



NAME: _____

DATE: ___ / ___ / ___

DATE OF BIRTH: ___ / ___ / ___

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____ CELL: _____

Thank you for your interest in Smithville Bible Church. This application should help us get to know you better and inform you about the responsibility of being a member of Smithville Bible Church.

YOUR CONVERSION

Church membership is limited to those individuals who have truly been born again (John 3) and show evidence of the transforming work of being a new creation in Christ.

Please answer the following questions to explain how you came to faith in Christ.

- 1. Are you a sinner who needs the mercy and forgiveness of God? With supporting Scripture, explain how you came to understand that.

- 2. Have you repented of sin and put your faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation? With supporting Scripture, explain how you came to understand the gospel and then turned to Christ to save you.

3. According to Scripture, what are some marks of a true Christian? How has your life changed since you came to Christ?

YOUR BAPTISM

Believer's baptism by immersion is a condition of membership at SBC.

- I have been baptized by immersion since I became a Christian.
- I have not been baptized by immersion, but I am willing to be baptized.

THE DOCTRINE OF SMITHVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

- I have read the "Statement of Faith" portion of the Bylaws (tinyurl.com/sbc-bylaws)

Members do not need to agree with every aspect of Smithville Bible Church Doctrine, but must agree to not teach contrary or be divisive.

- I do not have any known disagreements with what Smithville Bible Church teaches
- I disagree with the "Statement of Faith" section in the following particulars:

THE LIFE OF SMITHVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

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

How long have you been attending Smithville Bible Church? _____

Why do you attend Smithville Bible Church?

Why do you want to become a member of Smithville Bible Church?

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The elders of Smithville Bible Church oversee the church. Please describe, in your own words, the significance of Hebrews 13:17 for your future participation in the life of our church.

If you are approved for membership, will you submit to the biblical oversight of the elders?

- Yes
- No

Have you thoroughly read the Bylaws of Smithville Bible Church (tinyurl.com/sbc-bylaws)?

- Yes
- No

Do you agree to abide by the Bylaws as they are interpreted and applied by the elders?

- Yes
- No

Are there any ministries in which you would like to serve? Please explain.

YOUR PRIOR CHURCH EXPERIENCE

Our elders 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 Smithville Bible 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

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

THE MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having believed upon Jesus Christ as our Savior, and feeling led by God to join with this local assembly of Christians, we, the members of Smithville Bible Church, solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We endeavor, therefore, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the growth of this church in knowledge and practical holiness; to endeavor by all means to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, refraining from all bitterness, wrath, clamor and evil speaking; to promote its worship; to sustain its ministries financially; and to evangelize non-Christians both in our community and around the world.

We further endeavor to submit to one another out of reverence for Christ, to watch over one another in brotherly love, to pray for one another, to aid one another in Christian growth, and to admonish and encourage one another. We agree to believe and obey the Scriptures in all things, and to obey and submit to the leaders God places over us on matters of doctrine and Christian living. As God enables us, we endeavor to keep this covenant to the best of our ability until such a time as we give up our membership in Smithville Bible Church or until the Lord returns.

I hereby request to become a member of Smithville Bible Church. I agree with the Membership Covenant. I understand my application is subject to approval by the elders at their sole discretion.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Elder's Name (Printed) _____

Elder's Signature for Approval _____

Date _____