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DATE OF BIRTH: / /

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP:

EMAIL:

CELL:

SPOUSE'S NAME (IF MARRIED):

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: / /

NAMES AND BIRTHDAYS OF CHILDREN:

Thank you for your interest in Calvary Baptist Church. This application is a means to know you better and inform you about the responsibilities and commitments of membership. Please contact one of the following men on our leadership team if you have any questions you'd like to have answered: Brian Swillum - 906-748-4422, Tom Jensen - 920-562-1882, or Jeremy Hensley - 915-539-3916

YOUR CONVERSION

Church membership is limited to those individuals who show evidence of true conversion to Christ and have the maturity to undertake the responsibilities of formal membership.

- I am confident that I am a Christian.
- I am not confident that I am a Christian.

On a separate sheet of paper please provide your personal testimony of faith in Christ, using the following outline. Use Scripture to support your understanding whenever possible.

1. Explain how you came to understand that you are a sinner in need of God's salvation.
Before I became a Christian, I . . .
2. Explain how you heard the gospel (good news of God's salvation), were convicted of sin, and turned to Christ. *I heard the gospel when. . .*
3. What is the gospel and why do you need it? (These other questions may help to clarify...)
What do you need to be saved from? Who is Jesus and why can He save you? What must you do to be saved? If you were to stand before God today and He asked you why He should let you spend eternity with Him, how would you answer Him?
4. Explain how your life now shows the marks of being a true Christian.
I know that my salvation is real because. . .

YOUR BAPTISM

Believer’s baptism by immersion is a condition of membership at Calvary Baptist Church.

- I have read and affirm Calvary Baptist Church’s position paper on baptism.
- I have been baptized by immersion since I became a Christian.
- I have not been baptized by immersion, but I am willing to be so baptized.

THE DOCTRINE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Calvary Baptist Church subscribes to the doctrinal statement the CBC Confession of Faith.

We understand our members will have different levels of understanding of its doctrine.

Membership does not require absolute conformity of belief, but does require you to (1) affirm the statement as far as you understand it, (2) identify any known areas of disagreement, and (3) commit to receive instruction peaceably and without divisiveness.

- I have received a copy of *the Confession of Faith*.
- I have thoroughly read the statement.
- I do not have any known disagreements with the statement (OR)
- I disagree with the statement in the following particulars:

- I understand that Calvary Baptist Church holds to the statement the CBC Confession of Faith. If I have identified any areas of disagreement above, I understand that the leadership team will determine whether my disagreements are consistent with membership and I will accept their decision without dissent. I agree to abide by the statement as it is interpreted and applied by the leadership.

THE LIFE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Membership involves more than Sunday attendance; it means serving the body of Christ and following the oversight of the leadership in the spirit of the Bible’s teaching.

How long have you been attending Calvary Baptist Church? _____

Why do you attend Calvary Baptist Church?

Why do you want to become a member of Calvary Baptist Church?

The leadership team of Calvary Baptist Church oversees the church. Please describe, in your own words, the significance of Hebrews 13:17 for your future participation in the life of our church family.

If you are approved for membership, are you willing to submit yourself to the biblical oversight of the leadership team?

Yes

No

How do you strive to grow in Christ personally? Please explain.

How do you share your faith in Jesus Christ with others? Please explain.

Are there areas of ministry in which you have already begun to serve at Calvary? Please explain.

Are there areas of ministry in which you are gifted and would like to serve? Please explain.

YOUR PRIOR CHURCH EXPERIENCE

Our leadership team will be able to provide better pastoral care to you and your family if we know something about your prior church background.

Did you attend another church before you came to Calvary Baptist Church?

Yes No

If "yes," please complete the following:

Name of church _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Attendance from _____ to _____

Are you currently listed as a member at this church? _____

Are you now, or have you ever been, subject to church discipline from another church? If so, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.

Yes No

THE MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

If the leadership team approves your application, you will be asked to make the following affirmations in a public setting before you are formally received into membership.

Having, as we trust, been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.

We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We will walk together in brotherly love, as becomes the members of a Christian Church, exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others.

We will endeavor to bring up such as may at any time be under our care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by a pure and loving example to seek the salvation of our family and friends.

We will rejoice at each others' happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows.

We will seek, by Divine aid, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and remembering that, as we have been voluntarily buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave, so there is on us a special obligation now to lead a new and holy life.

We will work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church, as we sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines.

We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We will, when we move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip us with everything good that we may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

Are you willing to join us in this covenant?

Yes No

I hereby request to become a member of Calvary Baptist Church. I understand my application is subject to approval by the leadership at its sole discretion.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Elder's Approval _____ Date _____