

**OFFICE USE ONLY**Ministry _____
Leader Initials: _____

KID'S MINISTRY SERVICE TEAM APPLICATION

Instructions: Please complete the form, provide a handwritten (wet) signature, and submit the signed paper copy to the River West Church Main Office or to Pastor Kathleen.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First (Full) Middle (Full)Address: _____
Street or P.O. Box_____
City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

How long have you been at this current address? _____ (Years)

Previous City/State you lived in: _____
City StateAge range: ☐ 18 or younger/Age: _____ ☐ 19-25 ☐ 26 or older

How long have you attended River West Church? _____

Note: A criminal background check is also required for all volunteers working in this ministry. You will be emailed a link to a secure website at Protect My Ministry where you will enter your personal information. Please provide your email address to send this link to:

E-Mail: _____

What experience (if any) do you have working with children? (Please list)

Organization	Dates	Contact	Phone
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Have you at any time ever:

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| • Been arrested for any reason? | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| • Been convicted of, or pleaded no contest to, any crime? | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| • Ever had a conviction erased, expunged, or set-aside | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| • Engaged in, or been accused of, any child molestation, exploitation, or abuse? | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |

Are you aware of:

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| • Having any traits or tendencies that could pose any threat to children, youth, or others? | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| • Any reason why you should not work with children, youth, or others? | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes", please explain in detail: _____

What age group are you interested in serving? ☐ 0-2 yr. old ☐ 3-5 yr. old ☐ 1st-5th grade

At which service(s) are you interested in serving? ☐ 9am ☐ 11am ☐ 5pm

What skills would you bring to the children's program? _____

Tell us about how you came to know Jesus as your Lord and Savior: _____

CHURCH ACTIVITY

What church or churches have you attended in the past 5 years?

Church Name	Pastor's Name	Years Attended
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

REFERENCES

Personal – two friends or associates that you have known over 5 years, that are not a relative:

Name	Address	Phone
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

River West Church – church staff, Bible study, or small group leader:

Name	Address	Phone
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

APPLICANT VERIFICATION AND RELEASE

I recognize that the organization to which this application is being submitted is relying on the accuracy of the information contained herein. Accordingly, I attest and affirm that all of the information that I have provided is absolutely true and correct.

I authorize the organization to contact any person or entity in this application, and I further authorize any such person or entity to provide the organization with full information, opinion, and impressions relating to my background or qualifications.

I voluntarily release the organization and any such person or entity herein from liability involving the communication of information relating to my background or qualifications. I further authorize the organization to conduct a criminal background investigation.

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____

CORE COMMITMENTS + STATEMENT OF FAITH

CORE COMMITMENTS

Jesus	—	Our Focus
Gospel	—	Our Truth
Gratitude	—	Our Response
Prayer	—	Our Power
Unity	—	Our Strength
Maturity	—	Our Goal
Mission	—	Our Purpose

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the Bible to be the fully inspired and completely authoritative written Word of God to mankind. The words of the Bible, both Old and New Testament, constitute God's special revelation given by a process in which the Holy Spirit so guided the human authors that, through their individual personalities and different styles of writing, they composed and recorded God's Word to mankind without error. These 66 books of Scripture constitute the believer's only infallible standard of faith and practice.

We believe that there is but one living and true God. He is the almighty, eternal, unchanging creator of all that is. He is absolutely separate from the world as its creator—perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and truth—yet He is everywhere present in the world as the upholder of all things. We believe that God is one in essence, but eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe in God the Father, the first person of the Trinity. It is He who orders and brings to pass all things according to His own purpose and grace. As the absolute and highest Ruler in the universe, He is sovereign in creation, providence, and redemption.

We believe that Jesus Christ is God, the second person of the trinity. He is the eternal Son of God and the virgin-born Son of Man. Jesus Christ was God incarnate, who fulfilled the purpose of revealing God and redeeming men and women. It is He who rules over God's kingdom. Although He was fully man, He was also fully God and so was without sin in nature and lived a sinless life.

We believe that Jesus Christ, by virtue of his sinless life, miraculous ministry, and substitutionary death, satisfied divine justice concerning sin and thereby accomplished fully the work of redemption.

We believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave, by which God confirmed both the deity of Christ and his acceptance of the atoning work of Christ on the cross. His resurrection is the beginning of a new creation and the guarantee of the future resurrection to life of all believers.

We believe that Christ is the only Mediator between God and man, the Head of His body, the Church. He is the coming universal King who will reign on the throne of David. He is the all-sufficient savior of all who place their trust in Him for salvation.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is God, the third person of the trinity. We affirm His sovereign activity in creation, the incarnation, the written revelation of scripture, and the work of salvation. The work of the Holy Spirit in the believer involves that of regeneration, baptism into the body of Christ, indwelling, sanctifying, instructing, and empowering for witness and service. The Holy Spirit

administers spiritual gifts to the members of the Church to glorify Christ and to implement His work of redeeming the lost and building up believers in the faith.

We believe that marriage is an exclusive union between one man and one woman (Gen. 2:24-25; Matt. 19:4-5). God intended marriage to be a life-long covenant (Proverbs 2:16-17; Malachi 2:14; Matthew 19:6). God designed sexual activity and intimacy to be exclusively reserved for this marriage relationship. Scripture forbids all sexual activity outside of the context of marriage.

We believe that God created humankind, both male and female, directly and immediately in His image, giving human life unique value (Gen. 1:26-27; Matt. 19:4). We believe in the sanctity of life of all human persons, including the unborn, ailing, and aging. God immutably bestows upon each person male or female gender, biologically determined. Because gender distinctions are rooted in divine order, changing or disguising one's inherited gender transgresses God's design.

We believe that man and woman, though created wholly good, in God's image, fell into sin by a voluntary act of personal disobedience to the revealed will of God. Consequently, man and woman experienced God's judgment in spiritual and physical death. The impact of this fall into sin has extended through Adam to all of subsequent humanity, to whom is imputed both the guilt and the penalty of the sin of Adam. Men and woman are therefore hopelessly lost apart from the salvation that is in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe that Jesus Christ alone, through His death on the cross and His resurrection, has accomplished the provision for salvation. This salvation consists in the satisfaction of divine justice, the forgiveness of sins, the imputation of the righteousness of Christ, the gift of eternal life, as well as every spiritual resource needed for life and godliness. We receive this salvation by grace through faith, apart from any virtue or work of the individual. This salvation produces in the life of the believer the fruit of a transformed character (in the image of Christ) and righteous living as well as good works. The believer will experience these realities of salvation in life as he or she develops a life of fellowship with Christ, submitting to the control of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that all who have placed their faith in Christ are united together by the Holy Spirit in one spiritual body, the Church, of which Christ is the head. We believe that the interaction of the members of Christ's body together in loving community is the greatest validation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is therefore imperative that the believers in Christ break through common social barriers and establish real and tangible fellowship of mutual ministry to one another. We believe that through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, God gifts and enables each believer to minister within the Body of Christ for the strengthening of the entire Body. The ministry of each member of the Body is essential to the effective growth of the Church.

We believe in the physical return of Jesus Christ, for which all believers are instructed to actively watch and pray.

We believe in the resurrection of the dead—the saved to eternal life and the unsaved to the judgment of God.

I have read and I agree with River West Church's Core Commitments and Statement of Faith.

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____