Applicant Name: _____

Approved by		**Date**
Pastor	_____	_____
Elder	_____	_____
Elder	_____	_____
Interviewed by	_____	_____

Attending 1st Svc. ?_____**2nd?**_____

Notified by		
Staff	_____	_____
Welcomed in Service	_____	_____

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Church Application and Testimony Forms

This is an application for membership to The Bridge Bible Fellowship. We believe that Scripture clearly points out the need for every Christian to identify with a local church. Ephesians 4:25 says that we are "members of one another." Church membership is the way we express that oneness.

In becoming a member of this church, you are making a commitment first of all to the Lord Jesus Christ, who is its Head. You are pledging your loyalty to Him; to love Him, obey Him, and to give yourself regularly to the study of His Word and praying to Him.

And because the church is His body, you are making a commitment to love this church as He does; to submit to the loving leadership of the Elders of this church, to seek to discover your own spiritual gifts and to use them for the edification of the body, to support the work of this church with your spiritual and material resources as God prospers, and to faithfully gather together with the other members of this church for worship, teaching, fellowship, and outreach.

But becoming a member of this church also means that we are making a commitment to you; to provide you with the spiritual oversight of the Elders, to feed you on the Word of God, to do all we can to care for your spiritual, physical, and emotional needs, to help you discover and use your spiritual gifts, and to see you reach your highest potential as a Christian.

It is the desire of the Elders that the process of becoming a member of this church be an exciting step in your life. If you have any questions about the application, or feel hesitant for any reason, we would be glad to talk with you.

In His service,

The Elders

THE BRIDGE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Bible is the inerrant,[1] verbally inspired Word of God,[2] and is the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men. It constitutes the divine and sole authority of Christian faith and practice.[3]

There is one God,[4] who is infinitely perfect, existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.[5]

Jesus Christ is true God[6] and true man.[7] He was conceived by the Holy Spirit[8] and born of the virgin Mary.[9] He died upon the cross,[10] the just for the unjust,[11] as a substitutionary sacrifice, and all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood.[12] He arose bodily from the dead according to the Scriptures,[13] and is now at the right hand of the Father,[14] in heaven,[15] as our great High Priest.[16] He will come again to establish His kingdom of righteousness and peace.[17]

The Holy Spirit is a divine person,[18] sent to regenerate,[19] indwell,[20] guide, teach,[21] and empower the believer[22] and to convict the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.[23]

Man was originally created in the image and likeness of God;[24] he fell through disobedience,[25] thereby incurring both physical and spiritual death.[26] All men are born with a sinful nature,[27] are separated from the life of God,[28] and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ.[29] The future of the unrepentant and unbelieving is existence forever in conscious torment;[30] and that of the believer, in everlasting joy and bliss.[31]

Salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all men,[32] but only those who repent[33] and believe in Him[34] are born again of the Holy Spirit,[35] receive the gift of eternal life,[36] and become the children of God.[37]

It is the will of God that each believer should be continually filled with the Holy Spirit[38] and be sanctified wholly, being separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to the will of God, thereby receiving power for holy living and effective service.[39] This is a progressive experience wrought in the life of the believer subsequent to conversion.

The church consists of all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through His blood, and are born again of the Holy Spirit.[40] Christ is the Head of the body,[41] the Church,[42] which has been commissioned by Him to go into all the world as a witness, preaching the Gospel to all nations and making disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that Christ commanded.[43] The local church is a body of believers in Christ who are joined together for the worship of God, for prayer, fellowship, the proclamation of the Gospel, and observance of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper.[44]

There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and of the unjust; for the former, a resurrection unto life;[45] for the latter, a resurrection unto judgment;[46] and the certain damnation of Satan, a personal being, fallen with his angels to perform evil under God's permissive sovereignty during this age.[47]

The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent. He will return bodily in the air to gather His Church to be with Him immediately prior to the Tribulation. This is the believer's blessed hope and is a vital truth which is an incentive to holy living and faithful service.[48]

