

Word Alive Bible Church

APPLICATION FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

APPLYING FOR:

Family Membership
(More than one person in the same household)

Individual Membership
(Age 18 and over)

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION:

Applicant's Name: _____ Birth date: _____
(If husband and wife are applying together, please place husband's name first)

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (Home)() _____ (Work) () _____ E-mail: _____

Male **Marital Status:** Married **Anniversary Date:** _____
(Please include year)

Female Separated Single

(Please circle one) Divorced Widowed

Place of Employment: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Please Note: We do not have a membership class. If you have any questions concerning WABC, its core beliefs, or its structure please contact the Pastor. Husbands and wives should fill out the membership application jointly.

Spouse's Name: : _____ Birth date: _____

Place of Employment: _____ (Work) () _____ E-mail: _____

Is your spouse applying for membership with you? Yes No

Children's Names: (Only list those children under 18 years, who will be included in your family membership.)

	Age:	Birth date:
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

PERSONAL INFORMATION: (If necessary, spouse may answer on a separate piece of paper.)

1. How long have you lived in the Norwalk/Fairfield County area? _____

2. When did you first visit Word Alive, and how were you introduced to Word Alive?

Date of first visit: _____

How introduced to WABC: _____

3. Please list the churches you have been a part, starting with your last church first.

Church Name	Denomination	Length of Attendance	Reason for Leaving
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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4. Please describe your conversion to Christ. Include any previous religious background, the events that led to your personal experience of the New Birth in Jesus Christ. (Be as brief as possible, but include the approximate date you were born-again.)

Applicant: Date Born-Again _____

Spouse: Date Born-Again _____

5. Have all those in your family, who are seeking membership, received Christ? Yes No

If not, to your knowledge, who has not yet received Christ?

6. Have you been baptized in water by immersion? Yes No Approx. Date _____

Spouse? Yes No Approx. Date _____

Children? Yes No Approx. Date _____

7. Have you received the baptism in the Holy Spirit by faith, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues? (Answering No does not disqualify you from membership)

Applicant: Yes No

Spouse: Yes No Children: Yes No

8. Are you willing to faithfully support the ministry of this church with your prayers, dedication, and finances as God enables and directs you?

Yes No Spouse? Yes No

9. Why do you feel that you want to enter into a relationship with this local church body?

Spouse's answer: _____

10. What gifts, talents, and abilities do you feel you are willing to contribute to Word Alive?

Spouse's answer: _____

11. Have you read and do you understand the Statement of Faith?

Yes No Spouse? Yes No

12. Are you in agreement with our Statement of Faith?

Yes No Spouse? Yes No

If not, in what area(s) are you not in agreement? _____

13. Have you attended Word Alive faithfully for at least 3 months?

Yes No Spouse? Yes No

If not, how long have you been a regular attendee? _____

14. I understand that part of being a member of Word Alive means that I will become a "Doer" of the Word and not a "Hearer" only. I choose to walk upright before God, and love Him with all my heart, soul and body. I also choose to love my neighbor as myself. If I ever "miss it", God's grace is there to help me get back on track again.

Yes No Spouse? Yes No

15. Do you understand that we, at Word Alive, operate under a pastor led form of church government? Do you understand that Pastor Artie Kassimis is ordained through the RHEMA Ministerial Association International, and is accountable ministerially to the leaders of RHEMA Bible Church? Do you understand that Pastor Artie and Janice Kassimis, working with the Word Alive Bible Church board, are ultimately responsible for the fiscal decisions, accountabilities, and determinations that must be made?

Yes No Spouse? Yes No

16. Do you understand that your membership rights may be suspended, or revoked as deemed necessary by the spiritual leaders of this church, by unrepentant violation of scriptural principles? (This includes the spreading of discord, murmuring, and gossip among our church family.)

Yes No Spouse? Yes No

17. Do you understand that your membership at Word Alive is completely voluntary, and you have been neither coerced, nor will you be maintained with force by the leadership of Word Alive? You are free to withdraw your membership at any time, for any given reason.

Yes No Spouse? Yes No

18. Will you notify the Pastors, if at any time in the future, your personal beliefs are different from any of the stated beliefs of this church family in the areas of doctrine, church government, or ethical practices?

