

Our Governing Structure

Our ministry is structured according to the following pattern:

- **Our Elders—*Ministry Enforcers***
The job of an elder is to insure that the ministry of the church is consistent with the stated philosophy and values of the church, to support the professional staff in carrying out their ministries, and to care for the general overall health of the church. Our church is governed by a board of elders who care for the spiritual health of the church and oversee the financial, administrative, and logistical operations of the church.
- **Our Professional Program Staff—*Ministry Catalysts***
The job of the professional staff is to strategize and organize ministry within the congregation primarily through recruiting, training, motivating, mobilizing, and supervising key lay leaders and members of the congregational core to do the work of the ministry. (*Eph. 4:11-12*).
- **Our Lay Leaders—*Ministry Implementers***
The task of lay leaders in the church is to lead and administrate the various ministries of the church and to assist the staff in organizing and supervising ministry.
- **Our People—*Ministry Executors***
The real ministry of the church is accomplished by the average individuals of the church. They are the people who carry out the work of the ministry consistently—week in and week out.

What We Believe

THE BIBLE

We accept literally the Holy Bible, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men, and the divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life.

GOD

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

JESUS CHRIST

We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary and He died as a sacrifice for our sins. He was buried, arose bodily and ascended into Heaven where He is now our Priest and Advocate.

HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Christ, and during this age to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.

HUMANITY

We believe that man was created in the image of God but sinned and is therefore lost, and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.

SALVATION

We believe that the blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit, and thus become children of God.

THE CHURCH

We believe that the true Church is composed of all such persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the Body of Christ of which He is the Head. We believe that only those who are thus members of the true and invisible Church shall be eligible for membership in the local church.

LAST THINGS

We believe in the personal and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that this "Blessed Hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.



Our Values

WORSHIP

We strive to acknowledge God's goodness and greatness in a way that is personal and authentic.
Psalm 34:3

GROWTH

We are on a journey to become fully devoted followers of Christ.
2 Peter 3:18

PRAYER

We recognize the importance of seeking God's direction and involvement in every area of life. I
Thessalonians 5:16-18

COMPASSION

We cannot be whole persons without sharing fully in the joys and sorrows of those around us.
Romans 12:15-16

COMMUNITY

We want to be a fellowship of faith that embraces all people.
Galatians 3:26-28

OUTREACH

We are committed to changing our world one life at a time.
Romans 13:8

RELEVANCE

We desire to communicate the truth of God in a way that people understand and that transforms their lives today.
1 Corinthians 9:22-23

Membership Covenant

Having made a conscious, deliberate decision to invite Jesus Christ to be my Lord and Savior, and being in agreement with Sun River Church's philosophy of ministry, strategies, and structure, I now feel led by the Spirit of God to become an active member, participant, and supporter of Sun River Church. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members of the Sun River Church family in the following ways:

1) I will protect the unity of Sun River...

- By loving the other members and regular attenders of Sun River
A new commandment I give to you; love one another as I have loved you...by this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:34-35)
- By refusing to gossip about the church, its leaders, or other members
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. (Ephesians 4:29)
- By supporting and following the leadership of the church
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. (Hebrews 13:17)

2) I will be an active participant in the life and ministry of Sun River...

- By following the teachings of the Bible and living a life of moral excellence and integrity
Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel... (Philippians 1:27)
- By getting involved in a small group on a regular basis for the purpose of spiritual growth and encouragement
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... (Acts 2:46)
- By inviting my unchurched friends, neighbors, acquaintances, and relative to attend Sun River in hopes of discovering a living faith in Jesus and growing in Him
Therefore go and 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 very end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- By warmly welcoming anyone and everyone who visits Sun River
Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. (Romans 15:7)

- By discovering, developing, and **using** my spiritual gifts to serve others in a ministry of the church. This means devoting a portion of my time and energy to some ministry in the church

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10)

- By developing a servant's heart
Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. 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. (Philippians 2:3-5)

3) I will support the ministry of Sun River...

- By attending Sun River's public services faithfully
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. (Hebrews 10:25)
- By praying for the leaders, the ministries, and the growth of Sun River
I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
- By devoting and contributing a premeditated portion of my financial resources to God. These contributions will be used to support the ministries and programs of Sun River
On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. (1 Corinthians 16:2)

*A tenth of all your produce...is the Lord's – and it is holy.
(Leviticus 27:30)*

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



Sun River Church Membership Application

Date: _____

Name (Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail _____ Birth Date _____

SEX: male female MARITAL STATUS: single married widowed

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

CHILDREN IN FAMILY:

NAME	BIRTHDATE

Areas you have abilities, skills, or training which you would be willing to use at Sun River Church:

In your own words, please answer the following questions:

To the best of your understanding, would you explain what a Christian is?

Have you made a conscious, deliberate decision to invite Jesus Christ to be your personal Lord and Savior? Yes No

If yes, where and when?

Have you been baptized since you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
 Yes No

If yes, where and when?



If you have not been baptized, are you interested in expressing your relationship to Christ in baptism? Yes No

What is Christ doing in your life right now, and where are you right now in your personal spiritual growth?

Have you completed the Sun River Church Membership class?

Yes _____ No
Approx. Date

Is it your desire to abide by the Sun River Church Membership Covenant?

Yes _____ No _____
Signature Signature

Membership Recommendation

For Office Use Only:

Based upon completion of Sun River Church membership process,

I recommend that _____

- Be brought into membership
- Talk to a pastor about membership

Reasons:

Date: _____ Interviewer: _____