[1]Isa. 30:8, Ps. 119:142, 151, 160; [2]2 Tim. 3:16; [3]1 Thess. 2:13, Jn. 17:17, 2 Pet. 1:20-21; [4]Deut. 6:4, Isa. 45:7, 1 Cor. 8:4; [5]Matt. 28:19, 2 Cor. 13:14, Col. 2:9, Jn. 1:14; [6]Jn. 10:25-30, 14:9-10, 1 Jn. 5:20, Jn. 1:1, 14; [7]Phil. 2:5-8; [8]Matt. 1:18, 20; [9]Isa. 7:14, Matt. 1:25, Lk. 1:26-35; [10]Matt. 27:23, 26, 31, 35; [11]1 Pet. 3:18; [12]1 Pet. 1:18-19, Rom. 5:8, 1 Pet. 2:24, Jn. 10:15, 2 Cor. 5:14-15; [13]Matt. 28:6, Acts 2:30-32; [14]Acts 7:55, Acts 2:33; [15]Acts 1:9-11; [16]Heb. 4:14-15; [17]Acts 1:11, 2 Thess. 4:16; [18]Acts 5:3-4; [19]Jn. 16:8-11, Rom. 8:9; [20]Ezek. 36:27; [21]2 Tim. 3:16; [22]1 Cor. 12:8-11, 2 Cor. 3:6; [23]Jn. 16:7-11; [24]Gen. 1:26-27, 2:15-25, Jam. 3:9; [25]Gen. 3:1-19; [26]Rom. 6:23, 5:12; [27]Jer. 17:9, Ps. 51:5, 14:1-3; [28]Rom. 3:23, 5:12; [29]Heb. 10:14, Jn. 1:12, 14:6, Acts 4:12, Jn. 3:36, Eph. 2:1-3, 1:7; [30]2 Thess. 1:9, Matt. 25:46, Lk. 16:19-31; [31]Jn. 3:16, 36, 1 Jn. 5:9-13, Jn. 5:24, Isa. 51:11; [32]Jn. 1:12, Eph. 1:7, 2:8-9, 1 Jn. 5:11-13; [33]Lk. 13:3; [34]Rom. 10:9-13; [35]Jn. 3:3-7; [36]Rom. 6:23; [37]Jn. 1:12; [38]Eph. 5:18, Col. 3:16; [39]Acts 1:8, Rom. 12:1-2; 14:13, 1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 6:14, 7:1, 9:7,
Eph. 4:11-16; [40]1 Cor. 12:12-13; [41]Col. 1:18; [42]Eph. 1:22, 5:23; [43]Matt. 28:19-20; [44]Acts 14:23, 27, 20:17, 28, Gal. 1:2, 1 Thess. 1:1, 1 Cor. 11:18-20, Heb. 10:24-25; [45]Rom. 8:10-11,
2 Cor. 4:14; [46]Jn. 5:28-29, Rev. 20:11-15; [47]Rev. 20:10; [48]1 Thess. 4:16-18

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COVENANT OF MEMBERSHIP

The following is my covenant with the Lord:

Having been led by the Holy Spirit and brought by His grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and to give myself wholly to Him by receiving Him as Savior and confessing Him as Lord in baptism and testimony, I do now solemnly and joyfully covenant with God to forsake the ways of sin and to walk in Christian love and in the paths of righteousness.

I promise to exercise loving care as a member of the body of Christ toward the other members of this church to its growth in Christian knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to strive with others for both the peace and purity of this, Christ's church; to sustain its worship and to cherish Christ's ordinances by my faithful attendance and diligent participation, and to contribute as a faithful steward, my time, talents, and money, in the measure that Christ prospers me, that this church's world-wide ministry of making disciples by spreading the Gospel be faithfully discharged.

I will seek to maintain family and private devotions, to teach the Bible to my children, to seek the salvation of my family and acquaintances, and to walk uprightly in the world to the end that I may win souls for the Lord Jesus Christ. I will endeavor to be a Christian example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity of life, remembering that we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth, and that a city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

I will also seek to give and receive admonition with humility and compassion; to remember the other members of this church in prayer, and to aid them in case of sickness and distress; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and to encourage one another in the blessed hope of our Lord's return. I, moreover, engage that when I move from this congregation, I will involve myself with another local church where I can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of the Word of God.

