

MEMBERSHIP CLASS



1. CHURCH | A CHURCH IN THE WORLD

A. CHURCH

WHAT A CHURCH IS NOT

WHAT A CHURCH IS

EKKLESIA

EMBASSY

THE FIELDS

Vision | A Church in the World (CHURCH)

Mission | To glorify God (WORSHIP) by making disciples (DISCIPLESHIP) of all nations (MISSIONS) with the truth of Jesus (GOSPEL) in the context of relationships (COMMUNITY).

Partners | Great Commission Baptists (SBC, SBTC), The Pillar Network, The CITY Network

Affiliations | The Gospel Coalition & 9 Marks

the Y | Our missional platform

B. LEADERSHIP

ELDER LED | SERVANT LEADERS

QUALIFICATIONS

“Above reproach” in personal life, home life, spiritual life, and public life.

(1 Timothy 3:1-7 & Titus 1:5-9)

COMPLEMENTARIAN

CURRENT ELDERS

Bryan Sloan, Graham Jones, and Daniel Kitamura

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DEACON SERVED | LEADING SERVANTS

(Acts 6:1-7 & 1 Timothy 3:8-13)

MEMBER AFFIRMED

MEMBERS WILL AFFIRM

- *Worship*
- *Leadership*
- *Stewardship*
- *Membership*

C. MEMBERSHIP

WHAT IS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

SUBMISSION TO CHRIST | CHRISTIAN

SUBMISSION TO CHRIST'S BODY | COVENANT

WHY CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

JESUS' WORDS

BIBLICAL METAPHORS

CHURCH LETTERS AND "ONE ANOTHERS"

WHAT IS THE MEMBERSHIP PROCESS?

1. Membership Class
 - A. Gospel Life Stories Homework
 - B. Gospel Lifestyle Homework
 - C. Membership Covenant
2. Elder Follow Up
3. Church Affirmation

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2. WORSHIP | GLORIFY GOD

A. CONVERSION

GOSPEL LIFE

DEATH TO LIFE

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:4-5 ESV)

REPENT AND BELIEVE

Jesus said...Repent and believe in the Gospel. (Mark 1:15 ESV)

GOSPEL LIFESTYLE

FOLLOW ME

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. (Matthew 16:24 ESV)

And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Matthew 10:38-39 ESV)

DIE TO SELF

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20 ESV)

BEAR FRUIT

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. (John 15:8 ESV)

SACRIFICIAL WORSHIP

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1 ESV)

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B. BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." AW Tozer

On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18 ESV)

CENTRAL - ESSENTIAL CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

THE APOSTLES CREED (2ND CENTURY)

THE 5 SOLAS

Sola Scriptura - *Scripture Alone* - The only foundation.

Sola Gratia - *Grace Alone* - The only method.

Sola Fide - *Faith Alone* - The only means.

Solus Christus - *Christ Alone* - The only mediator.

Soli Deo Gloria - *Glory to God Alone* - The only ambition.

CONFESSIONAL - ESSENTIAL BAPTIST BELIEFS

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFESSION (1833)

Article	Historically Christian	Evangelical	Congregational	Baptist
I. Of the Scriptures		√		
II. Of the True God	√			
III. Of the Fall of Man	√			
IV. Of the Way of Salvation	√			
V. Of Justification		√		
VI. Of the Freeness of Salvation	√			
VII. Of Grace in Regeneration	√			
VIII. Of Repentance and Faith		√		
IX. Of God's Purpose of Grace		√		
X. Of Sanctification		√		
XI. Of the Perseverance of Saints		√		
XII. Of the Harmony of the Law & Gospel	√			
XIII. Of a Gospel Church			√	
XIV(a) Of Baptism & the Lord's Supper				√
XIV(b) Of Baptism & the Lord's Supper	√			
XV. Of the Christian Sabbath	√			
XVI. Of Civil Government	√			
XVII. Of the Righteous and the Wicked		√		
XVIII. Of the World to Come	√			

BAPTIST FAITH & MESSAGE (2000)

CHARITABLE - NON-ESSENTIAL CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

REFORMED THEOLOGY/DOCTRINES OF GRACE

Total Depravity - *Dead in Sin* - Ephesians 2:1-2

Unconditional Election - *Chosen in Him* - Ephesians 1:4-5

Limited/Definite Atonement - *Ransom for Many* - Mark 10:45

Irresistible Grace - *Drawn by Him* - John 6:44

Perseverance of the Saints - *Never Lost by Him* - John 6:38-40

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3. DISCIPLESHIP | MAKE DISCIPLES

A. EVANGELISM

WHO SHOULD WE EVANGELIZE?

OIKOS

And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, (Acts 17:26-27 ESV)

ALL NATIONS

HOW SHOULD WE EVANGELIZE?

GOSPEL FLUENCY

GOSPEL INTENTIONALITY

B. DISCIPLESHIP

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

IMITATOR OF CHRIST

Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children. (Ephesians 5:1 ESV)

Imitate me as I imitate Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1 ESV)

WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?

MAKING IMITATORS OF JESUS WHO MAKE IMITATORS OF JESUS

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20 ESV)

WHO SHOULD WE DISCIPLE?

FAITHFUL, AVAILABLE, TEACHABLE

and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. (2 Timothy 2:2 ESV)

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CHILDREN

...You shall teach them diligently to your children...(Deuteronomy 6:4-9 ESV)

HOW SHOULD WE MAKE DISCIPLES?

