

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Briefly describe when and how you received Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior.

After receiving Christ, what changed in your life?

Why did you first visit SHCC and why did you decide to stay?

Have you been baptized? If so, when, where and how (immersion, sprinkling, pouring) were you baptized?

In what ways has God used you in ministry to others?

What is your passion for ministry? (What kinds of things do you enjoy doing and with what age groups of people? What spiritual gifts does God seem to consistently release in your life?)

MEMBERSHIP COVENANT (EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS)

As a member of South Hill Christian Church (please check as is appropriate):

- Do you agree to be faithful and regular in your attendance at SHCC? (*Hebrews 10:25*)

____ Yes Any questions or concerns? _____

- It is recommended that members become part of a Home Group for the purposes of mutual edification, sharing, prayer, support, fellowship, teaching and ministry (Acts 2: 42; 5:42; 20:20). Will you prayerfully consider becoming part of such a group?

____ Yes Any questions or concerns? _____

- Will you support the ministry of the church with your regular, faithful financial support (tithes) according to your ability? (*1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:7*)

____ Yes Any questions or concerns? _____

- Will you find a place of ministry where you can serve the Lord and actively support the overall ministry of SHCC according to your gifts and talents? (*1 Corinthians 12:4-6,27*)

____ Yes Any questions or concerns? _____

- Will you recognize that the Lord has placed the pastors and elders in the church and has charged them with the responsibility to oversee, serve and care for its members? Will you submit to the appropriate exercise of their biblical responsibility and authority? (*Hebrews 13:17*)

____ Yes Any questions or concerns? _____

- Have you read and do you agree with the Statement of Faith ("What We Believe") of SHCC? (Refer to last page)

____ Yes Any questions or concerns? _____

With your signature below, you are saying "Yes!" to the above expectations. (If you are not able to answer yes to all of the above items, you should not sign the form until all your concerns or questions have been answered by the elders during the membership interview process.)

Signature

Date

When you have completed the above form, please return it to the church office or drop it in the mail to South Hill Christian Church at P.O. Box 73265, Puyallup, WA 98373

South Hill Christian Church

WHAT WE BELIEVE

1. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

We believe the Bible is God-inspired and therefore inerrant. (2 Timothy 3:16,17)

2. THE ETERNAL GODHEAD

We believe God is Triune: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

3. THE FALL OF MAN

We believe that man was created in the image of God, but that by voluntary disobedience he fell from perfection and was therefore separated from God for eternity. (Romans 5:12)

4. THE PLAN OF SALVATION

We believe that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us, signing the pardon of all who believe in Him. (John 3:16; Romans 5:8)

5. SALVATION THROUGH GRACE

We believe that our salvation cannot be earned, but can only be obtained through God's gift of righteousness through Christ's death. (Ephesians 2:8,9)

6. REPENTANCE AND ACCEPTANCE

We believe that upon sincere repentance and a wholehearted acceptance of Christ, we are justified before God. (1 John 1:9)

7. THE NEW BIRTH

We believe that at conversion our old nature is put to death and we are born as spiritual children into God's family. (2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 6:3,4)

8. WATER BAPTISM

We believe that baptism by immersion is an outward sign of an inward work of grace as a result of personal faith in Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:3,4)

9. THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe in the commemoration of the Lord's Supper by the symbolical use of the bread and juice of the vine. (1 Corinthians 11:24,25)

10. BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is to endue the believer with power and that His indwelling is the same today as in the early church. (Acts 2:4)

11. THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

We believe that it is the will of God that we walk in the Spirit daily, and that we show spiritual fruit as

evidence of a Spirit-filled life. (Ephesians 4:30-32; Galatians 5:22).

12. THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit bestows gifts upon the believer for ministry in the church and that all the biblical gifts of the Spirit are available for the church today. (1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Romans 12:3-8; Ephesians 4:11,12)

13. DIVINE HEALING

We believe that divine healing is the power of Christ to heal the sick in answer to the prayer of faith. (James 5:14-16)

14. THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

We believe that the second coming of Christ is personal and imminent. (1 Thessalonians 4:16,17)

15. CHURCH RELATIONSHIP

We believe it is our sacred duty to identify ourselves with the visible church of Christ by committing ourselves to fellowship and service to others. (Acts 2:42-47, 16:5; Hebrews 10:25)

16. CIVIL GOVERNMENT

We believe that rulers should be upheld at all times except in things opposed to the will of God. (Romans 13:1-5)

17. THE FINAL JUDGMENT

We believe that all shall stand some day before the judgment seat of God; and there receive eternal life or death. (2 Corinthians 5:10)

18. HEAVEN

We believe that heaven is the glorious eternal home of born-again believers. (John 14:1-3; Revelation 7:15-17)

19. HELL

We believe that hell is a literal place of eternal torment for all who reject Christ as the Savior. (Revelation 10:10,15)

20. EVANGELISM

We believe that the church is commanded to win converts and make disciples throughout the earth. (Matthew 18:18-20; Acts 1:8)

21. THE AUTHORITY OF SPIRITUAL LEADERS

We believe that elders are selected and appointed with authority as spiritual leaders to oversee, nurture and provide for the needs of the local congregation. (Acts 14:23; 1 Peter 5:10; Titus 1:5)