

# **CRESTVIEW BIBLE CHURCH**

## **Application for Membership**

### **General Information:**

Please print your first and last name w/ middle initial:

By what name do you prefer to be called?

Address (including city/state/zip):

Phone Numbers (include home & mobile):

Email Address:

Place of Current Employment:

Business Phone:

Date of Birth:

(If coming from another church, please answer the following...)

Name, address, and phone number of the church to which you last belonged:

What was the denomination of this church?

Who is the church's present pastor?

When did you last regularly attend?

How long were you a member of this church?

Were you in good standing with this church? What were your reasons for leaving this church?  
(If an explanation is needed, please use the other side)

Please read these areas of our Bylaws that pertain to membership...

## **ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1. Definition.**

Membership at Crestview Bible Church identifies a believer in Christ who is already a member of the Church universal. By becoming a member of this local church, one is identifying themselves as a believer in Christ united with other believers at Crestview in faith, love and doctrine.

### **Section 2. Eligibility.**

A candidate eligible for church membership must confess with their mouth and believe in their heart Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord (*Romans 10:9-13*), have been baptized after their confession of faith in Jesus (*Acts 8:35-39*), and hold to the fundamentals of the Christian faith as revealed in the Bible and reflected in our Doctrinal Statement (Article III).

Members must also be willing to associate themselves with their fellow believers at Crestview by adhering to the admonitions we require for members in Article V, Section 5.

### **Section 3. Examination**

Candidates for membership can contact an elder, deacon or the church office and obtain an application for membership. Upon submission of this membership application, a candidate will meet with one of the elders to be examined, seeing, as best as possible, if genuine conversion manifested through a changed life exists. (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

Assuming all membership requirements are met, after this meeting, the examining elder will recommend to the Council of Elders this candidate for membership. If approved, the Council of Elders will recommend this candidate to the church as a prospective member.

If available, a letter from the candidate's previous church should be presented in the examination process.

### **Spiritual Background:**

Please write a brief description of how you came to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. (If you are unsure, please talk to an elder. If you need more space please use the other side of this sheet.)

What evidence do you see in your life which would give you assurance that you are truly His child?

Have you been baptized after your confession of faith in Jesus?

How would you describe your present spiritual condition?

Do you agree with Crestview's Doctrinal Statement?

### **ARTICLE III. DOCTRINAL STATEMENT**

#### **Section 1. Holy Scriptures**

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible Word of God, a Divine revelation, the original of which were verbally inspired by the Holy Spirit; are wholly without error; and are the sufficient, certain, and authoritative rule of saving knowledge, faith and obedience (*2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21; Psalm 19:7-11*).

#### **Section 2. Godhead**

God is revealed to us as one God in three distinct persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, co-existent, co-equal and co-eternal. (*Matthew 3:16-17; Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14*)

#### **Section 3. Father God**

We believe in one living and true God who is the Father of all. He is the Creator, by whom all things have their source, support and end. He is the Sovereign Ruler, managing all the affairs of His creation by His glorious holiness. He is an infinitely perfect and eternally glorious God, always acting for the praise of His own glory. (*Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 48:11; Acts 17:28; Ephesians 4:6; 1 Timothy 1:17, 6:16*).

#### **Section 4. Lord Jesus Christ**

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Messiah, as the eternal Son of God. He is the only begotten of the Father. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, fully God and fully man, in all things like we are, yet without sin (*Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:35; John 3:16; Hebrews 1:5-10; Hebrews 4:15*). He took on human flesh to fulfill God's plan to redeem us from sin's curse and save us, by making full atonement for our sins through His suffering and death on the cross (*Isaiah 53:4-6; Mark 10:45; John 1:14, 29; Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 10:10-14; 1 Peter 1:18-29*). He rose bodily from the grave the third day and ascended into heaven, interceding now at the right hand of God for us. From heaven, He will return personally, visibly, physically and suddenly in great power and glory to judge the living and the dead and fully establish His rule as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords (*Matthew 25:31ff; John 5:22-29; John 20:21; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:15; 2 Timothy 4:1*).

#### **Section 5. Holy Spirit**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Godhead (*Matthew 28:19; Acts 5:3-4*). He's the Divine Agent in nature, revelation, and redemption (*Genesis 1:2; Psalm 104:24-30; 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; 2 Corinthians 3:18*), exists to glorify the Son and convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment (*John 16:7-14*). He regenerates, indwells, baptizes, seals, bestows gifts, empowers, guides, teaches, and sanctifies all who become children of God through Christ (*John 3:5; 14:26; Romans 8:14; 1 Corinthians 6:11, 19; 12:11, 13; Ephesians 1:13-14; 3:16; 4:30*).

