

The Church of The Apostles

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CONFIDENTIAL

How do I participate in **Living Waters, October 2, 2018 – March 26, 2019**, at **The Church of The Apostles**? Tuesday nights, 6:30 to 9:30 P.M.

- Send the completed application (attached, four pages), along with a \$50 application fee between NOW and September 14 to Beth Geary at The Church of The Apostles (mailing and email address above). All checks are made out to The Church of The Apostles or COTA.
- Once your application is received, an in-person interview will be scheduled with Beth or Brian, and will begin August 15.
- If accepted at the interview, be prepared to pay \$450 (cash or check) at the end of the interview, to secure your place in the program.
- An alternative payment plan will be considered on an individual basis, but will be the exception.
- Some scholarship funds may be available and awarded based upon need.
- If space is still available, then applications will be accepted through **October 5**.

The application questions are formulated to be an aid for the in-person interview. Together, we can look at your needs (areas where you are stuck), time commitment, outside support and readiness. But ultimately, God is the one who will draw you to this class, provide resources and sustain you through this healing journey. Many are taken aback by the authentic and honest nature of the questions. Please know that your application will be kept confidential! Others may feel that their issues are too minor for such an intensive group. If it is more intimacy with Christ and healthy relationships that you desire, then this is the place for you. The ground at the foot of the cross is level! The cross of Christ is what this group is focused on - giving Him our insecurities, sin, idols, addictions and wounds, being healed by the love of Jesus, the prayers of His people, and rising-up to walk in the freedom of His resurrection! Living Waters is about experiencing The Passion of Christ in authentic community! Freedom comes from resolving emotional wounds from parents (and others), accountability and listening prayer in small group. Others may feel that their pain and anger is too much to face. Let me assure you that the love of your Heavenly Father is bigger and greater than your pain. He will not uncover more than you can bear. He is gentle and His loving kindness will comfort you as you face the root causes of brokenness.

Warning: Satan does not want you to do Living Waters, and He will put up many obstacles. But, be encouraged, our God will help you conquer each objection, and clear the path for you to experience God's love more deeply in your heart. One common barrier is the fear of being judged, especially by others in your own church. Rest assured, everyone will be asked to sign confidentiality contracts, and this is a closed group. You will only open-up with your small group in a safe and confidential environment, full of grace and truth. There is no shame in seeking more of Jesus in areas where you are simply stuck! Every one of our leaders are former participants that have been stuck, broken, addicted or humbled, so they minister to you out of "strength in weakness", through the power of Christ. Their testimonies are for you, so you can see God's transforming power in a life. Our same gender small groups are focused on prayer so that God can reveal His truth and love for you, deep in your core being. Persevere in the application process and come with questions ☺ Generally, we have 40 participants, 20 leaders & 30 intercessors.

In Christ,

Beth Geary, Coordinator of Living Waters at Apostles

404-591-2487 Direct Line @ Apostles, web site: apostles.org/livingwaters

The men will interview with Pastor Brian Maxwell: 404-591-1966 bmaxwell@apostles.org



APPLICATION

Date: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ Cell: _____

E-mail address: _____

Occupation: _____

Check appropriate boxes:

Male Female Single Married Separated Divorced

Are you a Christian? _____ For how long? _____

How did you hear about Living Waters? _____

Current church affiliation: _____

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Application Received: _____ Program Year: _____

Program Location: _____

Letter Sent: _____

Contacted: 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

Personal Interview Date: _____

Comments: _____

Acceptance Letter Sent: _____

Contracts Needed: _____

Deposit Due: _____

- What is your past church/spiritual affiliation? Please include non-Christian references as well.

- How do you feel about receiving prayer from your small group leaders?

- How would you define the “unhealed areas of your heart”, current relational or identity struggle, brokenness, general “stuckness” or recurring sin pattern?

- How does the problem express itself (in relationships or isolation, sinful or addictive behaviors, emotional problems, anxiety, anger, distance from God, insecurities, unforgiveness, lack of trust, etc.)?

- Are you currently in a relationship that involves ongoing sexual contact? If so, please describe your relationship: No Yes _____

- Do you have any compulsive behaviors or addictions (i.e. eating problems, emotional/alcohol/chemical dependencies, spending, gambling, etc.)? If so, please explain. No Yes _____

- Are you currently receiving ongoing pastoral or professional counseling? Have you ever been in professional counseling before? If so, with whom and why? No Yes _____

- In seeking cleansing for your soul, are you aware of any lack of affirmation or hurt from parents, abandonment, neglect or rejection (obvious or perceived), traumatic life events, past or present abuse, or any other “root” issues of your present pain? No Yes

- Are you currently receiving help from a healing ministry or support group, divorce recovery or grief group?

If so, please describe:

No Yes _____

- Have you attended a support/therapy group before? If so, please explain your experience: No Yes

- Are you or have you struggled with lust, poor self-image, fantasy or idolizing others? If so, please explain:

No Yes _____

- Have you ever seriously contemplated suicide? Did you make any attempts? If so, please explain:

No Yes _____

- Do you use alcohol or other mood-altering substances? If so, what and how often? No Yes

- Are you currently taking any medications? If so, which ones and why? No Yes _____

- Have you ever had a psychological evaluation? If so, was there a diagnosis and what was it? No Yes

- Describe the people in your life who know about your struggles and who are supportive in your healing:

- Do you believe that homosexual physical contact or inordinate emotional closeness with the same sex is sinful according to the Bible? If no, please explain: No Yes _____

- Do you believe that sex outside of the marriage (M & F) covenant is against God's will, according to the Bible? No Yes

- What are your expectations in coming to Living Waters?

- Can you make the 24-week commitment? No Yes

Duty to Warn

Confidentiality and privileged communication remain rights of all participants according to state law. However, if an individual intends to take harmful, dangerous, or criminal action against another human being, or against themselves, it is the duty of Living Waters of Apostles' leadership to warn appropriate individuals of such intentions. *Suspected acts of child abuse or neglect are required to be reported.* Those warned may include but are not limited to:

- The person or family of the person who is likely to suffer the results of harmful behavior;
- The family of the participant who intends to harm himself/herself or someone else;
- Associates or friends of those threatened or making threats;
- Law enforcement officials.

Before informing anyone who should be warned, Living Waters of Apostles' leadership will take all possible steps to first share that intention with the participant. Every effort will be made to prevent any such breach of confidentiality.

Living Waters Agreement

I, the undersigned, am applying for the *Living Waters* program sponsored through The Church of The Apostles, and understand that this program does not take the place of professional counseling and/or therapy of any kind that I may be receiving now, or have received in the past, or plan to obtain in the future.

I understand the nature of the *Living Waters* program and release any liability of The Church of The Apostles and the Living Waters leadership team members.

Signature

Date