Yes No Spouse? Yes No

19. Will you give the Pastors of this church, the honor of a personal meeting with you if at any time in the future you decide to leave this church family?

Yes No Spouse? Yes No

I have completed the "Application for Church Membership" at Word Alive understand the rights and responsibilities that are mine, I do hereby voluntarily request to be received into membership at Word Alive Bible Church.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Spouse: _____

Date: _____

Pastor's Approval Signature: _____

Date: _____

Comments:

Statement of Faith

The Scriptures

The Bible is the inspired Word of God, the product of holy men of old who spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. The New Covenant, as recorded in the New Testament, we accept as our infallible guide in matters pertaining to conduct doctrines. (2 Timothy 3:16, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, 2 Peter 1:21)

The Godhead

Our God is one, but manifested in three persons — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, being co-equal. God the Father is greater than all, the sender of the Word, and the Begetter. The Son is the Word, flesh-covered, the One Begotten, and has existed with the Father from the beginning. The Holy Spirit proceeds forth from both the Father and the Son and is eternal. (Philippians 2:6, John 14:28, John 16:28, John 1:14, John 1:1, John 1:18, John 15:26)

Man's Fall & Redemption

Man is a created being, made in the likeness and image of God, but through Adam's transgression and fall, sin came into the world. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was manifested to undo the work of the devil and gave His life and shed His blood to redeem and restore man back to God. Salvation is the gift of God to man, separate from works and the law, and is made operative by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, producing works acceptable to God. (Romans 5:14, Romans 3:10, Romans 3:23, 1 John 3:8, Ephesians 2:8)

Eternal Life & The New Birth

Man's first step toward salvation is godly sorrow that works repentance. The New Birth (being Born Again) takes place when one confesses Jesus Christ as Lord of their life and believes in their heart that God raised Him from the dead. The New Birth is necessary to all men, and when experienced produces eternal life. (2 Corinthians 7:10, Romans 10:9-10, 1 John 5:12, John 3:3-5)

Baptism in The Holy Spirit

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift from God as promised by the Lord Jesus Christ to all believers in this dispensation and is received by faith subsequent to the New Birth. This experience is received by faith and then the believer is commanded to continually "be filled" with the Spirit. Matt. 3:11, John 14:16,17, Acts 1:8, 2:4,38, 19:1-7, Ephesians 5:18)

Water Baptism

Baptism in water is by immersion, is a direct commandment of our Lord, and is for believers only. The ordinance is a symbol of the Christian's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. (Matthew 28:19, Romans 6:4, Colossians 2:12, Acts 8:36-39)

Sanctification

The Bible teaches that without holiness no man can see the Lord. We believe in the Doctrine of Sanctification as a definite, yet progressive work of grace, commencing at the time of regeneration and continuing until the consummation of salvation and Christ's return. (Hebrews 12:14, 1 Thessalonians 5:23, 2 Pet.3:18, 2 Cor.3:18, Phil.3:12-14, 1 Cor.1:30)

Divine Healing

Healing is for the physical ills of the human body and is wrought by the power of God through the prayer of faith, and/or by the laying on the hands and/or by the supernatural gifts of the Spirit. It is provided for in the atonement of Christ, and is the privilege of every member of the Church today. (Mark 16:18, James 5:14-25, 1 Peter 2:24, Matthew 8:17, Isaiah 53:4-5)

Resurrection of The Just & The Return of Our Lord

We believe in the physical, bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe His coming is imminent. When He comes, the dead in Christ will rise first, then we who are alive will be caught up together with them in the clouds (what we refer to as the Rapture), to meet the Lord in the air. Following the tribulation, He shall return to the Earth as King of kings, the Lord of lords, and together with His saints, who shall be kings and priests, He shall reign a thousand years. (Acts 1:11, 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17, Revelation 20:6)

Hell & Eternal Retribution

The one who physically dies without accepting and confessing Jesus Christ as Lord is hopelessly and eternally lost in the Lake of Fire and, therefore, has no further opportunity of hearing the Gospel and repenting. The Lake of Fire is literal. The terms "eternal" and "everlasting" used in describing the duration of punishment in the Lake of Fire, carry the same thought and meaning of endless existence as used in denoting the duration of joy and ecstasy of saints in the presence of God. (Hebrews 9:27, Revelation 19:20)