completely
- I have some questions about this point
- I disagree

Point Number Three — The Nature and Work of Christ

We believe in the full deity and full humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ; in His virgin birth and sinless life; in His complete and finished work on the cross and His bodily resurrection from the dead.

(Luke 1:26-35; Hebrews 2:14-15, 9:12, 10:11-12; John 1:12)

There is a lot here. First, is the belief that Jesus is fully man and fully God. Both are essential to what He came to do for us as Lord and human representative. Second, the vital issue of His virgin birth, without which He would not be free from the stain of sin. Third, that our Lord's work upon the cross securing the sins of mankind was complete and not lacking anything. And finally, His bodily resurrection, vital for understanding how He conquered death.

- I agree completely
- I have some questions about this point
- I disagree

Point Number Four — Salvation by Faith — The Promise of the Indwelling Spirit

We believe that the only means by which we can be forgiven of our sins is to turn from our sin and personally accept the death of Jesus Christ as payment for our own penalty, and to receive Him as Savior and Lord. Further, we believe that anyone who believes and accepts Christ as Savior becomes the recipient of God's Holy Spirit, by which he/she is born again.

(John 3:3-9; 20:22; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:8-9)

While the previous point focuses on what Christ did on our behalf, this point defines the result—namely forgiveness of sins, the new birth and entry into the family of God. We believe that the new birth is made possible through the agency of God's Holy Spirit, Who comes to live within us at the point of faith.

- I agree completely
- I have some questions about this point
- I disagree

Point Number Five — Water Baptism

We believe in water baptism by immersion—not for salvation but because of salvation—to fulfill the command of Christ.

(Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:34-36)

Since water baptism is a command, it quite obviously cannot save us, since we are not saved by keeping commands but rather putting our faith in the death of Christ on our behalf. Yet, water baptism is a first step of obedience for a new believer, and a public declaration of the death and resurrection we share with Christ.

- I agree completely
- I have some questions about this point
- I disagree

Point Number Six — The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

We believe there is a work of the Holy Spirit separate from the regenerative work which enables the believer to enter into a new and powerful realm of service, praise, worship, personal edification and witnessing.

(Acts 1:8, 2:4, 10:44-46, 19:2-6)

When an individual comes to faith in Christ, they receive the fullness of God's Holy Spirit to indwell them. By the Spirit's coming within they are born anew (see point four above). But the Scriptures also speak of a ministry of the Spirit in the life of the believer whereby we are empowered to serve Christ. In this function the Spirit comes "upon" the believer, and we receive power—not salvation, for we are already saved! As the Holy Spirit comes upon the believer, he or she is opened up to the realm of spiritual gifts.

- I agree completely
- I have some questions about this point
- I disagree

Point Number Seven — Operation of the Gifts of the Spirit

We believe in the operation of the gifts of the Spirit as manifested in the early Church and recorded in the book of Acts and various letters of the New Testament.

(1 Corinthians 12:1-14)

This point obviously goes hand in hand with the previous one. Many believers have been taught that the gifts of the Spirit are no longer being manifested in the Church today. We at Calvary Chapel Ontario can find nothing in God's Word that supports that belief.

- I agree completely
- I have some questions about this point
- I disagree

Point Number Eight — Christ: our Source and Healer

We believe there is found in Christ healing for the broken—physically, spiritually and emotionally.

(Psalms 103:3, 147:3; Luke 9:42; James 5:14-15)

Basically, we are saying that the power of Christ is sufficient in our lives for all things. We believe that God has granted wisdom and insight to doctors and we thank God for them. Far from rejecting modern medicine we nonetheless recognize that man's wisdom only extends so far and our ultimate trust is in God.

- I agree completely
- I have some questions about this point
- I disagree

Point Number Nine — The Rapture of the Church, Second Coming of Jesus Christ and Final Judgment.

We believe the Church is the Bride of Christ, and will be translated (raptured) to meet the Lord in the air. (This includes believers who have died in Christ as well as those living on the earth at that time.) We believe the Church will be hidden with Christ during the Great Tribulation which will come upon the whole earth and then return with Him after that time in what the Bible refers to as “the Second Coming.” We believe in the thousand year reign of Christ upon the earth, the final resurrection and judgment, eternal life for believers and eternal punishment for unbelievers. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 20:2-6; John 3:36)

- I agree completely
- I have some questions about this point
- I disagree

Point Number Ten — The Role of the Church

We believe the Church is the Body of Christ on the earth and God’s chosen instrument to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, and be a restraint to sin. By this statement, we proclaim our alliance with and prayerful support of every Bible-believing, Christ-honoring fellowship worldwide.

