

Church membership is an important and integral part of the Bible EFC community. Only church members can exercise voting privileges on church matters and only church members or associate church members may assume church leadership or teaching positions.

Individuals desiring church membership should profess a living faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and manifest a desire to live a true Christian life. Applicants should be in agreement with the statement of faith of Bible EFC and be committed to support the church in prayer, service, attendance, and contributions.

Candidates for church membership or associate membership should:

- be individuals eighteen years of age or older
- complete a Membership Class led by a Pastor.
- complete the Membership Application and/or meet with two members of the Elder Board (made up of any combination of staff and lay elders) and a wife of one of the elders, if the interviewee is a woman to discuss the Membership Application.
- provide rationale to the Elder Board, if for personal reasons you choose to be considered for membership as an "Associate Member" (non-voting).

The Elder Board will review each Membership Application and make the recommendation to accept an individual into either church membership or associate membership.



*Connecting People to Jesus & Others*

## Membership Application

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We are pleased you have chosen to express your commitment and accountability to this local church through the step of membership. Please fill out this form and return to a staff member or the church office. It will be reviewed by the Elders, and a staff member will follow up with you by phone.

### PERSONAL:

Name:

Phone:

Address:

### TESTIMONY:

Please take a moment to answer the questions on the reverse side.

### CHURCH BACKGROUND:

Have you ever been a member of a church before?    Yes  No

If yes, have you communicated to your former church about removing your name from their membership role?    Yes  No

### UNITY:

Having gained an understanding of Bible Evangelical Free Church's statement of faith, which is part of the full constitution, are you willing to be united together with this Body of Christ, and become committed to supporting this church with your prayers, service, attendance and contributions ~ as together we continually look to Christ who is the head of the Church?

Yes  No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### STATUS:

With your signature, upon completion of these questions either written OR verbally, the Elder Board looks forward to welcoming you into Membership at Bible Evangelical Free Church.

For personal reasons I choose to be considered for membership, but as an "Associate Member".

Yes

If yes, please provide rationale for the Elder Board to consider.

### TESTIMONY:

Briefly explain what led you to realize your need for Jesus, and the time when put your trust in Him as Lord and Savior?

We define a follower of Jesus as someone who is becoming convinced by Him, changed to be like Him, called to His priorities, and committed to loving relationships. Since your conversion, what differences has Jesus made in your life?