



Membership Application

FREDERICKTOWNE BAPTIST CHURCH
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INFORMATION ABOUT APPLICANT

Date: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____

<i>FBC Office Use Only</i>	
Date Received Completed Form:	_____
Interview Date:	_____
Interviewed By:	_____
Membership Date:	_____
Pastor / Elder Comment(s):	_____

Zip Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Sex:** M / F

Marital Status: _____ Single _____ Married ~ Anniversary Date: _____
_____ Widowed _____ Divorced

My occupation is: _____

Business / Employer: _____

I have the following expertise: _____

If you were active in a church prior to coming to FBC, please complete the following:

*Name of Church: _____

*Address: _____

*Position(s) of Service: _____

How would you describe your relationship to Jesus Christ?

_____ Seeker _____ New Christian _____ I'm not sure what I believe
_____ Agnostic _____ Committed Christian _____ I've been saved for a while, but I need to grow

INFORMATION ABOUT FAMILY MEMBERS

Spouse's Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Does your spouse attend FBC? _____

Children's Name(s)

Date(s) of Birth

Attends FBC?

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FBC MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS

1. Have you trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior?

_____ Yes _____
 _____ No _____ *(When and where?)*
 _____ Not sure?

In the space provided, briefly explain your testimony of how you came to Christ:

How have you grown in your personal relationship with Christ since your conversion:

2. Have you been baptized by immersion after you trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?

_____ Yes _____
 _____ *or* _____ *(When and where?)*
 _____ I want to be baptized at FBC

3. Have you read the Church Constitution, are you in agreement with it, and do you willingly consent to be subject to and abide by the FBC Constitution (Church Covenant, Doctrinal Statement and By-Laws) per Article II, Section 1 of the FBC Constitution?

_____ Yes _____ No

4. Is it your desire to abide by the Church Covenant (included below for your reference)?

_____ Yes

_____ No

The Constitution of Fredericktowne Baptist Church (Approved Sept. 20, 2009)

I. The Church Covenant

Having been led by the Holy Spirit to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior, and on the public profession of our faith and in obedience to Scriptural baptism, we do now in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this Covenant with one another, as one Body in Christ.

We, therefore, agree by the controlling power of the Holy Spirit to walk in love and strive for the advancement of this local church in scriptural knowledge and holiness and to give regularly to the support of its many and diverse ministries. We further agree to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure that reconciliation without delay.

We also agree to maintain family and personal devotion; and to bring up our children in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord. We further agree to seek the salvation of our family and friends; to be an example in behavior and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the cause of Christ. We also agree that if we move from this place, we will promptly unite with a church of like faith and practice. Humbly acknowledging our own personal sinfulness, we acknowledge the Holy Spirit's presence and power in our lives as more than sufficient to keep this Covenant in letter and in spirit to the glory of God.

5. Are you in agreement with each of the main points of the FBC Doctrinal Statement (included below for your reference)? Please initial and date each section if you are in agreement, or explain any differences you might have in the margin of this page (so we can follow-up).

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II. The Doctrinal Statement

_____ **1. The Scriptures.** We believe that the whole Bible, consisting of 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is verbally inspired of God and inerrant in the original writings, and the Bible is the supreme, complete and final authority in faith and life.

_____ **2. The True God.** We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe that they are equal in every divine perfection, and execute distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

_____ **3. The Devil or Satan.** We believe that Satan was once holy and enjoyed heavenly honors, but, through pride and ambition to be as the Almighty, he fell and drew after him a host of angels; that he is the malignant prince of the power of the air and the unholy god of this world system. We hold him to be man's great tempter, the enemy of God and Christ, the accuser of the saints, the author of all false religions, the chief power behind apostasy. He is the lord of the Anti-Christ, and the author of all the powers of darkness; destined, however, to final judgment of an eternal justice in the lake of fire, a place prepared for the Devil and his angels.

_____ **4. Creation.** We believe in the Genesis account of the creation and that it is to be accepted literally, and not allegorically or figuratively; and that man was created directly in God's own image and likeness.

_____ **5. The Fall of Man.** We believe that man was originally created in the image and likeness of God, and that by voluntary transgression, being under no constraint and able to obey, he fell from his sinless state. As a consequence of his sin, man's fellowship with God was severed and he became spiritually dead in trespasses and sins. We believe that this spiritual death has been transmitted to the entire human race, the Man Christ Jesus being the lone exception, and therefore every child of Adam is born into the world with a sin nature and is essentially and unchangeably wicked apart from divine grace, when appropriated by the one who, after exercising faith in Christ, is then resurrected from this spiritual death into spiritual life, we call this regeneration.

6. Salvation. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of God's grace when received through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. By His substitutionary death, Jesus Christ made a full and vicarious unlimited atonement for all – past, present and future – sin to include our sins. No degree of works can provide the sinner with the new life that makes him a son of God through faith. This redemption has been accomplished solely by the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, who bore the penalty of man's sin on the cross. The one who exercises faith in Christ, after hearing and accepting the word and placing their trust in Christ in obedience to the Gospel, is immediately resurrected from spiritual death into spiritual life, pardoned of all sin, declared righteous before God, and given the gift of eternal life.

7. Justification. We believe that justification includes the pardon for sin and the gift of eternal life. We believe that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but, solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood, His righteousness is imputed unto us.

8. Sanctification. We believe that God calls all believers in Jesus Christ to sanctification, a life set apart to God. Sanctification is the process from salvation by which God conforms the believers' life and character to the life and character of Jesus Christ. We believe that this is a call to walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. The life that is empowered by the Spirit does not fulfill the desires of the flesh.

9. The Church. We believe that the universal church, the body of Christ, is composed of all born-again believers of this age and that Christ is the only head of that church. We believe that the local church of Christ is an assembly of believers associated by faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, and governed by His laws. We believe the true mission of the church is to follow the great commission, Matt. 28:19-20, to make individual disciples, to build up the church and, to instruct and teach as He has commanded.

10. The Two Ordinances of the Church: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that the ordinance of baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Believer's baptism is a solemn and beautiful emblem of our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life. We believe that the ordinance of the Lord's Supper is the commemoration of the death of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We believe that the elements of the Lord's Supper' the bread and the cup, symbolize the broken body and shed blood of our Lord. The believer is to avail himself of the opportunity to remember the Lord at the communion table.

11. The Resurrection of the Saved and the Unsaved. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the just to everlasting blessedness, and the unjust to everlasting conscious punishment. We believe that at death the souls of those who have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation pass immediately into His presence and there remain until the resurrection of the body to glorification, when Christ comes for His own, at which time soul and body are reunited and shall be with Him forever in Glory. The souls of the unbelieving remain after death in a state of conscious condemnation and in misery until the final judgment of the Great White Throne Judgment which occurs at the close of the Millennium. At this time the soul and body of the eternally lost are reunited and cast into the lake of fire to be punished with everlasting torment.

12. The Second Coming of Christ. We believe that the return of the Lord will be two-fold. First, He shall appear, prior to the Tribulation, in bodily form in the air to call up to be with Himself the believing church. Believers will then, as the bride of Christ, go into the marriage of the Lamb. The judgment of the believers' walk at the judgment seat of Christ will then follow. The second part of the return of the Lord will be His return to the earth with His church to establish His earthly kingdom, known as the Millennium.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____
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