



Membership Application

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
N A P L E S

NAME:

DATE:

DATE OF BIRTH:

GENDER: Male Female

ADDRESS:

Permanent Seasonal

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

MARITAL STATUS: Married Single Widow(er) Student

NAME OF SPOUSE:

CHILDREN'S NAMES AND AGES:

MEMBERSHIP SAYS...

I belong here. God says believers belong together (Hebrews 10:23-25) and I sense God wants me with the people of First Baptist Church Naples (FBCNaples). I want to make a public declaration of my commitment to God's work in this church.

I affirm, believe, and support the teaching of this church. God says the early believers had all things in common including devotion to the apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42-47). I desire to associate with people of like mind and conviction, embracing the authority of God's Word in my life and the life of the church.

I share the same ministry goals as FBCNaples. God says believers are to be committed to one another for the sake of spiritual impact (Ephesians 4:16). I believe Jesus has a work to do in Southwest Florida and around the world. I want to join with others who share this vision and desire to work for Christ.

I accept responsibility for a group of fellow believers in the family of God, as it is God's plan for the church (Galatians 6:1-2, 10). I want to be part of a caring community of people, sharing joys and sorrows, and helping each other to grow through worship, Bible study, and fellowship.

I am accountable to mature brothers and sisters in Christ for my walk with God. God warns against spiritual autonomy (Hebrews 13:17; Matthew 18:15-20). I want to receive the guidance, equipping, and assistance necessary to continue to mature in all aspects of my faith.

I accept the authority and role of church leadership. God has established this structure (1 Corinthians 12:20-27). Pastors, deacons, and other church leaders are called from within to serve the church body. I also believe every member needs to contribute their gifts and serve within the church.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ATTENDING FBCNAPLES?

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT FBCNAPLES?

HOW HAS ATTENDING FBCNAPLES IMPACTED YOUR LIFE?

WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF FBCNAPLES?

BAPTISM

I have already been baptized by immersion since becoming a follower of Christ.

Date:

Church/Location:

I have accepted Christ as my Savior, but have not been baptized. Please contact me about being baptized.

STEP TWO MEMBERSHIP CLASS

I have completed the Step Two Membership Class. If so, when (month and year)?

I have not completed the Step Two Membership Class. Please contact me about attending.

MEMBERSHIP CANDIDACY (HOW ARE YOU PURSUING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AT FBCNAPLES?)

By Profession of Faith - I made a first time decision for Christ and was baptized at FBCNaples.

By Transfer of Letter - I am requesting the transfer of my letter of membership from a Southern Baptist Church where I was most recently a member.

Church Name:

Location:

By Statement of Faith - I am a follower of Christ and have been previously baptized by immersion. I am coming from a previous church whose doctrines are consistent with FBCNaples.

By Dual Membership - I am seeking membership in two churches. My home church is outside of the Southwest Florida region and is consistent with FBCNaples' core doctrinal beliefs.

If you currently hold membership in another church, we encourage you to let your former church know that you are pursuing membership at FBCNaples.

MY TESTIMONY OF PERSONAL FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

In order to become a member of FBCNaples, you need a clear testimony of personal faith in Jesus Christ. Please follow this outline to write your testimony.

BEFORE I TRUSTED CHRIST, MY LIFE WAS...

THIS IS HOW, WHEN, AND WHY I TRUSTED JESUS CHRIST AS MY SAVIOR...

HERE ARE ONE OR TWO WAYS CHRIST HAS CHANGED MY LIFE...

Writing your story of personal faith in Jesus Christ is a wonderful way to reflect on how God has drawn you to Himself, and changed your life.

As you write, make sure the focus is on God, what He has done, and is doing in your life.

I once was...

Spend a brief time on "before." This is not a biography from childhood. It is best to start at a time that relates to your experience with Christ.

But Christ...

Be as specific as possible about surrendering your life to Christ. What was happening at the time? How did Christ get your attention? If possible, share the month and year you were saved.

And now...

Be practical. Explain how Christ has changed your life. Share how you are growing in your walk with Christ. "Just as you have received Him, so walk in Him, rooted and built up and strengthened in the faith" (Colossians 2:6-7).

CHURCH COVENANT - *Members of FBCNaples are encouraged to adhere to the following convictions:*

1) Protecting the unity of the Church by:

- Acting in love toward other members
- Refusing to gossip
- Following the appointed leadership of the Church
- When teaching scripture, doctrine, or ethics in a Church group setting, being careful to maintain unity and harmony in the Body through consistency of interpretation with pastoral leadership

2) Sharing in the responsibility of the Church by:

- Praying for its health, unity, and growth
- Sharing the Gospel with unbelievers
- Giving regularly
- Warmly welcoming those who visit and/or who become members

3) Serving in the ministry of the Church by:

- Discovering spiritual gifts and talents, and actively seeking ways to employ them for God's glory
- Being equipped to serve alongside pastors and lay leaders
- Developing a servant's heart and discovering Christ's mission to the world

4) Supporting the testimony of the Church by:

- Attending faithfully
- Living a godly life, free from stumbling blocks to others according to biblical commandments, principles, and examples

DOCTRINE

- I have read the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 and the FBCNaples Constitution and Bylaws. (Our Beliefs can be found at fbcn.org/beliefs)
- I am in agreement with the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 and the FBCNaples Constitution and Bylaws.
- I have these questions and/or concerns regarding the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 and the FBCNaples Constitution and Bylaws:

I have shared truthfully in this application and am in agreement with the commitments for membership as stated above.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE:

DATE:

TO BE COMPLETED AT THE MEMBERSHIP INTERVIEW

Name of Interviewer:

Date:

Comments:

Do you recommend this person for membership? Yes No