

Keystone Christian Homeschoolers

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Membership Requirements

Keystone Christian Homeschoolers (KCH) is a group of gospel-centered families that love and serve Jesus Christ while educating their children at home. Members of KCH may use any curriculum in their homeschool or may be enrolled in Keystone Christian Academy's School-At-Home program. As a homeschool co-op, parents are highly involved in teaching and leading; members are thus held to high spiritual standards, ensuring that our group provides a godly influence for our children. KCH is a ministry of Keystone Baptist Church (KBC) under the spiritual and practical direction of the pastor. Membership and attendance at KBC are encouraged but not required. In order to maintain a Biblical worldview, parents involved in KCH must regularly attend a like-minded church whose beliefs do not conflict with the statement of faith, at least two in-person services per month. The following churches and denominations are NOT considered like-minded: Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Latter Day Saints, Jehovah's Witness, Unitarian, Presbyterian Church USA, United Methodist Church, The Episcopal Church, Mennonite USA, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This list is not exhaustive. The pastoral leadership and KCH leadership team reserve the right to request information and evaluate other groups and organizations. To join and participate, parents must affirm that their personal beliefs align with our Statement of Faith. Most importantly, parents wishing to join KCH must be born again, having a clear personal testimony of trusting Jesus Christ alone for salvation. Annual membership in KCH requires an application and an informal interview with one of the leaders. If only one of the homeschooling parents in a family meets these membership requirements, participation in KCH will be restricted to that parent.

Roles

1. Leaders: Individuals/couples that are approved by the pastor of KBC to make decisions about the content, structure and policies of KCH. Leaders can, with the approval of the Pastor, make changes to KCH's rules for membership, policies and statement of faith. Leaders conduct annual interviews of potential and current members.
 - Leaders: Chip & Jess Channell; Jon & Natalie Hynes
 - Director: Natalie Hynes
2. Director: One individual appointed by the leaders to direct the co-op on a practical level. Directors tasks include organizing the school year, delegating tasks among members, and ensuring the co-op runs smoothly. The director may also be a KCH leader and may serve consecutive years.
3. Members: Those who have completed the application, interview, and approval for the upcoming school year. Parents may join before the start of the fall semester and before the beginning of the spring semester. Exceptions will be made for joining mid-semester if the director can arrange co-op tasks and provide the new family with appropriate responsibilities to help share the workload.

Statement of Faith*

God

We believe in one Holy God, eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Deut. 6:4; II Cor. 13:14). God created the universe and everything in it in six literal, twenty-four hour days (Gen. 1-2).

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary (John 1, Luke 1:35). Jesus Christ lived a sinless life, died on the cross and physically rose from the dead, accomplishing our redemption and justification (Rom. 3:24-25; 1 Peter 1:3-5, 1 Peter 2:24, Eph 1:7). Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven, and is now exalted at the right hand of God, interceding for us (Acts 1:9-10, Heb. 7:25). We have a blessed hope in the literal and imminent second coming of Jesus Christ (1 Thess. 4:13-18).

Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Godhead, convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment and that He is the divine agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and seals them unto the day of redemption (John 16:8-11, Rom 8:9, 1 Cor. 12:12-14, Eph. 1:13-14).

Salvation

We believe that mankind fell through Adam's sin, inheriting a sinful nature and becoming separated from God. Mankind is utterly unable to save himself through good works or by any other means (Rom 3:23, Rom. 5:12, Eph. 2:12). Salvation is the gift of God, offered by grace alone and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins (Eph. 2:8-10, John 3:16). Belief in Jesus saves the born-again Christian from the eternal punishment of sin in a literal hell and gives the hope of eternal life, living with God forever in heaven (Rev. 20:15, Rev. 21-22).

Christian Life

We believe that all born again believers should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord (Rom 12:1-2, Col 1:10). It is the privilege and duty of all the saved to be filled with the Spirit, demonstrating the fruits of the Spirit in their lives (John 16:13, Gal. 5:22-25). It is the mission and obligation of the saved to witness by life and word to the truths of Holy Scripture and to seek to proclaim the Gospel to all mankind (Matt. 28:19-20).

Marriage and Sexuality

We believe God created mankind with two genders and instituted marriage between one genetic male and one genetic female as the basis of home and family (Gen. 2:18-24). God commands that sexual activity is only permitted in the context of Biblical marriage, forbidding all sexual immorality such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, and pornography (Matt. 5:27-28, Heb. 13:4, 1 Cor 6:9-11).

Critical Race Theory

We believe every person, regardless of skin color, is equally valuable in God's sight and is responsible to God for his own actions (Gal. 3:28, Rev 7:9, Rom. 14:12, Prov. 20:11). The Bible warns us not to judge others based on outward appearances but to use righteous judgment (John 7:24, 1 Sam 16:7, Prov. 20:11). We therefore reject critical race theory.

