

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Anchor Bible Church

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

- Be 18 years old or older.
- Read Anchor Bible Church's [Doctrinal Statement](#) and [Constitution and By-Laws](#).
- Please listen to the [Foundations of a Healthy Church](#) sermon series. These sermons will help you understand Anchor Bible Church and your role as a member. If you are pressed for time before Membership Sunday, try to listen to the sermons below before filling out your membership application. We strongly recommend you listen to the rest of the series as you are able. Anchor Bible Church has its own resource app to give you quick access to archived sermons.
 - [What is the Church?](#)
 - [You and Church Membership](#)
 - [Sola Scriptura: By the Word of God Alone](#)
 - [You and Church Discipline Part 1](#)
 - [You and Church Discipline Part 2](#)
 - [What Is Expository Preaching?](#)
 - [Get Out of the Bleachers and on to the Field!](#)
 - [Celebrating the Lord's Supper](#)
- Complete 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 either approve or deny your application. If denied, you will be notified as to why.
- If the elders approve your membership request, you will be notified and then officially welcomed into the family of Anchor Bible Church during a "New Members Sunday" 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 Christian 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 or website 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):
- Have you read and are you in agreement with Anchor Bible Church’s Constitution and By-laws? 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

- Members who are gifted, trained, and appointed can teach and/or hold positions of leadership as described in the Constitution and By-Laws of Anchor Bible Church.
- Members receive priority for counseling, discipleship, and mentoring by the leadership of Anchor Bible Church.
- Members have the privilege of giving feedback in confirming critical elder decisions that affect the entire body of Anchor Bible Church.
- Members may use the facilities and resources of Anchor Bible Church as approved by the elders.
- Members receive the blessing of a better testimony to the world when you are committed to a local church body, as the Word of God instructs.
- Members periodically receive special informative or encouraging letters and emails from the pastor, elders, and/or deacons.

By signing this document, you are affirming your desire to become an active 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: _____