(Matthew 16:18; Matthew 5:13-14; John 13:35)

This means we are not competing with other Christian churches, but are linked in Christ and in a common calling.

- I agree completely
- I have some questions about this point
- I disagree

Point Number Eleven — Marriage

We believe marriage was created by God for the good of mankind, the propagation of the human race, and the expression of His image on earth. Furthermore, we believe that the union of a man and a woman in marriage depicts the spiritual relationship between Christ and His Bride—the Church. Marriage is a union into which one man and one woman may enter for the glory of God and is only broken, according to the scriptural ideal, by death. This understanding of marriage is revealed in Holy Scripture as God’s intention for marriage, the truth of which is clearly affirmed by our Lord Jesus Christ in the Gospels. As such, this biblical definition of marriage may not be amended, reinterpreted or redefined by society or the governments of men.

(Genesis 1:26-28, Genesis 2:18-25, Matthew 19:4-6, Matthew 19:8-12, Mark 10:4-9, Romans 7:2)

- I agree completely
- I have some questions about this point
- I disagree

Final Note:

This Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God, that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all we believe. The Senior Pastor and Elders of Calvary Chapel Ontario bear the responsibility of overseeing that the Scriptures are handled and interpreted properly within the ministries that exist under the identity of this fellowship of believers.

I, the undersigned, show by my signature that I have read through the **Statement of Faith for Calvary Chapel Ontario.**

Signature

Date

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DATA:

I would prefer to serve as a (check all that apply):

- Leader / Teacher
- Leader's Assistant
- Substitute for leaders and/or assistants
- Nursery
- Children's Worship Minister (singing, puppets, playing instruments, audio/visual support)
- Specialist (service coordinator, resource room supplier, special needs kid partner)
- Childcare provider for special events (like Women's Breakfasts, Bible Studies, etc.)

I am interested in working with (check all that apply):

- Infants 2's & 3's
- 4's & 5's 1st & 2nd
- 3rd & 4th 5th & 6th
- Jr. High Sr. High

During:

- Sunday Morning:
9 am or 11 am (circle)
- Wednesday Evening – **AWANA**

Is Calvary Chapel Ontario your home church? _____ How long have you attended Calvary Chapel Ontario? _____

Where did you attend before? (if applicable) _____

What studies and/or services are you presently and regularly attending at Calvary Chapel Ontario?

Why do you desire to serve in the Children's Ministry? _____

Do you have any previous experience in Children's Ministry with Calvary Chapel Ontario or another organization? _____

If yes, please describe: _____

What other experience do you have ministering to children? _____

Do you have any specific talents or skills you would like to share with the children? (check all that apply)

- Administrative Arts & Crafts Bulletin Board/Murals Cleaning/Organizing
- Computer Event Planning Puppets Music Sewing
- Cooking/Baking Construction/Woodworking/Painting Other: _____

How would you describe your work style?

- Most productive and effective in a team setting. Most productive and effective independently.
- Equally effective with a team or independent. Prefer to work alone.

REQUIRED READING:

- *The Philosophy of Ministry of Calvary Chapel* by Chuck Smith, and
- *What Calvary Chapel Teaches* by Larry Taylor

Each of these printed materials can be found in the Children's Ministry Resource Room.

Have you read the above listed materials? _____

Do you agree with the philosophy of ministry they put forth? _____

If you disagree with any part of it, please state why:

DISCLOSURES:

Do you have any communicable diseases? _____

Are you currently under a charge, or have you ever been accused, convicted of, or plead guilty to a crime involving a minor? _____

Are you currently under a charge, or have you ever been accused, convicted of, or plead guilty to sexual misconduct or inappropriate sexual behavior? _____

Are you currently under a charge, or have you ever been convicted of, or plead guilty to a felony? _____

Are you currently under a charge, or have you ever been accused, convicted of, or plead guilty to the possession and/or sale of a controlled substance, or of driving under the influence of alcohol? _____

If you responded yes to any of the above questions, please explain: _____

Consent Form

I, _____ (*print name*), am an applicant for a position in the nursery, children and/or youth ministry at the Calvary Chapel Ontario, Oregon. Recognizing the importance of safety and security to our children, I understand and consent to the following policies contained in the Child Protection Program:

1. Six-month minimum rule, which states that all volunteers working with children under 18 years of age are required to be regular attendees of Calvary Chapel Ontario for a minimum of six months before serving.
2. Completion of the written application.
3. Allow Calvary Chapel Ontario to contact references listed on the written application form.
4. Attend child safety and protection trainings.
5. Agree to observe all policies of Calvary Chapel Ontario regarding working with children under 18 years of age.
6. Consent to a background check which will be ordered by Calvary Chapel Ontario.

_____/_____
Signature / *Date*