

## Individual Church Membership Questionnaire

### Introductory Letter

Dear Potential Church Member,

In the same way that you are asking questions and trying to decide if you will unite in membership with Berean, Berean must also ask some questions of the person who wants to unite with us in membership.

The way Berean chooses to ask the important questions about the person wanting to become an active, voting member of the congregation is to ask each applicant to complete a simple questionnaire. The membership questionnaire is designed to facilitate the membership interview that will be conducted with a pastor upon completion of First Class. Ultimately, the voting membership must decide whether a person will be welcomed into the voting membership; however, God has ordained that pastors protect the flock from those whom they believe to be potentially harmful.

The purpose of the questionnaire is not to keep people from attending the church, but it does have the purpose of limiting who becomes a part of the adult voting membership and who serves in positions of leadership and authority.

The church is full of sinners, and we must guard against a spirit of self-righteousness; however, there is a distinct difference between someone involved in a lifestyle of sin and a person who is seeking to obey God's law by the grace of God. Attenders are welcomed and cared for by the entire church; however, there is a difference between an attender and a member. The primary difference is that a member can serve in a multitude of positions of influence, whereas the attender's influence is limited and not officially sanctioned by the church.

If you are trying to decide if you would be welcomed into the membership, the answer is "yes" - provided you are seeking to live with Jesus as your Lord and the Bible as your life's guide. The membership prohibitions on the following page are designed to succinctly communicate to those who would need to turn from particular issues before becoming a member. The entire church is committed to loving those whom Christ loves and helping them, by God's grace, turn from anything that is a reproach to the cause of Christ.

If anything in this document is confusing or needs clarification, please call the church at 910.868.5156 to schedule an appointment with a pastor to discuss your concerns.

Proclaiming Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pastor [Name]', is written below the text 'Proclaiming Christ,'.

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### Church Membership Prohibitions

A person cannot become a member of Berean Baptist Church if he or she is—

- Not a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God
- Not willing to publicly profess their faith in Jesus as the Christ during everyday living
- Not willing to be baptized by immersion after faith in Jesus Christ
- Unwilling to live by the church covenant and Articles of Faith
- A homosexual or lesbian
- A member of a racial hate group such as the KKK, skin heads, Neo Nazis or any such group
- An unrepentant child molester
- A member of a secret society such as a Masonic Lodge
- Not willing to abandon an allegiance to Roman Catholicism
- Living with another person as husband or wife without being married
- Married and has more than one wife or husband
- Engaged in adulterous or Biblically unlawful sexual relationships
- Also a Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu or member of another world religion
- Also a Jehovah Witness, Mormon or member of a similar cult
- Unwilling to be faithful in their attendance to church services
- A business owner or employed at a place that would clearly and obviously be in conflict with the Church Covenant, Articles of Faith and values of this church and bring discredit to Christ and His Church such as a strip parlor, triple X movie theater or other similar places
- Still involved with unresolved issues with his or her former church
- An illegal alien
- Unwilling to help support the financial needs of the church

**NOTE:** Questions concerning these prohibitions should be directed to any pastor or elder; the church covenant, Articles of Faith, and membership requirements can be found in the Church Constitution online at [www.bbcfnc.org](http://www.bbcfnc.org).

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Church membership is approved by a majority vote of the congregation during regularly scheduled business meetings. The purpose of this questionnaire is to facilitate church membership in a manner that is God glorifying and done decently and in order. This information will be maintained strictly confidential within the pastoral staff. See the note below concerning scheduling a membership interview.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status (circle one) S M D W Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions honestly:	Answer
1. In what year (month and day) were you saved? If you cannot remember the exact date please indicate the approximate year.	
2. Were you baptized by immersion after becoming a believer?	
3. How old were you when you were baptized?	
4. Have you previously been an active member in a Baptist or Bible church?	
5. If not, indicate any other denomination of which you have been a part:	
6. Have you ever made a public profession of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?	
7. At your current place of work (or previous place if you are retired or unemployed) do your co-workers know you are a Christian?	
8. Have you formally presented yourself to the congregation of Berean Baptist Church to share your desire to unite with the church?	
9. Can you wholeheartedly support the doctrinal positions of the church as outlined in the Constitution? (Please indicate on the back or a separate sheet of paper any doctrinal positions with which you do not agree or upon which you need more instruction).	
10. Are you currently living with or do you intend on living with a person of the opposite sex outside of marriage?	
11. Are you ONLY heterosexual in your sexual orientation?	
12. Do you hold to the biblical, orthodox, Christian views of gender, marriage and sexuality, and regard the Bible as the final, prescriptive and authoritative source on these matters?	
13. Are you currently listed as a sex offender in any state?	
14. On what date did you (will you) complete the requirements of First Class?	
15. As a church member, do you understand your basic responsibilities to live within the parameters of the church covenant and articles of faith?	
16. Do you believe that Jesus is God the Son and the Son of God? Is His work on the cross what you are trusting in for your salvation?	
17. Are you striving to live in a way that reflects that Jesus is your Lord?	
18. Have you ever served as a pastor or deacon before?	
19. Have you ever sung in a choir or played an instrument in a church?	
20. Have you ever taught or assisted in teaching the Bible?	
21. Have you ever worked in a church nursery or pre-school?	
22. Have you reviewed, are aligned with the church membership prohibitions handout?	

**NOTE:** Please schedule a time to share your testimony with a pastor/elder on staff. Call Jan Scott at 910-868-5156 to schedule an appointment. Wednesday or Sunday evenings before the service are good times. Bring this form with you to the meeting.

Pastor/Elder Verification	
I, _____ have heard this candidate's salvation and baptism testimony and believe that he or she has articulated a personal repentant faith in the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.	
Signed: _____	Dated: _____