DISCIPLER

Designate, Integrate, Simulate, Communicate, Illustrate, Participate, Liberate, Evaluate, & Replicate

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF DISCIPLESHIP?

MULTIPLICATION

Follow me and I will make you fishers of men. (Matthew 4:19, Mark 1:17 ESV)

C. BAPTISM

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

INITIATION IN THE CHURCH

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:4 ESV)

WHY IS BAPTISM IMPORTANT?

1. Follow Jesus' example (Mark 1:9)
2. Christ commanded us (Matthew 28:18-20).
3. Illustrates Christ's death, burial, and resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Colossians 2:12, Romans 6:3)
4. Symbolizes my new life as a Christian (Romans 6:4, 2 Corinthians 5:17).
5. Publicly identifies me with Christ (Acts 2:41, 18:8)

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

REPENTANCE, BELIEF, AND PROFESSION

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9 ESV)

NOT INFANTS, SOME KIDS

HOW SHOULD WE BE BAPTIZED?

BY IMMERSION

IS BAPTISM NECESSARY?

NOT FOR SALVATION. REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP.

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4. MISSIONS | ALL NATIONS

PANTA TA ETHNE

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations. (Matthew 28:19 ESV)

and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named (Romans 15:20 ESV)

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, (Revelation 7:9 ESV)

A. PRAY FERVENTLY | HOLY AMBITION

FOR THE NATIONS

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. (Psalm 2:8 ESV)

FOR YOUR OIKOS

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. (Romans 10:1 ESV)

FOR LABORERS

therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:38 ESV)

B. GIVE SACRIFICIALLY | IMMEASURABLE NEED

SPIRITUALLY

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23 ESV)

For what can be known about God is plain to them because God has shown it to them... So they are without excuse... because they exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images reselling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things...and exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creator rather than the Creator. (Romans 1:19, 20, 23, 25 ESV)

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FINANCIALLY

CORPORATELY AND INDIVIDUALLY

GRACEFULLY, GENUINELY, LOVINGLY, READILY, AND GENEROUSLY

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9 ESV)

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7 ESV)

C. GO WILLINGLY | GLOBAL VISION

INTENTIONAL, NOT ADDITIONAL

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." (Isaiah 6:8 ESV)

MISSIONAL LIVING

MISSIONAL EVENTS

MISSION TRIPS

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5. GOSPEL | THE TRUTH

A. THE SCRIPTURE

CHARACTERISTICS

INSPIRED

All Scripture is breathed out by God (2 Timothy 3:16 ESV)

knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:20-21 ESV)

SUFFICIENT

profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV)

INERRANT

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. (Psalm 19:7-11 ESV)

AUTHORITATIVE

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12 ESV)

EXPOSITIONAL PREACHING

BIBLE READING

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B. GOSPEL LIFE STORIES

THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST

Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8 ESV)

THE GOSPEL | GOD'S STORY

GOD | ROMANS 1:18-20

MAN | ROMANS 1:21-23, 3:23, 6:23

JESUS | ROMANS 3:23-26, 5:8-10, 8:1

RESPONSE | ROMANS 10:9-10

MY TESTIMONY | MY STORY

MY STORY BEFORE JESUS

When I was younger...

GOD'S STORY IN JESUS

Then I realized...

GOD'S STORY BECAME MY STORY

But God saved me when...

MY STORY WITH JESUS

Since then my life has changed...

6. COMMUNITY | RELATIONSHIPS

A. DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

MISSIONAL LIVING

GOSPEL APPLICATION

RELATIONAL COMMUNITY

B. DISCIPLINE

THE PURPOSE OF DISCIPLINE

EXPOSE SIN, WARN, PROTECT, SAVE, RESTORE, AND RE-PRESENT

When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. (1 Corinthians 5:4-5 ESV)

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. (Galatians 6:1 ESV)

EXAMPLE OF NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH DISCIPLINE

(1 Corinthians 5:1-13, 2 Corinthians 2:6-8)

THE KINDS OF DISCIPLINE

FORMATIVE & CORRECTIVE

*But when Cephas (Peter) came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For **BEFORE** certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; **BUT** when they came he **drew back** and **separated** himself, fearing the circumcision party. And the rest of the Jews acted **HYPOCRITICALLY** along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that their conduct was **not in step** with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?" (Galatians 2:11-14 ESV)*

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?...For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. (Hebrews 12:7, 11 ESV)

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THE REASON FOR DISCIPLINE

OUTWARD, SERIOUS, AND UNREPENTANT SIN

THE STAGES OF DISCIPLINE | MATTHEW 18:15-20

1. Member to Member
2. 2-3 Members to Member
3. Elders/Church to Member
4. Member Disfellowshipped

HOW TO LEAVE WELL

1. Prayerfully, not pridefully
2. Relationally, not privately
3. Selflessly, not Selfishly
4. Slowly, not quickly
5. Peacefully, not critically
6. Missionally, not aimlessly

C. LORD'S SUPPER

WHAT IS THE LORD'S SUPPER?

CONTINUATION IN THE CHURCH

WHY IS THE LORD'S SUPPER IMPORTANT?

1. Christ commanded us to in remembrance of Him
2. Symbolizes the new covenant in Christ
3. Proclaims the gospel in our church

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV)

WHO SHOULD TAKE THE LORD'S SUPPER?

BAPTIZED BELIEVERS

WHY BREAD AND JUICE?

SYMBOLS OF CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD

WHEN DO WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER?