

LEGACY
COMMUNITY CHURCH

A PLACE OF HOPE AND REFUGE

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

Directions:

- Please familiarize yourself with the content of this packet and review the full church constitution and doctrinal statement at our website - LegacyChurchOhio.com/Constitution using the case-sensitive password: Constitution
- Complete the application form. (One per individual)
- Submit your completed membership application form in the Offering Box or scan and email to LegacyCommunityChurch@outlook.com.
- You will be contacted by Legacy leadership to schedule a membership interview.

If more than one family member is applying for membership at the same time, membership interviews can be held as a family unit, but each person will need to complete a separate application form.

WHY THE NAME LEGACY?

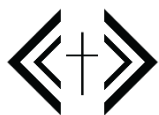
After much prayer and seeking God's will, it became clear towards the end of 2020 that God was opening the doors for us to start a new church in Springfield. We had around a dozen people committed to the idea and willing to jump in. Emmanuel Christian Academy (ECA) allowed us to use their facility as a meeting place. We needed a name before we could begin the paperwork process with the State of Ohio and IRS to be officially recognized as a church.

We began brainstorming names, settling on "Legacy Community Church". "Legacy" because of the rich inheritance we have through Christ, but also for the ripple effect that our individual gospel-centered, intentional living should have on those around us. "Community" because we need the fellowship of other believers to be whole. When this works well in a healthy church, it places us in the best position to focus on serving and impacting our local community outside the "walls" of our meeting place.

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We acknowledge life can be hard and full of trials. Christians are not excluded from pain and sorrow. It is our desire that Legacy Community Church become a source of hope and refuge for the weary Christian and the lost seeker looking for a better way.

THE LOGO



The arrow darts on the logo represent days past and days to come with Christ as the center of it all. Our future is forever changed because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Because of this hope, we share the Good News with others. One changed life will ripple into another, touching the lives of many generations to come! This is our legacy!

PURPOSE

This church exists so that its members, both individually and corporately, can glorify God by exalting the Creator, evangelizing the sinner, equipping the believer, exemplifying the Savior, and encouraging the saint. Its members will seek to accomplish this by emphasizing the need for its people to be balanced in their goals, obedient in their methods, creative in their thinking, and active in their service.

CHURCH HISTORY

JAN 10, 2021: Held the first organized worship service at ECA meeting in the cafeteria.

AUG 15, 2021: Celebration of Charter Membership with 30 founding members committing to Legacy Community Church.

TBD: Moving into our own facility!

STAY CONNECTED

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook and Instagram: @legacychurchohio

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Legacy Community Church – Springfield, OH
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Philosophy of Ministry

We believe a church exists so that its members, both individually and corporately, can glorify God by exalting the Creator, evangelizing the sinner, equipping the believer, exemplifying the Savior, and encouraging the saint. We believe it should strive to carry out this purpose in the following ways:

1. By emphasizing the need to be balanced.

As our church and its members seek to glorify God, we should exalt, evangelize, equip, exemplify, and encourage simultaneously. We believe that each of these ministries is of vital importance to the spiritual health of the church and when done with proper balance they put the church and its members in a better position to glorify God.

2. By emphasizing the need to be obedient.

As our church and its members seek to glorify God, we should do so within the boundaries God has defined in His Word. We believe things like church polity, doctrinal purity, biblical unity, biblical love, indigenous ministry, heart development, relational integrity, servant leadership, family emphasis, financial integrity, and quality ministry are all important to God and must not be overlooked by His people.

3. By emphasizing the need to be creative.

As our church and its members seek to glorify God, we should think outside of traditional boxes to keep pace with the changes in the cultural setting that surrounds them. Creativity keeps a church's ministry fresh and vibrant while the scriptural boundaries keep it from compromise.

4. By emphasizing the need to be active.

As our church and its members seek to glorify God, we should leverage the talent and giftedness of our pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and members alike, encouraging each to roll up their sleeves in sacrificial service to their Lord. Ministry doesn't just happen on its own. It requires people.