## **Section 6.        Man**

We believe that all people are a direct creation of God, being made in His image (*Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7, 18-24; Matthew 19:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:23*). We also believe that they became sinful through personal disobedience to God's command (*2 Corinthians 4:4; Genesis 3:1-24; 5:3; Romans 3:10-19; 23; 5:12; Ephesians 2:3*). Because they are sinners in both nature and practice, they stand alienated from God (*John 8:42-44; Ephesians 2:12; 4:18; Titus 3:3*), are under God's righteous judgment and wrath (*Romans 1:18; Psalm 14:1-3*), and are incapable of saving themselves (*Isaiah 64:6; Matthew 19:26; Mark 7:21-23; Romans 7:18*).

## **Section 7.        Salvation**

We believe that salvation is of the Lord, for His glory, out of love for His people, and for our ultimate good (*Jonah 2:9; Ephesians 1:3-14; Ephesians 2:4-5*). The salvation of sinners called by God has been accomplished through the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ (*1 Corinthians 1:30; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Timothy 2:25; Colossians 2:13-15*). Those who trust in Jesus Christ are justified [declared righteous] apart from any works they do (*Romans 3:20-25*), adopted into God's family and become His heirs (*Galatians 4:4-5*), reconciled to God with other believers (*2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Ephesians 2:14-16*), are progressively being sanctified into the likeness of Jesus Himself (*1 Corinthians 6:11; Hebrews 10:14*), and will one day be glorified to be with Jesus forever (*1 Corinthians 15:51; Romans 8:29-30*).

## **Section 8.        The Church**

We believe that God's glory is particularly displayed in a local gathering of professing, baptized believers united under the Head of the church, our Lord Jesus Christ (*Ephesians 1:22, 5:23-25; Colossians 1:18; Hebrews 10:25*). Under Him, we are devoted to God's Word, prayer, fellowship, and celebrating the Gospel through the Lord's Supper (*Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*). Under Him, we serve one another with the gifts He's given to each of us so that the church is built up and our community sees God's glory in us (*Romans 12:4-8; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Ephesians 4:10-11; Matthew 5:16*). Under Him, we are a commissioned people to go, make disciples of all nations, inviting them to join us in glorifying and enjoying Him, forever (*Matthew 28:18-20; John 20:21; Acts 1:8*). Under Him, we live out the implications of the Gospel, demonstrating that we are His people in His kingdom (*1 Peter 2:9; Ephesians 3:20-21; John 13:34-35; 1 Thessalonians 2:12*).

## **Section 9.        Last Things**

We believe the hope for all of history is Jesus Christ, the Lord (*Revelation 4-5*), and that all of history is building to His eternal exaltation (*Philippians 2:5-11*). We believe in the imminent return of Jesus Himself for His people to establish His eternal kingdom (*Zechariah 14:4-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 4:13-18; 5:9; Revelation 3:10; 19:11-16; 20:1-6*). We believe in the bodily resurrection of all people: those who believe in Jesus receive eternal life and will reign with Him forever and ever (*Luke 23:43; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23; 3:21; Revelation 20:4-6*) and those who refuse to believe in Jesus receive eternal judgment, resulting in a punishment separated from God in everlasting torment (*Matthew 25:41-46; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-26; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Jude 1:6-7; Revelation 20:11-15*).

Do you have any questions about these areas?

**Church Commitment:**

Are you willing to abide by the following responsibilities?

From our Bylaws, **Article V, Section 5. Responsibilities of Members.**

Recognizing that each member has a vital function within the local church, each member should purpose to serve others in a spirit of humility, building each other up, esteeming others ahead of self, in accordance with the spiritual gifts that God has sovereignly bestowed. (*Ephesians 4:7-16; 1 Corinthians 12:12-26; John 13:12-17; Philippians 2:1-4*) Some specific ways service is manifested towards others are:

A) Attend Regularly. Hebrews 10:25 instructs us to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. This means that we require the regular attendance to the weekly worship services of the church.

B) Particularly to Attend Communion. The Lord's Supper is a wonderful time of celebration, both remembering our Lord's death and proclaiming it until He returns. (*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*) We also believe the time for examining oneself is a vital time for our members to look at their relationship to God and others. (*1 Corinthians 11:27-34*) Therefore, we strongly encourage attendance at this event.

C) Attend Member's Meetings. These important times keep communication open between leadership and members and are therefore vital to the ministry of Crestview.

D) Pray Regularly. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 encourages prayer without ceasing. We expect members to be praying people.

E) Give Regularly. Scripture assumes that giving will be a regular activity for us. (*Proverbs 3:9; Malachi 3:10; Luke 6:38; 1 Corinthians 16:1b-2; 2 Corinthians 9:7*) Members are expected to support the ministry of Crestview.

Are there any of the above responsibilities about which you have questions?

Are you willing to gladly submit to the spiritual leaders of the church unless the Scriptures compel you otherwise?

Will you speak positively about other members of our church?

If conflict arises in your relationships with others, are you willing to deal Biblically with that person in accordance with Matthew 18:15-18 in a spirit of love and humility?

Please list any abilities, gifts, or talents God has given you that you will use to serve others in the body?

Do you have any questions related to anything in this application that you would like to talk about privately?