



Membership Application Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please describe the Gospel in two or three sentences.

Tell us how you came to know Christ as your Savior and Lord.

Give the reason(s) you are confident you are a Christian and some Bible verses on which you base your assurance of salvation.

Have you been baptized as a testimony of personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?	YES	NO
If not, do you wish to be baptized as a means of publicly declaring your faith in Jesus Christ?	YES	NO

Are you now a member of another church? YES NO
If yes and you are received as a member at Emmanuel Bible Church, would you like us to notify them of your transfer? YES NO

If yes, please provide the name and address of that church:

Please share any spiritual gifts you think you may have and/or ways you have previously served within the Body of Christ.

As a member of Emmanuel Bible Church, will you commit to: YES NO

- Discipleship to Jesus, defined by a deep and growing love for Him, sacrificial obedience to Him, and ongoing growth in conformity to His character and will (Mark 12:30-31; John 14:15; Matthew 28:20; Philippians 2:12-13)?
- Love and unity within the Body at Emmanuel Bible Church (John 13:34-35; John 17:20-21)?
- Participation in the community life of Emmanuel Bible Church through consistent attendance (Hebrews 10:24-25), the carrying out of your essential, Spirit-empowered role within the Body (1 Corinthians 12:7,18), and the investment of the time, talents, and resources God has given you, as He leads and gifts you (Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:7; 1 Peter 4:10-11)?
- Submission to the elders as God's appointed shepherds at Emmanuel Bible Church (Hebrews 13:17)?
- The doctrines Emmanuel Bible Church holds to be absolute?
- The vision, mission, and values of Emmanuel Bible Church?

Please share any comments, questions, or concerns (if you have any).

Signature

Date

Thank you for completing this form. Completed forms may be turned in at the church office (Sunday 8:00 AM—12:00 PM | Monday – Friday 8:30 AM—4:30 PM) or emailed to office@ebcsalem.com. We look forward to walking through this process with you!



Our Vision

That Christ would be seen by all.

Our Mission

To bring pleasure and glory to Christ Jesus by expressing his life, obeying his will, and advancing his kingdom.

Our Values

As the Body of Christ at Emmanuel Bible Church, we value...

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| <i>Worship</i> | We strive to bring pleasure and glory to Jesus in all we do. |
| <i>Scripture</i> | The Bible is the supreme source of truth, informing all our decisions and documents. |
| <i>Prayer</i> | We devote ourselves to prayer. |
| <i>Unity</i> | We hold firmly to the doctrines we consider to be absolute, while respecting different convictions and preferences. |
| <i>Christlikeness</i> | We strive to display the fruit of the Spirit* and humility in all our conversations and interactions. |
| <i>Discipleship</i> | We make disciples in our church, community, and world. |
| <i>People</i> | We value every person as made in the image of God and every Christ-follower as an essential part of his body. |

**love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control*

Doctrines EBC holds to be Absolute

Concerning the Bible

Every word of all sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments is inspired by God and is without error in the original manuscripts. They are the supreme and final authority in any age.

Ps 19:7-9; Matt 5:18; Lk 16:17; Jn 10:35; II Tim 3:16; II Peter 1:19-21

Concerning God

There is but one true God, the Creator, Sustainer, and Ruler of the universe, eternally self-existent in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Deut 4:39; 6:4; Isa 9:6-7; Matt 28:19-20; Jn 8:58; 10:30; I Cor 8:6

Concerning the Son

Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of God. While remaining fully God, He became fully man as the virgin-born son of Mary. As Messiah, He fulfilled Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah. He was rejected, condemned, crucified, buried in a tomb, but on the third day arose bodily from the dead. He ascended into heaven in a glorified body, is presently sitting at the Father's right hand interceding as High Priest on our behalf. One day He will return for His church and to reign.

