

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Anchor Bible Church

Anchor Bible Church Membership Process. To become a member, you must:

- Be 18 years old or older.
- Go to www.anchorbiblechurch.org and read Anchor Bible Church's doctrinal statement <https://www.anchorbiblechurch.org/our-beliefs/> and the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message (link provided on our "beliefs" webpage).
- Read the Constitution and By-Laws of Anchor Bible Church <https://www.anchorbiblechurch.org/our-beliefs/>.
- Answer the questions in this membership application.
- Make an appointment to meet with an elder, deacon, or shepherding group leader to discuss your completed membership application.
- After meeting with an elder, deacon, or shepherding group leader to discuss your application, the elders will approve or deny your application for membership.
- If the elders approve your membership request, our constitution and by-laws require a congregational vote of affirmation.
- Once affirmed by the congregation you will be welcomed into the family of Anchor Bible Church during a corporate worship service.

Your Personal Profile

- Name: _____
- Address: _____
- Phone #: _____ Work: _____
- Email: _____
- Birthday: _____ Anniversary: _____
- Place of Employment: _____
- Marital Status: Single ___ Married ___ Separated ___
 Divorced ___ Remarried ___ Widowed ___
- Names and Ages of Children: _____

Your Spiritual Life Profile

- Have you come to the place in your spiritual life where you can say for certain if you were to die today you would go to heaven? Yes _____ No _____
 - I'm not sure and would like to talk to someone about it. Check box
- Suppose you were to die today and stand before God and He were to say to you, "Why should I let you into My heaven?" What would you say?
- Have you ever been baptized as a believer? Yes _____ No _____
 - If yes, how, when, and where were you baptized?
 - If no, would you like to be baptized? Yes _____ No _____
- Please write out your testimony. First, briefly describe your life before becoming a Christian:

Next, briefly describe the circumstances related to the time of your conversion:

Finally, briefly describe your Christian life after your conversion:

- The Bible says “the gospel” is the power of God for all who believe. In your own words what is “the gospel of Jesus Christ?” _____

Your Church History Profile

- Have you recently been affiliated with another church? Yes ___ No ___
 - If “Yes” what is the name and address of your previous church:

 - Were you a member of the last church you were affiliated with? Yes ___
No ___

- Are you under church discipline? Yes ___ No ___ If yes please explain.
- How long have you attended Anchor Bible Church? _____
- Do you attend a shepherding group at Anchor Bible Church? Yes ___ No ___
- Are you a student or temporary resident desiring dual membership with another church? Yes ___ No ___
- Are you in agreement with Anchor Bible Church’s Doctrinal Statement? Yes ___
No ___

If “No,” please explain the areas where you disagree (use separate sheet if necessary):

- Anchor Bible Church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. Are you in agreement with the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message? Yes ___ No ___

If “No,” please explain the areas where you disagree (use separate sheet if necessary):

Anchor Bible Church Membership Responsibilities

- Are you willing to allow the members of Anchor Bible Church to minister to you with their spiritual gifts, skills, and resources? Yes___ No___
- Are you willing to minister to others at Anchor Bible Church with the spiritual gifts, skills, and resources God has given you? Yes___ No___
- Are you willing to submit yourself to the elders of Anchor Bible Church as they seek to lovingly shepherd the flock of God according to the Bible? Yes___ No___
- Are you committed to growing in Christlikeness, striving for holiness, and seeking to abstain from all thoughts and actions described in the Bible as sinful for Christians? Yes___ No___
- Are you willing to help the members of Anchor Bible Church fulfill the great commission by sharing the gospel and supporting the efforts of Anchor Bible Church to evangelize the lost? Yes___ No___
- Are you willing to support Anchor Bible Church and its elder approved ministries, as the Bible instructs, with your giving, service, and attendance in order to help advance the gospel? Yes___ No___
- Are you willing to participate in and submit yourself to the practice of church discipline as prescribed in Matthew 18:15-20; Acts 5:1-11; Romans 16:17-18; I Corinthians 5:1-13; Galatians 6:1; I Thessalonians 5:14; II Thessalonians 3:6-15; Titus 1:13; 3:10-11; Revelation 2:2:14-15, 20? Yes___ No___
- Are you willing to *not* teach contrary to the stated teaching position of Anchor Bible Church? Yes___ No___

The Privileges of Anchor Bible Church Membership

- The ability to teach and/or hold positions of leadership as described in the constitution and by-laws of Anchor Bible Church.
- Priority counseling, discipleship, and mentoring by the leadership of Anchor Bible Church.
- The ability to vote on elder approved issues and decisions that affect the entire body of Anchor Bible Church.
- The ability to use the facilities and resources of Anchor Bible Church as approved by the elders.
- The blessing of a better testimony to the world that you are committed to a local church body as the Word of God instructs.

By signing this document, you are affirming your desire to become a member of Anchor Bible Church by aligning yourself with its beliefs and partaking in the responsibilities and benefits of membership.

Print Name: _____

Sign Name: _____

Date: _____

Interviewer Name Printed: _____

Signed: _____