

# 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

- A. **The Word of God.** We believe that the Bible, consisting of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is the authoritative and powerful Word of God, verbally inspired by God, and without error in the original manuscripts. We believe that God's intentions, revealed in the Bible, are the supreme and final authority in testing all claims about what is true and what is right. In matters not addressed by the Bible, what is true and right is assessed by criteria consistent with the teachings of Scripture. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21, 3:16; 1 Corinthians 2:13, 14:37; Mark 13:31; John 8:31-32, 14:26, 16:13-14, 17:17; 20:31; Acts 20:32; Matthew 22:29, 22:43-44, 24:35; Numbers 23:19; Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 12:6, 19:7-10, 119:9-16; Hebrews 6:18; Titus 1:2; 1 Timothy 4:13)
- B. **The Trinity.** We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit; and that these are the same divine essence, are equal in every divine perfection, but that they have distinct and complementary roles. (Genesis 1:1, 1:26; Deuteronomy 6:4; John 1:1, 1:3; Matthew 28:19; John 4:24; Romans 1:19-20; Ephesians 4:5-6; 1 Peter 1:2)
- C. **God the Father.** We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that God concerns himself mercifully in the affairs of humanity, that he hears and answers prayer, and that he saves from sin and death all who come to him through Jesus Christ. (Luke 10:21-22; Matthew 23:9; John 3:16, 6:27; Romans 1:7; 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 2:5-6; 1 Peter 1:3; Revelation 1:6)
- D. **Jesus Christ.** We believe in Jesus Christ, God's unique and eternal Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in his virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. We believe in his substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for his people, and personal visible return to earth. (Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38, 4:1-21; John 1:1, 20:28; Romans 3:21-26, 9:5, 8:46; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 2:1-2; 1 Peter 2:21-23; John 20:30-31; Matthew 20:28; Ephesians 1:4; Acts 1:11; Romans 5:6-8, 6:9-10, 7:25; Hebrews 9:28; 1 Timothy 3:16)
- E. **The Holy Spirit.** We believe in the Holy Spirit sent into the world by God to glorify the Son of God. We believe that he convicts people of their sin and need for salvation and without his work no one would come to faith. We believe that his work in regeneration is not the result of water baptism or any outward ritual. We believe he indwells everyone who trusts in Jesus, providing guidance and power, and helps them make progress in overcoming sin and in becoming more like Jesus in thought, deed, and love for God the Father. (John 14:16-17, 14:26, 15:26-27; John 16:9-14; Titus 3:5-7; Romans 8:9; 12:6-8; 1 Peter 1:2; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19; Galatians 5:22-26)
- F. **The Human Condition and Salvation.** We believe that humanity was created by God in his own image and for his glory; but that we sinned and fell short of God's glory, and thus incurred physical, spiritual, and eternal separation from God. We believe that all humans are born with a sinful nature and thus are completely sinful and are under divine condemnation and in need of salvation. We reject justification based on any human effort, and we believe that only those who trust Jesus Christ as their Savior, by virtue of his atoning death on the cross, submitting to him as Lord, and embracing him as supreme treasure of their lives, are born again, justified, adopted, delivered from condemnation, and receive eternal life. We believe that this faith leads to a heartfelt turning from sin. The Christian life involves growth in grace through persevering, Spirit-empowered resolve to reckon ourselves dead to sin and alive to Christ. (Genesis 1:26-7, 3:1-24, 2:17, 3:19; Ecclesiastes 2:11; Matthew 13:44; John 1:13, 3:14, 3:16, 5:24, 5:30, 7:13, 8:12, 10:26, 17:3; Psalm 51:7; Jeremiah 17:9; James 1:14; Romans 3:19, 5:19; Philippians 3:7-8; 1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 6:11, 8:1; 1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Hebrews 3:12-14, 6:11-12, 10:39; Romans 3:28)

