



MIDLANDS GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP
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Application for partnership – *Please complete and send to address above*

We would love to welcome into partnership churches, individuals and organisations who:

- ◆ Share our desire to see healthy local churches in every Midlands community
- ◆ Support MGP's ministry values (see page 2 of this document)
- ◆ Hold to MGP's doctrinal basis (see page 2)

Please indicate whether applying for:

- Church partnership. Name of church: _____
- Individual partnership
- Partner organisation. Name of organisation: _____

NAME of person completing form:

ROLE: *(for church partnerships and partner organisations)*

CONTACT ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

EMAIL:

Please indicate the following:

- A shared desire to see healthy local churches in every Midlands community
- Support of MGP's ministry values
- Adherence to MGP's doctrinal basis

For partner organisations only:

- a copy of your organisation's Constitution (or equivalent) and Doctrinal Basis are included with this application

For churches & individuals:

- We / I have considered the request to give financially to MGP

SIGNED:

DATE:

OUR MINISTRY VALUES

We share the following convictions about the shape of gospel ministry:

The means of gospel ministry is the prayerful teaching of the Bible.

It is as the Bible is taught in the power of the Spirit that God's voice is heard.

The heart of gospel ministry is the proclamation of Christ crucified.

The message of the cross is God's way of saving people from his coming wrath.

The focus for gospel ministry is the local church.

It is primarily through the local church that unbelievers are brought to faith in Christ and believers are built up in him.

OUR DOCTRINAL BASIS

(A) The existence of one, eternal immutable God, creator and Lord of the universe, who in the unity of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, both governs all things according to his will and is accomplishing his purposes in the world and in the Church.

(B) The Bible, as originally given, is the inspired, inerrant and infallible word of God. Christians must therefore submit to its supreme authority and sufficiency, both individually and corporately, in every matter of belief and conduct.

(C) The inherent value of all human beings, made by God in his own likeness, and their sinfulness and guilt since the Fall. This has rendered them subject to God's wrath and condemnation, and has resulted in their alienation from his life, suppression of the truth, and hostility to his law.

(D) The Lord Jesus Christ, God's incarnate Son, is fully God; he was born of a virgin; his humanity is real and sinless; he died on the cross, was raised bodily from death and is now reigning over heaven and earth.

(E) Salvation from the guilt, penalty and all consequences of sin solely through the work of Jesus Christ – his perfect obedience, penal substitutionary death, bodily resurrection and exaltation as Lord. He alone is truly God and truly man, the only mediator between God and man. There is salvation through no other person, creed, process or power. The entirety of a sinner's justification, from beginning to end, is only by his grace alone appropriated through faith alone.

(F) The necessity and sufficiency of the work of the Holy Spirit for the individual's new birth and growth to maturity, and for the Church's constant renewal in truth, wisdom, faith, holiness, love, power and mission.

(G) The universal church is the body of which Christ is the head and to which all who are saved belong. Its existence reveals God's ultimate purpose to bring everything together under Christ. It is made visible in local congregations of believers, who are a holy people called to declare the praise of him who saved them, and to proclaim his gracious offer of salvation to those who are lost. The unity of the body of Christ is expressed within and between local churches by mutual love, care and encouragement. True fellowship between churches exists only where they are faithful to the gospel.

(H) The personal and visible return in glory of the Lord Jesus Christ to raise the dead and bring salvation and judgement to final completion. God will fully establish his kingdom when he creates a new heaven and new earth from which evil and evildoers, suffering and death will be excluded, and in which he will be glorified forever.

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