The philosophy of ministry could be summarized as follows:

Our church exists so that its members, both individually and corporately, can glorify God by exalting the Creator, evangelizing the sinner, equipping the believer, exemplifying the Savior, and encouraging the saint. Our church seeks to fulfill this purpose by emphasizing the need for its people to be balanced in their goals, obedient in their methods, creative in their thinking, and active in their service.

Key Passages of Scripture:

2 Timothy 3:16-17; I Corinthians 10:31; Revelation 4:11; Mark 16:15-16; Ephesians 4:11-12; Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 10:24-25; Ephesians 5:15-16; Deuteronomy 11:26-28; Exodus 35:30-36:1; Romans 12:1-2

Philosophy of Worship

Worship Philosophy

We desire to shepherd the church family both individually and corporately as we rehearse the gospel in our gatherings, engaging with God with our entire person (mind, body, and spirit), exalting our Savior through submission and service, realizing that lifestyle worship can only be fully expressed through the reliance upon the Holy Spirit.

Worship Definitions

“Worship is the believer’s response of all that they are – mind, emotions, will, body – to what God is and says and does.” (Warren Wiersbe)

“Worship is our response, both personal and corporate, to God for who He is, and what He has done; expressed in and by the things we say and the way we live.” (Louie Giglio)

“Worship is an inward feeling and outward action that reflects the worth of God” (John Piper)

“Christian worship is the response of God’s redeemed people to His self-revelation that exalts God’s glory in Christ in our minds, affections, wills, in the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Bob Kauflin)

Theological Grid for Song Selections

- Is it singable?
- Does the music compliment the text?
- Is it theologically precise?
- Is it logically coherent?
- Is it God-centered?
- Is it Gospel-centered?

Elements in the Worship Service

- Singing
- Praying
- Preaching
- Scripture Reading
- Giving
- Fellowship
- Ordinances (Baptism & Communion)

5 Core Values

Congregational singing (multi-generational, singable, theologically sound, gospel-centered)
Blended style of worship songs (hymns, *a cappella*, choruses, contemporary, choral, solo, mix of genres)
Christ-centered, gospel-based, biblically rich song lyrics
Freedom of expression (head + heart + body = full expression of worship)
Music that prepares our hearts for the worship of the preaching of the Word

The Passion:

To shepherd with humility, joy, integrity, and weakness in a community of believers that rely on God’s grace and live in the power of the Holy Spirit. Accountability and team-based leadership are essential.

Legacy Community Church Summary Doctrinal Position

The Scriptures

We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises. (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21; Mark 13:31; John 8:31-32; John 20:31; Acts 20:32)

Triune God

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory. (Genesis 1:1, 26; John 1:1, 3; Matthew 28:19; John 4:24; Romans 1:19-20; Ephesians 4:5-6)

God the Father

We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He infallibly foreknows all that shall come to pass, that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. (Luke 10:21-22; Matthew 23:9; John 3:16; 6:27; Romans 1:7; I Timothy 1:1-2; 2:5-6; I Peter 1:3; Revelation 1:6)

Jesus Christ – His Person and Work

We believe that Jesus Christ is God, having existed eternally. When he was incarnated, he was completely God (begotten, not made) and completely man. We believe that he is the only hope for sinners, because he was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. He lived a sinless life, was crucified, buried and arose bodily from the dead as our substitute paying for our sins. He has gone bodily into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our Advocate. (Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; John 1:1; 20:28; Romans 8:32; 9:5; II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 2:21-23; John 20:30-31; Matthew 20:28; Ephesians 1:4; Acts 1:11; Romans 5:6-10; Hebrews 7:25; 9:28; I Timothy 3:16)