Isa 53; Matt 1:18; Jn 1:1&14; 14:3; Jn 18-20; Acts 1:9-11; 13:27&29; Col 2:9; Heb 7:25; 8:1-2

Concerning the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a divine person, co-equal with the Father and the Son. He was sent to glorify Christ by convicting us of sin and applying the saving work of Christ to us through regeneration and sanctification. He has come to glorify Christ through us by indwelling, sealing, guiding, teaching, protecting, empowering, and gifting the believer.

Matt 28:19; Jn 16:13-14; 3:5-6; Acts 5:3-4; Rom 8:1-14; I Cor 12:7-11; Eph 1:13-14; 3:16:17; Heb 9:14

Concerning Man and His Need

Man was created in the image of God to be able to fellowship with God. Because of Adam's sin, man suffered a change in his essential nature, the marring of God's image, and became hostile to God. Now all human beings are born with Adam's sinful nature, are under condemnation. They are unable to secure God's favor through their own efforts and need a spiritual regeneration before they can become what God created them to be.

Gen 1:26-27; Jn 3:3; Rom 3:22-24; 7:17-18&23; 8:7; Eph 4:24; Col 3:10

Concerning Redemption

Jesus lived a sinless life, fulfilling God's law, thus qualifying Him to bear the sins of the world in His body on the cross and to be a substitute for sinners of all ages. He became sin for sinners and experienced the punishment for their sin, His blood thus satisfying the just demands of the righteous God. Therefore, all who put their trust in Jesus alone are made righteous, are reconciled to God, and are given eternal life. Salvation is by grace through faith.

Matt 5:17; Jn 3:16; 14:6; Acts 4:12 Rom 3:21-22; 5:10&18; II Cor 5:21; Gal 2:16; Ephes 2:8-9; Phil 3:9; Titus 2:11-14; I Peter 1:18-19

Concerning the Church

The Church consists of all who have been regenerated and united together by the Spirit into the body of Christ. The church is the expression of Christ to the world with a mission to witness Christ to the nations.

Matt 28: 19-20; I Cor 12:13; Eph 1:22-23; 2:19-22; I Peter 2:4-5

Concerning the Future

We look for the visible, bodily return of Jesus Christ to earth. His return will bring His kingdom to completion, will bring judgment to the world, and will fulfill His promises to His people. His future work on earth will conclude with the destruction of all evil and the creation of a new heaven and earth. All human beings who have died will be raised from the dead to participate either in eternal life prepared for those who have been redeemed, or to participate in eternal punishment along with the devil and his angels.

Matt 24:30; 25:31-46; Jn 14:3; Acts 1:9-11; Rev 20:10-21:4

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Emmanuel Bible Church Membership

Introduction

Thank you for pursuing formal membership at Emmanuel Bible Church! The Bible teaches that every person who has put his or her faith in Jesus Christ alone is a member of the universal Body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-2:9) and that God intends for every member to express his or her devotion to His Body in the context of a local family of believers (Hebrews 10:24-25). Therefore, if you belong to Jesus and serve him in the body at Emmanuel Bible Church, you are already a member of our local church family. However, formal membership provides additional opportunities for ministry and engagement, so we value you pursuing that membership as a step toward deeper involvement in church life and we cherish the chance to worship God for how He has organized His Body and gifted you to play an essential role within it, specifically at Emmanuel.

What is the purpose of formal church membership?

Most importantly, formal church membership at Emmanuel Bible Church reinforces Scripture's picture of church membership (Matthew 12:48-50; Ephesians 1:3-6; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13:13; 1 Peter 2:4-12; Revelation 19:6-8), and formalizes our commitment to the Lord and to each other, as a local expression of the Father's family and Jesus' Body, with the aim that Christ would be seen by all (John 13:34-35).

Formal church membership also plays an important role in our church governance by establishing a registered governing body. By formalizing your membership through affirming your testimony of faith, agreeing with our statement of faith, and committing to our church community, you will be invited to vote in membership meetings and will have the opportunity to serve in ministry positions that require membership (e.g. Board of Elders, Deacon Council, ministry lead).

