

Village of Black Earth CONDITIONAL USE/SPECIAL EXCEPTION APPLICATION

\$250 residential/ \$350 Commercial nonrefundable fee (payable to the Village of Black Earth)

	Owner/Agent	Contractor(s)
Name	Richard Brown	
Address	108 LAKESHORE DR AVOCA, WI 53506	
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Address of Property	1705 CENTER ST BLACK EARTH, WI	

Tax Parcel number(s) 0806-351-8531-1

Current Zoning District VILLAGE OF BLACK EARTH, WI 53515

If this is a resubmission, provide previous date. Or (N/A)

Current use, structures, and other improvements:
CHURCH

Conditional use/Special Exception requested (ordinance section # & specific use):
CHURCH

Fully explain the intended use and any planned improvements, signage, and any phased or future planned use. Include operational days/hours, anticipated daily traffic, parking plan, rubbish and recycling plan, etc. If work will be completed in phases, describe.

1. CHURCH SERVICES OPEN TO EVERYONE
2. BLOOD DRIVES WITH AMERICAN RED CROSS
3. COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR OTHER COMMUNITY
SUPPORT GROUPS TO MEET SUCH AS AA.
4. FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT PLAYING MOVIES RELATED
TO BIBLICAL AND SPIRITUALITY.
5. OCCASIONAL FUND RAISING EVENTS TO SUPPORT
BUILDING RELATED EXPENSES AND OCCASIONAL
OUT OF TOWN GUEST SPEAKERS.
6. SEE ATTACHED "MISSION" STATEMENT" AND
"CORE VALUES/ELDER GUIDELINES

Include any other factors pertinent to the proposed use, site conditions, or surrounding area that may be important for the Commission to consider when reviewing your request.

Provide detailed information in your request. Attach a plat map, other maps of your site, construction plans, and/or additional supplemental information as applicable.

I certify that the information I have provided in the application is true and accurate. I understand and agree to apply for all building permits as required.

Signed: Richard Brown

Date: 3-6-24

Name: Richard Brown

Remit application to:

Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Black Earth
1210 Mills St., PO Box 347
Black Earth, WI 53515

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Date received by Clerk: 3/6/24 Check Number: 1004

Date presented to the governing body: _____

Approval/Denial date: _____

Mission Statement

Messianic Christian Fellowship is a local assembly formed to meet the spiritual needs of its members, which includes reaching out to the surrounding community to help where help is needed, based on our individual and corporate abilities.

Core Values / Elder Guidelines

1. God is one (Deut. 6:4) – There is one omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Elohim (God/Yahweh/Yehovah), who has manifest Himself in the flesh (Yeshua/Jesus) and operates by His Spirit (the Holy Ghost), which are inseparable, as He is spirit (John 4:24). This is not to say that He is limited to three types of manifestations; He has manifested Himself in other forms (theophanies) according to several accounts in the Tanakh; in addition, Revelation speaks of the “seven spirits of Elohim.” When discerning the meaning of scripture in reference to the Godhead, it is imperative to distinguish between the flesh of the incarnate son and His deity.

a. As the Hebrew language has undergone changes throughout history and, due to other factors/difficulties with the language itself, we will not be contentious over variations in spelling and pronunciation of the sacred names for Elohim and the Messiah.

2. The early church (the first many thousands of believers) were all Torah-keeping Jews. They were not only born again, but they continued to follow the teachings and commandments of Yeshua/Elohim. This includes the observance of the 10 commandments and keeping of the feasts, as outlined in the Tanakh (Old Testament).

a. In order to “follow Yeshua,” we attend synagogue (church) on the sabbath (Shabbat) and observe the feasts as outlined in Leviticus, as well as Hannukah.

b. We do not keep the feasts and obey the commandments to earn salvation.

3. Elders: The local assembly should have a minimum of 2 elders; this replaces the traditional single pastor model of leadership. Acceptance of new elders must be unanimously approved by all existing elders. The same goes for the dismissal of any elder.

In keeping with Elohim's design for leadership, as well as Yeshua's example, all elders shall be male.

That being said, the wisdom and opinions of all members of the body are valued and will be encouraged. Women shall be permitted to teach/lead meetings as designated by the elders.

Having received the baptism of the Holy Spirit shall be a prerequisite for all leaders. [see # 15]

4. Finances – There should be 2 people (for accountability) keeping track of and recording all purchases/expenses. An annual meeting should be held for the congregation, showing the current status of the church finances, with all records open for viewing.

5. The Bible as foundation – in spite of improper translations, it is still reliable and our primary source of information for all essential doctrines.