The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is God, having existed eternally. He is a person and not simply a force. He was involved in Creation and in the inspiration of Scripture. We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. The salvation, which was secured by Jesus Christ, is applied to his people by the Holy Spirit. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners and by Him they are baptized into union with Christ. He secures their adoption as heirs in the family of God. We believe that His work in regeneration is not the result of water baptism or any outward ritual. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service. (Luke 12:12; John 14:16-17, 26; 15:26-27; 16:9-14; Romans 8:9-11; I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; Galatians 5:22-26; Ephesians 1:13-14; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 2:11-12; I Corinthians 12:11)

Man & the Rebellion

We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they rebelled against God when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice – alienated from God, hostile to His reign over their lives, and under His wrath. Only through God’s saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed. (Genesis 1:26-30; 9:6; Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 1:19-32; Colossians 1:21; Romans 5:12-14; John 3:3; I Corinthians 2:14)

The Gospel

We believe that God, in spite of our rebellion, has good and gracious purposes for this world. This good news is centered on what Jesus accomplished through his crucifixion and resurrection: the message is that what He did for us is enough to declare us righteous before God, if we simply believe. It is the primary call of the Church to proclaim this good news, and make disciples of all nations. (Mark 1:15; I Corinthians 1:21-25; 2:12-16; 15:1-4; Romans 1:16-17; 10:13-15; Acts 1:8; Luke 24:46-49; Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:19-20)

The Christian Life: Repentance and Faith

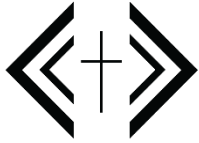
We believe that the believer is saved by faith alone in God’s justifying grace through the work of Christ. That, however, must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God’s Word, the Spirit’s power, and fervent prayer in Christ’s name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ’s commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed. (Mark 1:15; Acts 17:30; 3:19; II Corinthians 7:10; John 3:16; Romans 3:21-26; Romans 1:17; James 2:14-26)

The Church and the Ordinances

We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God’s grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and communion, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer. (Ephesians 2:19-22; 5:19-21; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:23-25; Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 6:3-5; I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13: 1-17)

The World to Come

We believe that God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. Someday, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous, in their resurrected and glorified bodies, will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord. (Matthew 16:27; Mark 14:62; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; Philippians 3:20-21; Colossians 3:4; I Thessalonians 4:15; II Timothy 4:1, 8; Titus 2:13; I Corinthians 4:5; 15:12-58; II Thessalonians 1:7-10; Hebrews 9:27-28; II Peter 3:17-18; Revelation 20:4-6, 11-15)



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NAME				BIRTHDAY	
ADDRESS				HOME PHONE	
CITY, STATE ZIP				WORK PHONE	
EMAIL				CELL PHONE	
GENDER		RELATIONSHIP STATUS ___Single ___Married ___Divorced ___Widowed ___Single Parent			
SPOUSE NAME (IF MARRIED)				ANNIVERSARY (IF MARRIED)	
CHILD NAME					
GENDER		AGE/DOB	GRADE	SCHOOL	
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GENDER		AGE/DOB	GRADE	SCHOOL	
EDUCATION ___High School ___Trade School ___College ___Graduate School					
NAME OF COLLEGE/TRADE SCHOOL			NAME OF GRADUATE SCHOOL		
DEGREES/CERTIFICATIONS		AREA(S) OF STUDY		OCCUPATION	

SALVATION & BAPTISM

Accepted Christ (Date) _____ Baptized by Immersion (Date) _____

Please write your salvation and baptism testimony.

CONSTITUTION & DOCTRINE

Have you read our Constitution and Doctrinal Statement? _____

Do you have any significant disagreement with any aspect of our Constitution or Doctrinal Statement? If so, please note these below.

MINISTRY

Please check all areas where you might be interested in serving:

Greeter Team	Hospitality	Security Team	Set-up/Tear-down
Nursery	Children's Ministry	Youth	Teaching Adults
Visual Slides Team	Video/Camera Crew	Audio/Sound Team	Church Leadership
Praise Team/Band > What instrument(s) / vocal part(s)?			