

# COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

## PASTORAL APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATION

**apprentice:** *“somebody who works under a skilled professional in order to learn an art, craft, or trade, and become qualified in it”*

The Pastoral Apprenticeship at Community Bible Church (CBC) is an intensified course of practical study designed to provide participants with firsthand exposure to and training in various components of pastoral ministry. It encompasses theological reflection, pastoral mentoring, and supervised ministry experience over a two-year period.

### Admission Requirements

1. Membership at CBC (if not already a member, a willingness to join CBC in membership)
2. Agreement with the Confession of Faith of CBC
3. Pursuit or completion of formal theological education
4. Demonstrated faithfulness in church ministry
5. Evidence of a call to pastoral ministry
6. Personal character in keeping with 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1
7. Application and interview with the Elders of CBC

### Apprenticeship Responsibilities

1. Regular and faithful attendance of Sunday Morning Worship Services and 242 Groups
2. Bi-Weekly Apprenticeship Meetings with Pastor Aaron Halvorsen, which include;
  - a. Discussion and evaluation of worship services and sermons
  - b. Discussion of and training in theological, ministerial, spiritual, and ecclesiological matters
  - c. Prayer for members of the congregation
3. Personal meeting with Pastor Aaron Halvorsen (4 per semester)
4. Engagement in a discipleship relationship with other men in the congregation
5. Ongoing ministry at CBC in keeping with the needs of the congregation
6. Attendance of an Elder Meeting (at least once a semester)
7. Accompanying elders on pastoral visitations, membership interviews, etc.
8. Practicing hospitality on a regular basis
9. Planning a worship service in cooperation with Pastor Russ Friesen (once a semester)
10. Attending Exploring CBC (once a year)

### Application Process

1. Submit CBC Pastoral Apprenticeship Application:
  - a. Applications due by: July 1<sup>st</sup> (Fall Start), November 1<sup>st</sup> (Spring Start), or March 1<sup>st</sup> (Summer Start).
  - b. Two confidential letters of recommendation must be submitted directly to Pastor Aaron Halvorsen (one should be from a pastor or church leader affirming gifts and calling for ministry, and, if married, describing your marriage and its suitability for ministry).
  - c. Applications and recommendation letters may be submitted to Aaron Halvorsen via email: [ahalvorsen@cbckansas.org](mailto:ahalvorsen@cbckansas.org).
2. Attend an interview with the elders (you will be contacted after your application and letters of recommendation have been reviewed).

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ (CELL) \_\_\_\_\_ (HOME)

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_ EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ WEDDING DATE \_\_\_\_\_

| CHILDREN | SCHOOL/GRADE | BIRTHDATE |
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EDUCATION (SINCE HIGH SCHOOL)

| SCHOOL | MAJOR | DATES ATTENDED | DEGREE GRANTED |
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WHY DO YOU WISH TO BE A PASTORAL APPRENTICE AT CBC?

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DESCRIBE YOUR PAST AND CURRENT MINISTRY EXPERIENCES

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WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE HAVE PROVEN TO BE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

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INTO WHAT KIND OF MINISTRY DO YOU BELIEVE GOD IS LEADING YOU?

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IN WHAT WAYS IS YOUR WIFE SUPPORTIVE OF YOUR CALLING TO PASTORAL MINISTRY (IF MARRIED)?

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ARE YOU IN AGREEMENT WITH THE CONFESSSION OF FAITH AND TEACHING POSITIONS OF CBC?

- YES  
 NO

DO YOU BELIEVE YOUR PERSONAL CHARACTER IS GENERALLY CONSISTENT WITH 1 TIMOTHY 3 AND TITUS 1?

- YES  
 NO

REFERENCES (INCLUDING THE TWO INDIVIDUALS WRITING YOUR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION)

| NAME | RELATIONSHIP | PHONE | EMAIL |
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I AFFIRM THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.

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SIGNATURE

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DATE