

Sturbridge Worship Center

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Welcome to Sturbridge Worship Center and to this new members pack.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A MEMBER OF STURBRIDGE WORSHIP CENTER?

Our church is always open and welcoming to anyone who wants to visit. We exist to bless, serve and proclaim the good news to our community.

While we love to receive visitors and be a blessing to those who are in transition, we believe that every christian should make a commitment to become a member of a local church. At Sturbridge Worship Center we look at membership as an invitation to fully participate in the life of our church and become a part of our church family.

How to become a member of Sturbridge Worship Center (or simply find out more)

STEP ONE

Take a moment and look over the vision and value of our church below and watch the welcome video.

STEP TWO

On the first Sunday of each month we hold a new members class (after our Sunday Service). This class last around 15 minutes and it is a place to get to know about our church community and find out how you can thrive at Sturbridge Worship Center.

To sign up for this class fill out the form below (or sign up in person at our connection table)

STEP THREE

Each month we publicly welcome our new members, pray for them and welcome them into our church fellowship.

WELCOME TO STURBRIDGE WORSHIP CENTER

WHO ARE WE?

Sturbridge Worship Center is a thriving church that touches our region and the wider world with the transforming power and presence of God.

We are a Spirit-Filled church. We celebrate the power, presence and gifts of the Holy Spirit as a normal part of the christian life.

We are a church that loves the message of Faith. We believe that faith is the victory that overcomes the world. We see faith in God's word as the basis for the life of victory that God calls us all to walk in.

MISSION

We are a church on mission. Our primary goal is not to get people into the church but to equip and release people to change the world. We believe we have a specific call to touch our town, the wider New England area and the nations of the world.

COMMUNITY

At our core SWC is a community of believers. God calls us into deep relationship with him and also with our fellow believers. We see ourselves as a tribe, a group of friends and pilgrims walking out the christian life together.

GROWTH & DISCIPLESHIP

As church members we are committed to growing, learning and discovering who God is and what it truly means to be in Christ Jesus. We place a high value on discipleship and provide many opportunities to learn and develop on our journey with God.

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY

- 8am Worship Practice
- 9am Prayer
- 9:25am Bible Teaching
- 10am Celebration service
- 11am Children Church
- 11am Livestream
- 12 Lunch & coffee in the church café

WEDNESDAY

- 7pm Weekly Bible Study & Discussion in church Café.

MISSION TEAM

Members of our church are invited to participate in our New England Mission Team which supports our church plants and events in the region and overseas.

LEADERSHIP

SWC is led by Pastor Graham & Léa Jones.

Originally from England, Graham's heart and passion is revival and seeing the presence and power of God released back into the church. Graham speaks in churches, conferences, universities and businesses in different countries each year. He brings a breath of fresh air and passion to God's people as he encourages them to come back to simple supernatural christianity. Graham has been involved in missions and church planting in Europe, India and North America for many years. Graham & his wife Léa have a missions base in the south of France. Graham has been an ordained minister with IGO (International Gospel Outreach) in the UK for many years.

ELDERS SUPPORT TEAM

SWC has a wonderful team who serve Pastor Graham in his vision. This team meets every month to pray and talk through all areas of the church. Our elder team plays an active part in the life of the church including teaching and preaching in our services.

Our elder team comprises:

- Bert Doyen
- Sharon Doyen
- Léa Jones
- Kim Bellil
- Ron Walters
- Debbie Walters
- Matt Peabody

BELIEFS

Sturbridge Worship Center church has a classical evangelical doctrine of faith.

Doctrine can seem complicated and difficult to understand but it is valuable to understand the faith that the church has help to for 2000 years.

We believe the entire Bible to be the inspired, infallible Word of God, the revelation of God's will for man and the divine and final authority for the Christian life. (2 Tim 3:16-17).

We believe in one God, the creator of all things, who is revealed in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Deut 6:4, Jn 15:26)

We acknowledge Jesus Christ as true God and true man – conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, crucified, and resurrected – our High Priest and Advocate now seated at the right hand of God the Father (Mt 1:18, Heb 12:2)

We believe in personal salvation and forgiveness of sins through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, acknowledging every person's need for his grace and mercy of God. (Rom 3:23, Eph 1:7, 1Ptr 1:3, 1 Jn 1:9)

We believe in the eventual resurrection of the dead, the eternal happiness of the saved, and the eternal punishment of the lost. (Jn 14:1-3, 1 Jn 5:11, Rev 20:15)

We baptize in water all those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ and who desire to publicly identify with Him, in accordance with the Bible's command. (Mt 28:19, Act 8:36-39, Rom 6:4)

We believe in the present supernatural ministry of the Holy Spirit, whose purpose is to glorify Jesus Christ and instruct and empower every believer for godly living and service. (Jn 16:13, 1 Cor 12:1-11)

We believe that the baptism with the Holy Spirit is a promise from the Father for every believer and is distinct and subsequent to the experience of the new birth. Speaking in tongues, as the Holy Spirit gives utterance, is a physical indication of the baptism with the Holy Spirit. (Mt 3:11, Acts 2:4, 38-39, 19:4-6)

We serve the Lord's Supper and, according to Scripture, remember Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross and celebrate His resurrection power. (Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor 11:23-26)

We believe in the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and that His appearance will be accompanied by a bodily resurrection of those who have died in Christ. (Mt 24:29-31, 1 Th 4:13-18)

We believe that Jesus is the Healer. (Isa 53:5, Mt 8:16-17, Jm 5:14-15, 1 Ptr 2:24)

We believe in the power and effectiveness of prayer. (Phi 4:6-7, Jm 5:15-16)

We believe in God's terrific plan for each of His followers to honor God and help people. (Mt 5:16, 25:40, Jer 29:11.)

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Our members are those who believe that this is their church family, those who make a serious commitment in the five following areas:

ATTEND

Our members are those who make a commitment to be regular attendees at our Sunday services. We understand that many live busy, and sometimes complicated lives, but we ask that our members try attend an average of half our Sunday gatherings.

GIVE

SWC church is supported by the tithes and offerings of our church members. As members we commit to give 10% of our real world income to our church mission as an integral part of our worship.

SERVE

We encourage all our church members to find an area of the church where they can help, serve and contribute to the life of the church. We can help you find the right spot to serve that works for you.

COMMUNITY

A church is a family! Church membership means to spend time connecting , loving, praying and fellowshiping with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are a community of friends and invite you to join.

INVITE

We believe one of God's most important calls on our life is to share the gospel with others. One of the easiest ways of doing this is by inviting someone to come to church with you. Our members are those who make a serious ongoing commitment to enlarge the church by inviting others.

NEXT STEPS

Thanks for making it this far! If you are interested in becoming an SWC please fill out the form below. One of our team will contact you shortly.

Full Name

Email

Adress

Cell Phone

How long have you been a believer?

Have you been baptized ?

Have you read through this document?

Are you willing to walk within the beliefs and values of Sturbridge Worship Center?

Are you willing to participate in regular attendance and tithing?

Are you interested in serving in a part of the church?

Thanks you for your interest in becoming a member. Our team will reach out to you shortly.