We live in a time and culture wherein local church participation is treated casually by many and is often subject to individual preference. Biblically, however, church participation is a covenant between believers, and part of each believer's covenant with God (John 17:20-26). Therefore, in addition to its organizational purpose, formal church membership is used to strengthen those aspects of biblical church involvement which run counter to our current culture. To that end, we commit ourselves to one another.

Commitments of Elders

As elders of Emmanuel Bible Church, we are committed to:

- Keeping watch over the souls of those called to be a part of Emmanuel Bible Church (Hebrews 13:17).
- Proclaiming Christ that we may present every believer at Emmanuel Bible Church mature in Him (Colossians 1:28-29).
- Equipping the saints at Emmanuel Bible Church for the work of the ministry, for building up the Body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-16).
- Faithfully exercising oversight with humility and leading by example (1 Peter 5:1-4).

- The doctrines Emmanuel Bible Church holds to be absolute.
- The vision of Emmanuel Bible Church that Christ would be seen by all.
- The mission of Emmanuel Bible Church to bring pleasure and glory to Christ Jesus by expressing His life, obeying His will, and advancing His kingdom.
- The defining values of Emmanuel Bible Church: worship, Scripture, prayer, unity, Christlikeness, discipleship, and people.

Formal church membership provides or contributes to the culture, authority, and accountability structure necessary for the elders to carry out these commitments.

Commitments of Members

As members of Emmanuel Bible Church, we ask for your commitment to:

- Discipleship to Jesus, defined by a deep and growing love for Him, sacrificial obedience to Him, and ongoing growth in conformity to His character and will. (Mark 12:30-31; John 14:15; Matthew 28:20; Philippians 2:12-13).
- Love and unity within the Body at Emmanuel Bible Church (John 13:34-35; John 17:20-21).
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Conclusion

Scripture tells us that the Church is the full expression of Jesus Christ to the world, and that each follower of Christ has a Spirit-empowered role to play in that expression (Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Corinthians 12:7). Additionally, we are told that our love for one another is what will mark us as Christ's disciples to the world He loves so much He died for it (John 13:34-35; John 3:16). Because of this, we value every person as made in the image of God and every Christ-follower as an essential part of His Body, and hold that committed, sacrificial love for one another is at the heart of expressing Christ to a world in need of Him. And so, we are thankful for you taking this step to deepen your own commitment and service to the Lord and to his people at Emmanuel Bible Church. We pray the Father blesses you in this step of faith and obedience, as you discover and grow in your unique role in the ministry of the Kingdom at Emmanuel.

That Christ would be seen by all,

Emmanuel Bible Church Board of Elders

Appendix of Scripture References (in order of occurrence)

EPHESIANS 1:22-2:9

22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

2:1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

HEBREWS 10:24-25

24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

MATTHEW 12:48-50

48 But he replied to the man who told him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” 49 And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! 50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

EPHESIANS 1:3-6

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-13:13

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, 24 which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, 25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

And I will show you a still more excellent way.

13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but

rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 PETER 2:4-12

4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious,

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone,”

8 and

“A stone of stumbling,

and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. 12 Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when

they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

REVELATION 19:6-8

6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God

the Almighty reigns.

7 Let us rejoice and exult

and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his Bride has made herself ready;

8 it was granted her to clothe herself

with fine linen, bright and pure”—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

JOHN 13:34-35

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

JOHN 17:20-26

20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the

foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

HEBREWS 13:17

17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

COLOSSIANS 1:28-29

28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. 29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

EPHESIANS 4:11-16

11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

1 PETER 5:1-4

5:1 So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

MARK 12:30-31

30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

JOHN 14:15

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

MATTHEW 28:20

20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

JOHN 13:34-35

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

JOHN 17:20-21

20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

HEBREWS 10:24-25

24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7,18

7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good... 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

MATTHEW 25:14-30

14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' 26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

ROMANS 12:1-2

12:1 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. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

1 PETER 4:10-11

10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

HEBREWS 13:17

17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

EPHESIANS 1:22-23

22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

JOHN 13:34-35

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

JOHN 3:16

16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.