I understand that membership in this church involves accountability and submission to the loving leadership of the Elders. And I agree that if my conduct so requires, these men have both the right and the responsibility according to Matthew 18, 1 Corinthians 5, etc., to discipline me in the manner prescribed by these Scriptures.

Finally, I understand that any member who seeks a transfer of membership or any other removal of his name from the church roll while subject to any stage of church discipline will not have his name removed from the church roll without the consent of the elders. The disciplinary process will continue to completion. I also acknowledge that the information provided on this membership application is true.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PRINT NAME: _____

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The purpose of membership at The Bridge Bible Fellowship is to provide a way for a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ to express a definite commitment to this local body of Christ.

Date:_____ **E-Mail:**_____

(circle one) Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Dr.
Full Name:_____ **Birthdate:**_____

Address:_____ **Home Phone:** _____

_____ **Work Phone:**_____

Cell Phone: _____

Marital Status: (circle one) Single / Married / Divorced / Separated / Remarried / Widowed

If divorced or separated, please explain: _____

Anniversary Date: _____ **Occupation:** _____

Location: _____ **Maiden Name:** _____

Names of all children in your family living at home: **Birthdate:** _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

Name and address of church where you are presently a member and how long:

_____ **From:**_____**To:**_____

_____ **Phone:**_____

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Have you received Jesus Christ into your life as your Lord and Savior?

Yes_____**No**_____ **Not Sure**_____ **Date of Decision:** _____

You must complete all Core Classes for membership. Please initial next to each class confirming that you have completed them:

_____ **What We Believe** _____ **Membership** _____**Discipleship** _____ **Baptism**
_____ **Discover Your Spiritual Gifts Part I** _____**Discover Your Spiritual Gifts Part II**

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What changes in your attitudes, desires or conduct have you observed since you became a Christian?

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Who is Jesus Christ? _____

_____

Have you been baptized since your decision to receive Christ?…….. Yes _____ No_____

If no, will you agree to be obedient to the Lord in this ordinance?..... Yes _____ No _____

Do you read the Bible and pray regularly?…….. Yes _____ No _____

Do you try to confess your sins soon after committing them?……Yes _____ No _____

Have you read the church covenant and signed it?……..Yes _____ No _____

Are you a member of any private organization which may be in conflict with the doctrines of TBBF (e.g., a secret society or any of its auxiliaries such as Free Masonry, Order of the Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls, Order of Demolay, Job's Daughters, etc.)?.....Yes _____ No _____
If yes, please list them_____

Have you ever been accused of a sexual offense? Yes____ No_____

Please describe in your own words your understanding of "submission to the loving rule of the elders over you." (Hebrews 13:17) _____

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Have you thoroughly read the Doctrinal Statement?……Yes _____ No _____

Do you agree with it?…….Yes _____ No _____

If there is an area of misunderstanding or disagreement, please state briefly what it is:

_____

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Do you have any unresolved issues with another local church? Yes____ No____ If so, please briefly explain: _____

_____

In what areas of ministry within the church do you hope to be involved?

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

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MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Please describe:

1. My life before I came to Christ: (My life before God called me to Himself:)

2. How I came to Christ: (How God called me to Himself:)

3. My life after I came to Christ: (My life after God called me to Himself:)

_____ _____

Signature **Date**

Please note: If you desire to be baptized at the next baptismal service, please turn this form in at the Baptism Class which is held two weeks prior to the baptism date.

My Salvation

2 Corinthians 13:5 –

Test yourselves [to see] if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you-- unless indeed you fail the test?

4 Questions every person should ask themselves about their eternal destiny...

1. If I were to die today and meet the Lord face to face, and He asked me, "Why should I let you into heaven", how would you respond?

   ☐ Absolutely sure ☐ Not sure

2. Have I come to the place in my spiritual life where I know for certain that I belong to God and if I would die today I would go to heaven?

   ☐ Absolutely sure ☐ Not sure

3. Can I remember the general time or place where I first committed my life to Christ and made a decision to follow Him?

   ☐ Absolutely sure ☐ Not sure

4. Does my present walk with Christ reveal that He is Lord/Master of my life because I am walking obediently according to His word?

   ☐ Absolutely sure ☐ Not sure