

New Member Name: _____

Date: _____

Your Spouse's Name: _____ *Your spouse will need to complete a separate form.*

Full Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Your Email: _____ How long have you attended FBC? _____

STEP ONE – I have completed listening to all five membership messages. _____ (please initial)

STEP TWO – I have read through the entire FBC 'What We Teach' document and am committed to not teach, or foster in others, beliefs contrary to the stated doctrine of the church. _____ (please initial)

STEP THREE – I am affirmed as a functioning part of FBC, serving in ministry and relationally connected.

_____ Ministry leader signature

_____ Name of Ministry

_____ Date

STEP FOUR – I have completed my Elder/Deacon/Ministry Leader interview, where I have discussed the degree of my 'one-heart, one-mind'-edness on the issues below.

(1) Shared my testimony of salvation, including:

- a. What was your life like before you met Christ?
- b. How did Christ save you?
- c. What is your life like now that you are a Christian?
- d. Have you been baptized by immersion? Yes No
- e. What brought you to and kept you at FBC?

(2) Wrote out the gospel (in advance of mtg) and discussed the following:

- a. How does communion portray the gospel? Why celebrate it regularly?
- b. Can you be sure that you're saved? If so, how? If not, why not?
- c. How do you understand the role of God in our salvation?
- d. How has God designed for Christians to overcome sin and become more like Christ?
- e. What is the role of the Christian in reaching the lost locally and internationally?

(3) Discussed the church and your understanding of:

- a. How is FBC led? How do you believe our church make directional decisions?
- b. What should be the role of the church in your life and your family's life?
- c. Are there any ministries at the church that you struggle with, whether due to leadership, philosophy or practice? Is there any ministry at FBC you would not be involved in or have your children attend?
- d. When do you feel that its appropriate for you and your family to not be in the main worship service at church?
- e. Why do you think we continually encourage people to be serving in ministry?
- f. What is the responsibility of a Christian to give regularly to the local church?
- g. Please name the 4 G's (from the membership series) that drive our church.

(4) Explained any doctrinal or directional disharmony brought up by the membership messages, 'What We Teach' and doctrinal statement, and the following questions:

- a. Do you have reservations about following the FBC elders, as they function as spiritual leaders for the FBC family?
- b. Do you completely embrace your role in church discipline? Please describe it.
- c. How sufficient is the Bible in counseling and what, if any, is the value of psychology?
- d. What are your thoughts about men leading the church, wives and families?
- e. What is discipleship, how do you see it practiced at FBC, and how do you fit into that?
- f. Any doctrinal disagreement? _____

(5) Affirmed my commitment to passionately pursue the membership agreement, as I indicated on the reverse side.

_____ Potential Member Signature

_____ Date

_____ Leadership Signature

_____ Leadership Name

STEP FIVE – Your membership application will be forwarded to the elders for their affirmation.

As a member of FBC,

- _____ (initials) **(1) I am committed to faithfully and regularly attending the Sunday Worship services of FBC with my family. Apart from necessity, I am going to demonstrate a heart's desire to gather with God's people to worship our Lord together as a local body every week. ~ Hebrews 10:24-25 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.**
- _____ (initials) **(2) I am committed to serving at FBC in some regular and faithful ministry, seeking to express my spiritual giftedness for the glory of God as a servant of Christ. ~ 1 Peter 4:10-11 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**
- _____ (initials) **(3) I am committed to showing and sharing the gospel as a representative of Christ and His church to the glory of God. ~ Colossians 4:5-6 Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. 6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person.**
- _____ (initials) **(4) I am committed to generously giving to FBC, doing so with forethought and in proportion to what God has generously provided to me, and giving it with joy to the work of Christ through this local body for His Glory. ~ 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. 2 On the first day of every week let each one of you put aside and save, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come. (cf. 2 Corinthians 9:7 Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver.)**
- _____ (initials) **(5) I am committed to sacrificially caring for the downtrodden & oppressed, representing the heart of Christ and as a witness to a watching world. ~ Matthew 25:35 'For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; 36 naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' 40 'And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'**
- _____ (initials) **(6) I will work diligently to preserve the unity of FBC and its public testimony through prayer, a godly lifestyle and personal sacrifice, being committed to not teach or advocate doctrine different than what FBC believes. ~ Ephesians 4:3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**
- _____ (initials) **(7) I will lovingly follow the direction of FBC and follow its leadership as they follow God's Word. I understand that FBC's 'What We Teach' is not exhaustive, and for purposes of the Church's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our elder board is FBC's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application. ~ Hebrews 13:7, 17 Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith. 17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.**
- _____ (initials) **(8) I understand that FBC practices biblical church discipline and that the body and its leadership will lovingly pursue me to repent from intentional disobedience to what Scripture teaches, even if I 'quit' membership at FBC. ~ 1 Corinthians 5:12-13 What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? 13 God will judge those outside. 'Expel the wicked man from among you.' (c.f., the 'Church Discipline' section of 'What We Teach')**

Write out your understanding of the Gospel – use additional paper, if desired
