

First Baptist Church Membership Application

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Personal Information

Name (first, middle, last)	Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy)
Mailing Address (street address, city, state, zip code)	
Telephone(s)	
Email Address	

Family Information (If applicable. Continue on back or on attachment as necessary.)

Relationship (Spouse / Child)	Name	Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy)

Membership Information (Continue on back or on attachment as necessary.)

If you are coming for baptism and church membership, briefly describe why you would like to be baptized
Briefly describe your relationship with Jesus Christ, including how you entered into that relationship and what He has been doing in your life recently

Church Use Only

Membership vote completed on: _____

Statement of Faith

SCRIPTURES: We believe the whole Bible is inspired by God and is the completely perfect guide for our beliefs and actions. (2 Timothy 3:15-16; 2 Peter 1:19-21; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Matthew 5:17-18; John 10:34-35; 17:17; Psalm 19:7-10, 119:9-16; Romans 15:4; 1 Timothy 4:13)

THE GODHEAD: God eternally exists as trinity. God is three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—all of whom are worthy of the same worship and obedience. Yet God is also one in nature, character and attributes.

(Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2; John 10:30, 14:26, 17:21-22; Romans 8:26-27; Acts 5:3-4; Genesis 1:27)

THE SAVIOR: Jesus Christ is God in the flesh. He was born to a virgin, lived a sinless life yet was crucified for the sins of humanity. Three days later He rose from the dead. His disciples witnessed His ascension into heaven where he makes intercession for believers. He will return again to establish His earthly kingdom and reign.

(John 1:1, 3:17, 5:22-26, 8:58, 11:25, 14:1-3, 17:5; Colossians 1:15-22; Philippians 2:6-8; Hebrews 2:9-15, 7:25, 9:22-28; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Titus 2:13; 1 John 2:1-2; Ephesians 1:7, 1:20-23, 5:2; Romans 3:21-26; 1 Corinthians 1:30, 15:5; Luke 4:1-21; Galatians 4:4-7; Acts 1:6-11; Matthew 16:27, 24:30)

THE HOLY SPIRIT: The Holy Spirit is the third person of the trinity. The Holy Spirit's primary purpose is to glorify Jesus Christ. The Spirit does this by convicting people of their sin and need for salvation, as well as providing guidance and power for the fulfillment of the Christian life.

(1 Peter 1:2; Hebrews 9:14; 1 Corinthians 2:10; Romans 8:9-26, 12:6-8; John 14:17-26, 16:7-14; Titus 3:5-7; 1 Corinthians 12; Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 1:13-14, 5:18; 1 Corinthians 2:10-16; Ephesians 4:11-13; Galatians 5:22-23)

HUMANITY: Every person was made to be in relationship with God and reflect His image. However, because of sin, all people are born outside of a relationship with God and thus are completely sinful and in need of salvation.

(Genesis 1:26-31, 2:7; Ecclesiastes 7:29; Ephesians 2:1-10; Colossians 3:10; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 8; James 3:9; 1 John 3:2)

SALVATION FOR SINNERS: God has provided salvation from sin, and the punishment that sin deserves, through Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross. All who accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior through genuine faith will enter into a forever relationship with God.

(Ephesians 1:5, 5:2; 1 John 2:2; 1 Peter 3:18; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 3:21-26, 8:1-4, 8:33; Galatians 4:5-6; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 1 Corinthians 6:11, 15:50-55; 1 John 3:1-3; Revelation 21:1-5)

ETERNAL LIFE AND TWO DESTINIES: Those who live life in a faith relationship with Jesus Christ will spend eternity with God in heaven. Those who choose not to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior will spend eternity separated from God in hell.

(Hebrews 9:27; 2 Corinthians 5:6,8; Philippians 1:23-24; 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 John 3:1-3; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 Corinthians 3:13-15; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12; Matthew 18:8; Revelation 20:11-15, 21:1-7, 22:3-5)

THE CHURCH AND ITS COMMISSION: The Church is the body of Christ. It consists of every person, past, present or future who has accepted the forgiveness and leadership of God through Jesus. The local church glorifies God by making disciples among those who do not believe and by building up those who do believe through worship, encouragement, fellowship and service.

(Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 1:22-23, 2:19-22, 4:4-16, 5:25; Colossians 1:18; 1 Peter 2:4-10; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 12:12-31; Matthew 5:13-16, 28:18-20; 1 John 3:17-18; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 4:10; 1 Corinthians 12; Romans 12:3-8; Hebrews 10:24-25)

TWO ORDINANCES: Baptism of believers is open confession of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We practice baptism by immersion because it is the best external symbol of God's internal work as described in the Bible. Communion is worship in which believers remember the Lord's death until He comes.

(Luke 22:14-20; Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:41; 8:36-38; Mark 1:10; Romans 6:3-5; Acts 8:36-38, 16:30-33; 1 Corinthians 11:24-30; 1 Peter 2:24; Ephesians 1:7)

I have read the Statement of Faith (*initial*) _____

Church Covenant

As followers of Jesus Christ we recognize that our salvation is by the grace of God and comes through faith. While there are no works that are a cause of our salvation, God has made us to do good works for His glory and our growth. We affirm the following covenant of membership as our commitment to God and to each other as a way of pledging to live like Jesus as a community.

We will submit to the authority of the Bible as the ultimate guide and arbiter for life. (Psalm 119:2; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21)

We will pursue knowing God in our personal lives through meeting with Him in the Bible, prayer, and the practice of spiritual disciplines. (Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Ephesians 5:1-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22)

We will seek to grow the Kingdom of God by participating in regular worship services, engaging in community with fellow believers, and serving those within and outside the church. (Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:23-25; Titus 3:14)

We will intentionally pursue relationships and activities that enable us to be a witness for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in word and deed. (Matthew 5:16; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:13-15; 1 Peter 2:12)

We have followed the command and example of the New Testament by being baptized after conversion and regularly remembering Jesus and His work through celebrating Communion with the church. (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:41; Romans 6:3-5; Acts 8:36-38; 1 Corinthians 11:24-30; 1 Peter 2:24; Ephesians 1:7)

We recognize that all of our resources belong to God and that we are His steward. We will sacrificially give our money and possessions to God's Kingdom and we will use our time and energy to serve Him. (Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8-9)

We will seek Holiness in our thoughts, words and actions. We will seek to avoid those things that the Bible says are sins. We recognize that while all sin flows from pride and selfishness it takes on many different forms. We will seek to avoid all sin and instead pursue those things that the Bible calls good. (Romans 1:24-32; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13; 6:9-11; Galatians 5:19-21; 2 Timothy 3:2-4, Matthew 22:34-40)

We will seek to relate to fellow believers in a way that exalts Jesus' name. We will avoid gossiping, complaining and slandering and will instead use our words to build others up. We will yield to and support the Pastors and appointed leaders of the church and diligently strive for unity and peace within the church. (James 3:3-18; Ephesians 4:25-32; Philippians 2:14-15; Ephesians 4:1-3; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5)

We will confess sin to God and to fellow believers, repent, and seek help from God and our fellow believers to defeat sin. (James 5:16; Matthew 6:9-13; Matthew 5:29-30)

I have read and agree with the church covenant.

Name/Signature

Date