*This is a condensed statement of faith. It is not intended to cover all areas of doctrine and practice. The administrative and pastoral staff reserve the right to define terms and clarify concepts. For further explanations, see the constitution of Keystone Baptist Church and Ministries. If you would like clarifications and additional definitions, please schedule an appointment with someone on the pastoral staff.

Policies

Parental Responsibility

KCH is an extracurricular homeschool co-op. Parents are responsible to make sure their children's education is complete and meets all legal requirements. This is a family-integrated co-op and not a drop-off program. Parents must provide a guardian to be with their children during co-op meetings. We welcome infants and toddlers to join us in our learning time!

In order to teach Biblical principles, children are expected to respect all adults and obey whoever is teaching or leading co-op. Parents are expected to actively discipline and direct their children during class.

The nature of a co-op is sharing the load of weekly teaching and responsibilities among the members. Parents who wish to join KCH must be willing to do a fair share of work, ensuring the co-op runs smoothly. The director is in charge of delegating co-op responsibilities among the members each semester.

Resolving Conflict

As a christian community, we acknowledge that we are all sinners and that conflict and misunderstanding are bound to happen eventually when gathering and working together. We seek to resolve conflict in a loving, humble and Biblical manner, following these steps:

1. Pray! Ask God to give you a humble heart and wisdom; convict you of any wrongdoing and that His will be done in this situation.
 - James 4:10, Matt. 7:5, Matt. 6:10
2. Go directly to the person with whom you have a conflict and discuss the situation with them privately and in person.
 - Matt. 18:15
3. If the conflict is not resolved after the first meeting, make a leader or the director aware and set up a time for a mediation meeting.
 - Matt. 18:16
4. If an agreement cannot be reached after mediation, KCH leaders and/or KBC Pastor may terminate membership as appropriate.

Language

We seek purity of speech in order to honor our Lord. In our community we refrain from taking the Lord's name in vain, only using the words "God," "Jesus," "Lord" and "Christ" when reverently referring to our Creator and Savior. Swearing, crudeness and meanness (name-calling, belittling, etc.) are not acceptable. In order to maintain purity of speech, we do not allow substitute words for blasphemy or swearing (ex. "gosh," "jeez," "darn," "shoot" etc.).

- Ex. 20:7, Eph. 4:29

Separation

As Christians, we are called to live separately from the world and walk in a manner worthy of Christ. We therefore do not endorse or celebrate ungodly entertainment (movies, music, games, etc.) and do not promote them at co-op (talking positively about them, sporting merchandise from them, etc.). Examples of worldly entertainment are rock music, movies with language or sexuality, things with occult or satanic influences, and LGBTQ pride items. This list is not exhaustive.

- 2 Cor. 6:17, Col. 1:10

Dress

Out of respect for God, ourselves and others, adults and children attend co-op with clothing, accessories and hair that is mindful of Biblical standards of modesty and gender distinction. We aim to set a godly example by not drawing attention to our outward appearance, but to the purpose of our co-op: learning more about God and exploring His creation. Specific dress code information can be found in the current year's handbook.

- 1 Cor. 6:19-20, 1 Tim. 2:9-10, 1 Cor. 11:14-15

Safety

God has blessed us with the gift and responsibility of families and children. Their physical health and safety is a top priority.

1. We work together with Keystone Christian Academy to provide a safe meeting place for our co-op. Specific safety guidelines for the facilities are outlined in this year's handbook.
2. Anyone with a fever (100.4 or higher), vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours should stay home to protect the health of others.
3. In the case of inclement weather, we will follow Keystone Christian Academy's announcements for canceled or delayed school. The director will communicate those decisions ASAP.

Facilities

God has blessed Keystone Baptist Church with beautiful facilities to use for worship and ministry. We treat the building, grounds and their contents respectfully, leaving spaces in better condition than we found them. We recognize that it is a shared space and are respectful of others who are also using the facilities. In order to not disturb KCA and other ministries, KCH members must remain in the designated areas and not wander the building or grounds without permission from the director or leaders.

Keystone Christian Homeschoolers Application
2025-2026

Family Information

Parent Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Email address(es): _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

[Complete Childrens' info on page 2]

Interview Questions

All members must complete a short, informal interview with one of the leaders annually. Either or both parents that wish to become members eligible to teach and participate in KCH the upcoming year must be present for the interview.

1. Tell about your family and homeschool journey.
2. Give your personal testimony, explaining how you came to faith in Jesus Christ and what the gospel means to you.
3. Do your personal beliefs align with the statement of faith? Is there anything you're not sure about? Do you have any questions about the rules for membership or policies?
4. Where do you attend church? How often do you attend in-person services?
5. What are your hopes and expectations for a homeschool co-op this year?

I affirm that my personal beliefs align with Keystone Christian Homeschooler's Statement of Faith, and I agree to abide by the rules for membership and community policies.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Leader Signature: _____ Date: _____

Children

Please complete for all children, including babies, toddlers and those that won't be attending.

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Are they participating in co-op academics this year? Yes / Sometimes / Not Yet / Not Attending

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