- G. Marriage and Sexuality.** We believe that marriage joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive, lifelong union and that God designed and directs sexual intimacy exclusively for one man and one woman married to each other. Any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexual conduct, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography, or any attempt to change or disagree with one's biological sex is sinful and offensive to God. (Genesis 1:27-28, 2:23-24; Matthew 19:4-6; Ephesians 5:24-32; Exodus 20:14, 20:17; Leviticus 18:6-7, 18:23; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 6:18-20, 7:2; Matthew 5:27-30; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Luke 10:27; Romans 1:18-32, 5:8)
- H. The Church and Two Ordinances.** We believe in one holy, universal Church made up of all who trust Jesus Christ as Savior, Lord, and supreme treasure of their lives. We believe that God calls us to unite with other believers in local churches to help each other to value Jesus above all, to praise him together, to grow in our love and knowledge of him, to stir each other up to good works, to make disciples among the nations and to spread a passion for the supremacy of God in all things for the joy of all peoples through him. We believe that Christians should be baptized in obedience to God and as an open confession of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Christians should regularly share in the Lord's Supper to remember Jesus until his return. (Ephesians 1:22-23; Acts 15:36, 15:41, 16:5; 1 Corinthians 16:1; Galatians 1:1-3; Matthew 28:18-20; Revelation 1:4, 1:10-11; Hebrews 10:24-25; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)
- I. The Last Things and Two Destinies.** We believe in the personal and visible return of Jesus to earth and the establishment of his kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body and the final judgment of all people, leading to the eternal happiness of the righteous in God's presence and the eternal misery and separation from God of the wicked. (Matthew 16:27; Mark 14:62; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; Philippians 3:20; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18; 2 Timothy 4:1; Titus 2:13; 1 Corinthians 4:5, 15:1-58; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 20:11-15)

I have read the Statement of Faith (*initial*) \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Covenant

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to embrace Jesus as the Lord, Savior, and supreme treasure of our lives, and having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ. (John 6:63; John 16:7-14; Romans 10:9; Philippians 2:11; Luke 2:11; 1 Timothy 1:15; Acts 4:12; Matthew 16:24-26; Luke 9:23-26; Luke 14:26; Matthew 13:44-46; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:41; Romans 6:3-5; Acts 8:36-38; Psalm 139:7; Psalm 33:13; Proverbs 15:3)

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge, holiness, and peace; to promote its spirituality and fruitfulness; and to sustain its worship, ordinances, and discipline. (John 14:26; John 16:13; Ephesians 5:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 4:9; John 13:33-34; Ephesians 2:21-23; 2 Peter 3:18; 1 Peter 1:15-16; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Colossians 3:15; Romans 14:19; Jude 20; 1 Thessalonians 5:10-12; John 4:24; Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 11:24-30; Luke 22:14-23; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 5; Titus 3:10-11)

We likewise engage, to uphold the Church's Statement of Faith; to welcome, test and apply biblical instruction by the Church Elders that shall be from the Scriptures; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of this Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel in this city and among all the nations. (2 John 9-11; 1 John 4:1-6; Acts 17:11; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Matthew 10:8; Matthew 6:19-24; 1 Timothy 5:17-18; 1 Corinthians 9:8-12; Proverbs 29:7; Proverbs 19:17; James 1:27; 1 Timothy 5:3-16; Acts 1:8; Luke 24:46-48)

We also engage to maintain family and personal devotions; to seek the salvation of our friends and family; to educate our children in the Christian faith; to walk wisely in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our conduct; and to avoid all gossip, slander, excessive anger, drunkenness, and sexual sin. (Deuteronomy 11:18-20; Matthew 6:6; Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; Mark 5:19; Matthew 5:15-16; Romans 1:16; Ephesians 6:4; Ephesians 5:15; Matthew 10:16; Romans 12:17; Proverbs 11:1; 2 Timothy 2:2; Ephesians 5:8; 1 Peter 2:12; 2 Corinthians 12:20; Proverbs 11:13; Proverbs 16:28; Psalm 101:5; Romans 1:29-31; Mark 7:21-23; James 1:19; Ephesians 4:26-27; Ephesians 5:18; 1 Corinthians 6:18; Romans 1:24-32)

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay. (Romans 12:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:25; Galatians 6:10; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; 1 Corinthians 12:25-26; Titus 3:2; Romans 12:19; Romans 12:18-21; Colossians 3:12-15)

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will notify Church leaders, and, if possible, unite with a like-minded church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant. (Acts 18:27-28; Romans 16:1-2)

I have read and agree with the Membership Covenant.

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Name/Signature

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Date