



As our church continues to grow, a new pictorial church directory is an indispensable ministry tool – to help connect staff and congregation with each other! Your participation and willingness to have your photo taken will help make this directory the best ever! It has been almost five years since our last pictorial directory was created so plans are underway to do a new church directory. This time, we will do the pictorial directory in-house using software to create an online pictorial directory. There will be no sales pitches or pressure to buy photos and the directory will be accessible through phone applications (apps) or your home computer via a secure website. Best of all, the directory can be updated more timely as members join or leave the church. Those who do not own smart phones or a computer will be able to purchase a color directory for a nominal fee of five dollars.

As a part of this process, you will be asked to review and update the information the church has on file for you AND to identify the information that you want in the online pictorial directory. Consent forms will be made available at the time that your photo is taken. *Your signed consent is required for you to be included in the directory.*

In order to access the online directory (via an app or website), you must give permission for your e-mail address to be included in the directory. Once you have reviewed and updated your information and have signed/returned the consent form, your info will be entered into the online directory by the church office staff. Once your info, including your photo, has been entered, you will be able to register using your email address and create your own password for access to the directory.

We will have a *Frequently Asked Questions* (FAQ) sheet available to help answer questions you may have or you can stop by the Directory Help Desk in the Welcome Center. They will be able to provide general assistance, including helping you install the app on your phone, or answering many questions you may have regarding access to the online directory.

During the month of March, some of our youth and deacons will begin taking color photos for the directory. A photo area will be set up and you may email Jerry Townsend at [jerrychurchdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:jerrychurchdirectory@gmail.com) to schedule your appointment. For some Sunday School classes, a specific Sunday may be specified for your class and photos will be taken just prior to and during the Sunday School hour. If you would like to submit your own photo, you may do so if the photo is current (taken within the past year) and the file format is .jpg. Your photo may be emailed to the church office at [connie@mcconnellchurch.org](mailto:connie@mcconnellchurch.org). If submitting your own photo, we ask for one photo per family (a family may be an individual, a couple or a family with children). Please try to select a photo that is clear and shows your face(s) well.

Please plan to participate in this endeavor. It is our desire to include everyone! Our Lord's Family is constantly growing and changing, we all enjoy being recognized. This new directory will allow us the ability to incorporate new members and much needed updates and gives you the tools to communicate with others in our church.