6. Gifts of the Spirit – We shall endeavor to pursue the operation of the gifts of the spirit among the congregation. We will do this by seeking Yahweh and maintaining as close a relationship as possible at all times; this would include regular prayer, fasting, Bible study, and an ongoing pursuit of holiness and sanctification. Leadership should maintain order and decorum in the use of gifts in any meeting.

7. Walking in the Spirit/relationship with Yahweh should be our # 1 focus.

8. We shall encourage and pursue practical holiness in modesty/actions/words/ (basic standards/principles, not rules). Areas to keep in mind: modesty of dress, diet (gluttony), language, entertainment, use of social media...

9. Rapture/second coming – we believe in the catching away of the saints, alive and dead, as recorded in scripture; we do not need to concern ourselves with *when* it might happen, nor do we need to make judgements about what happens to those who are left behind.

10. We should not make blanket statements about whether or not a person is “saved” or going to hell; it is enough to declare what the scriptures teach, and leave the judgement to Yahweh.

11. Evangelism / outreach; we shall endeavor to reach out to the community in an effort to save the lost, as well as to help those who are in need.

12. Tithes and offerings; we shall uphold and teach the principle of tithing and giving of offerings, without being dogmatic or commanding about it.

13. We do not accept the erroneous teaching of “eternal security” or “once saved, always saved.” Salvation is contingent upon obedience.

14. Other than a parent/child situation, there should never, under any circumstances, be a minor and adult alone in a closed room. This is not only for the protection of children, but a safeguard against false accusation directed at an adult. The same parameters apply for counseling with members of the opposite sex.

15. The church (body of believers) consists of those who have obeyed the gospel (been born again - John 3:3-5, 1 Cor. 15:1-4). Being born again consists of 3 elements (Acts 2:38), which are:

a. Repentance: not only regret or remorse for sin, but turning away from sin. This is an initial step following faith in the one true Elohim (God) and in the atoning sacrifice of the Son, Yeshua. Repentance is also ongoing, not a one-time occasion.

b. Water baptism: after one has repented and received understanding of the gospel (death, burial, and resurrection) of Yeshua, he/she should be baptized by full immersion, calling on the name of Yeshua the Messiah.

c. Every believer should be baptized or filled with the Holy Spirit (John 7:38-39), which can take place either before, after, or at the time of water baptism

(Acts 2:38, Acts 10:44-48, Acts 8:12-17, Acts 19:1-6).

i. The initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost is speaking in tongues (John 3:8, Acts 2:4, 10:44-46, 19:6).

ii. Speaking in tongues is the act of speaking (by the Holy Spirit) fluently in a language one has not previously learned.

16. Treatment of other believers and/or unsaved neighbors: personal comportment (how we speak and behave) toward others is critical. We should esteem others as better than ourselves (Phillipians 2:3). We should avoid heated arguments; we should avoid putting others down or belittling their beliefs. We are all at different stages in our spiritual journey. We should not be contentious about issues that do not affect one's salvation – e.g. traditional holidays, food and drink, theology not essential to salvation, etc. When in doubt, refer to Romans chapter 14.

There are some areas where there may be disagreement at times; this is normal. We don't all have to agree 100% on everything. That being said, we should not contend for our differences of opinion to the extent that it causes division in the local congregation.

Any leader found to be contending for a stance against this list of foundational teachings (which must be agreed upon prior to election) will be subject to dismissal from leadership.

No deviations or changes to the aforementioned policies may be enacted without the unanimous consent of the elders.

Service Times

Saturday: 11:00 A.M.

Wednesday – Bible Study: 6:00 P.M.

Messianic Christian Fellowship



What We Believe

We believe in one Elohim (God), who manifested himself on earth as a man, Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah. Yeshua shed his blood and died for our sins, was buried and rose from the dead and is alive forevermore.

Messianic Christian Fellowship follows the biblical example of multiple elders (leaders), rather than the traditional single-pastor model; there will always be a minimum of 2 pastor-elders. No leader receives any salary or stipend; all offerings go to the needs of the building and other work associated with the congregation and community, as we are able.

We believe the Bible, which, in spite of imperfections in translation, is nonetheless the inspired word of Elohim and the final authority on all doctrine.

We pursue holiness through practical application of the instructions given in scripture.

Elohim is worthy to be praised and worshipped; this can take place in numerous ways, as prescribed in the scriptures.

The Bible instructs to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together; so we meet at least once a week, on the sabbath (Saturday), as well as other days appointed by Elohim in his word.

We believe in supporting the local assembly with our finances, time, talents and spiritual gifts, which the Creator has gifted each person with.

We endeavor to maintain the unity of the body in peace and love, not contending for our differing views to the extent of causing division where scripture may be silent or unclear.