

## Statement of Beliefs

This statement of beliefs contains the fundamental tenets on which the life and works of the Midlands Churches of Christ are based:

- There is one true God who reveals himself to the world as The Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14 etc)
- Jesus, the Son of God, is the one and only Lord and Saviour, crucified for our sins and physically resurrected from the dead on the third day (Acts 4:12; 1 Corinthians 15:1 – 4 etc)
- The Bible is divinely inspired and sufficient for salvation and is also the constitutional authority for the church's faith and life (2 Timothy 3:15 – 17; Romans 15:4 etc)
- Submission to the plan of God for salvation, which is His free gift through the blood of Christ (Romans 6:23; Romans 3:23 – 25; 1 John 2:1-2 etc)
- Rebirth by repentance and baptism for the forgiveness of sins and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:36 – 41; 1 Peter 3:20 – 21; Romans 6:3 – 7 etc)
- The need for a continuing devotion to imitate Christ's love of God, love for righteousness and love for others (Philippians 2:1 – 5; 2 Corinthians 5:20; 1 John 2:3 – 6 etc)
- Resolution of issues of contention, disputes, differences, grievances, and the like, in step with biblical principles (Matthew 5:7 – 9; 5:38 – 40; Matthew 18:5; Ephesians 4:2 – 7; 1 John 2: 9 – 11; 1 John 4 : 19 – 21)

(These statements are reproduced from the governing Trust document)

## Membership Covenant

The Midlands Churches of Christ invite you to read the following and consider it prayerfully as a covenant between us. (Rom 15:1-7, 13)

In addition to our Statement of Beliefs, we recognise the following actions as a means of demonstrating our faith: (Jas 2:18)

- 1) We will honour Jesus Christ through worship, prayer, and obedience to God's Word in the power of the Holy Spirit.
  - a) We shall be fully committed to the life of the body of the church and pursue our God given roles. (Heb 12:28-29 NRSV) (Rom 12:1-2) (Acts 2:42) (1Cor 12:27-31)
  - b) We shall regularly attend the services and be consistent in giving sacrificially to God both in time and financially. (Heb 10:24-25)
- 2) Understanding that we need other people in our lives to help us keep our commitments to God, we will pursue strong relationships with fellow Christians. (Heb 6:10-11)
  - a) We shall do this to bring maturity to our relationships with each other and to support outreach. (Heb 3:12-13) (Prov 27:17)
- 3) We will build strong relationships, marriages and families through love, protection, and biblical values. (Rom 13:8-9)
  - a) We are committed to free and respectful communication with all but especially within the body of the church. (1 Peter 2:17)
  - b) Whilst recognising the need for local decision making, we are open to our congregation seeking and receiving outside godly input and influence.
  - c) We are committed to obedience to the command of 2 Corinthians 6:14 – 7:1, and in that spirit expect that disciples should therefore only date and marry those who share and commit to these beliefs and actions.
- 4) We will strive for the highest personal integrity and moral standards by practising spiritual, moral, ethical and sexual purity. (1Thes 4:3-8)
  - a) As ambassadors for Christ we shall be committed to providing leadership, good role models and general resources for the spiritual benefit of the children and young people. (Deut 6:5-9) (Matt 5:16) (Lk 17:1-2)
- 5) We will be actively involved in building up a local body of believers and labour to see others know and grow in Jesus Christ. (Col 1:28-29) (Eph 4:12-13)
  - a) We shall share in Christ's mission to seek and save the lost. (Matthew 28: 18 – 20) (Col 4:5-6) (Jn 17:20) (Rom 10:14-17)
  - b) We shall financially support both local and world missions through regular contributions and collections. (2Cor 8:1-9) (2 Cor 9:6-15)
  - c) We shall be committed to providing resources for the spiritual benefit of young people and children's ministry. This will also include supplying good leadership and role models for our teenagers and to encourage their ministries to thrive and increase. (Deut 4:9) (Deut 6:5-9) (Prov 22:6) (Ps 78:4-8) (Eph 6:4)
  - d) We shall be committed to remembering the poor and needy. (Galatians 2:10)
- 6) We will tirelessly forgive one another, showing each other love, grace and mercy. (Col 3:12-14) (2 Cor 2:5-11) (Matt 6:14-15) (Matt 18:21-22) (Mk 11:25-26)

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## Member Involvement Survey

(Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS)

**Title: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Postcode:** \_\_\_\_\_

I agree with the Statement of Beliefs & Membership Covenant.

Please mark **[X]** in the appropriate squares those things you are willing to do **at this time**.  
If it is something you might like to do in the **future**, mark **[O]**.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Song Leading                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Evangelism                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lead Prayers                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct Studies With New Members            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scripture Reading                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct/assist with conversion studies      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making Announcements/welcome            | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide Childcare for Home Studies          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prep/Present Communion Talk             | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Baptisms                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prep/Present Poor Talk                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with HOPE desk                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preach Sermons                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Representative to HOPE Worldwide            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prep & distribute communion             | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit Sick at Home                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit Sick in Hospital                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set up/put away chairs                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit housebound or elderly Members         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with refreshments table          | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone sick or housebound                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with book & tape desk            | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide Transportation to appointments, etc |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Admin desk                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide Transportation to church, etc       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Bulletin / Newsletter       | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide Flowers For Special Occasions       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Directory                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide Clothes For Needy                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set-up/take down PA system              | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide Food For Needy                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Operate PA system                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide Emergency Shelter                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain Baptistery                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide Emergency Childcare                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organize & Maintain Store Cupboard      | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide Emergency Financial Aid             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Repair Work (Painting, Carpentry) | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Meals For Sick, Bereaved, New Mums  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teach Adult Classes                     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teach Ladies' Classes                   | <b>Other (please specify):</b>                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teach Infants' Classes (1-4 yrs.)       | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teach Children's Classes (K-12)         | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teach Teens Classes                     | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange Activities For Young People     | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange Activities For Members          | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Host regular family group meeting       | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Become a Trustee                        | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shepherding                             | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                                       |

Please remember that some of these things are really our responsibility as individual Christians, and not the work of the local congregation. But by indicating what you are willing to do, it will help to know who can be called upon when such needs arise.

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