



TRINITY
BIBLE CHAPEL

Membership Application

If you sense God leading you to become a member of the Trinity Bible Chapel family, this letter and information package and application is for you. The purpose of this package is to give you some clear steps that you need to do in order to provide us with the information we need to help you complete the membership process.

Below I have listed three scenarios. Please follow the one that portrays your situation:

ONE If you have already been baptized by immersion in water since becoming a follower of Christ, and now desire to become a member of Trinity, please fill out the membership form with your testimony completed. If you were previously a member in another Bible believing church, please include a letter of recommendation from your previous church. If you are unable to, please specify why you cannot.

TWO If you have already accepted Christ and now desire to be baptized and become a member of Trinity Bible Chapel, please fill out the testimony form and submit it to the office and we will contact you for our next baptismal service.

THREE If you have not repented of your sins and put your faith in Jesus Christ and if you would like to do so, we would be happy to meet with you and share how you can find eternal life in Christ. Please let us know.

One of our staff or an elder will contact you after we receive your membership information regarding next steps. If you have not attended the Step 2: Consider class(es) we would encourage you to sign up for the next scheduled class as this is a prerequisite for membership along with this completed application.

Thank you for your responsiveness, as we trust God to continue to build quality disciples.

Jacob B. Reaume -Senior Pastor

Please complete this application and return it to the church office by either mailing it, dropping it off or handing it in at the Get Connected table on Sunday mornings.

Pages 2-3 *may be completed per family (if applicable)

Pages 4-7 *must be completed by each individual applying for membership

Full Name:

Address:

Home/Cell Phone:

Email:

Marital Status:

Date of Birth:

If Married, Anniversary Date:

Employer/School Name:

How long have you been attending Trinity?

How did you hear about Trinity?

Spouse's Name:

Same Address as above?: Yes ___ No ___

Date of Birth:

Spouse's Home/Cell Phone:

Spouse's Email:

Spouse's

Employer/School Name:

Child #1

Name:

Date of Birth:

Employer/School

Name:

Cellphone:

Child #2 Name:	
Date of Birth: Name:	Employer/School
Child #3 Name:	
Date of Birth: Name:	Employer/School
Cellphone:	
Child #4 Name:	
Date of Birth: Name:	Employer/School
Cellphone:	

More About You.....

Name (this page to be done individually): _____

How has attending Trinity Bible Chapel impacted your life?

Please check those that apply to you:

- I have attended Step 1: Connect (Date: _____)
- I have attended Step 2: Consider (Date: _____)
- I have been baptized by immersion in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit after conversion as a testimony to my faith in Christ. (Date: _____ AND Where: _____)

Previous Church (Complete this section if you have previously been a member of another life giving, Bible teaching church):

- I have attached a letter of reference from my previous church

A letter is not attached because

Have you ever been placed under church discipline? ___ Yes ___ No

If you answered yes, please explain on a separate piece of paper and submit with this application form.

Telling Your Story

MY LIFE BEFORE CHRIST: Where were you spiritually before receiving Christ? How did that affect you, your feelings, attitudes, actions and relationships?

MY LIFE IN CRISIS: What realization did you come to that finally motivated you to receive Christ? Specifically, how did you receive Christ? What cause you to begin considering Jesus Christ as the provision of God's Salvation? What were the circumstances that led you to become a Christ follower?

MY LIFE IN CHRIST: How did your life begin to change after you trusted Christ? What have you experienced since becoming a Christian?

Trinity Bible Chapel Membership Covenant

The level of the commitment we make will determine the effectiveness of our joining together for service in the Lord's Church. In a society where so few make commitments and fewer still keep them, Trinity Bible Chapel is seeking a group of people who are determined to know the joy Christ intended for Body, the Church. To this end we are asking candidates for membership to make the following commitments:

Having been brought by divine grace to repentance and genuine faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give ourselves completely to Him for the furtherance of His kingdom, and having been baptized by immersion upon our profession of faith in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.

We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We will walk together in brotherly love, as becomes the members of a Christian church, exercise affectionate care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others. We will regularly participate together in the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

We will endeavour to seek the salvation of our family and friends.

We will rejoice at each other's joy, and with tenderness, sacrificial love and sympathy bear one another's burdens and sorrows.

We will seek to restore anyone who is caught in any transgression, while watching ourselves lest we too be tempted. We will seek the purity of the church by supporting restorative church discipline as it is taught in Scripture.

We will seek, with God's help, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and remembering that we have been buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave, and so there is on us a special obligation now to lead a new and holy life.

We will work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in the church, as we sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines.

We will financially contribute regularly, cheerfully, willingly, and sacrificially to support the expenses and ministries of Trinity Bible Chapel, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We will, under the Lordship of Christ, submit to and follow the elders as they care for our souls as men who will give an account.

If we leave Trinity Bible Chapel, we commit that as soon as possible, we will seek to unite with another Bible-believing church, where we can faithfully carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

- I have read and agree to be governed by this Membership Covenant
- I have read and agree to be governed by the constitution of Trinity Bible Chapel
- I have read and agree to embrace the pillars and mission of Trinity Bible Chapel

Signed: _____ Date: _____

THE CONSTITUTION OF TRINITY BIBLE CHAPEL

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ARTICLE I: PURPOSE

The object of Trinity Bible Chapel (“TBC”), as set out in its Letters Patent, is to advance and teach the religious tenets, doctrines, observances and culture associated with the Christian faith. Specifically, the purpose and mission of TBC is to glorify God through the fulfillment of the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment (Matthew 28:19-20; Matthew 22:37-39).

ARTICLE II: PILLARS

At the outset of Trinity Bible Chapel, four pillars were established as the biblical priorities for this ministry.

1. Proclaiming the authority of God's Word without apology (Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 4:1-5).
2. Lifting high the name of Jesus Christ in worship (John 12:32; 4:23, 24).
3. Believing firmly in the power of prayer (Ephesians 6:18; James 5:16; Jeremiah 33:3).

4. Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with boldness (Ephesians 6:19-20; Romans 1:16; Matthew 9:36-38).

ARTICLE III: DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

THE SCRIPTURES

We believe the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments to be the full record of God's self-disclosure to mankind. Different men, while writing according to their own styles and personalities, were supernaturally moved along by the Holy Spirit to record God's very words, inerrant in the original writings. Therefore, those applying themselves to study its literal, historical-grammatical context can accurately understand God's Word. Scripture is fully trustworthy as our final and sufficient authority for all of life (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

THE TRIUNE GOD

We believe in the one living and true God, eternally existing in perfect unity as three equally and fully divine Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each member of the Godhead, while executing distinct but complementary roles in redemptive history, has precisely the same nature, attributes, and being, and is equally worthy of the same glory and honor and obedience (John 17:3; Matthew 28:19-20; John 1:1-4; Acts 5:3-4).

GOD THE FATHER

We believe God the Father created all things in six literal days for His glory according to His own will, through His Son, Jesus Christ. He upholds all things by the Word of His power and grace, exercising sovereign headship over all creation, providence, and redemption (Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:17, Hebrews 1:1-3).

GOD THE SON

We believe that Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, moved by love in accordance with the will of the Father, took on human flesh. Conceived through the miraculous work of the Holy Spirit, He was born of the virgin Mary. He, being fully God and fully man, lived a sinless life and sacrificially shed His blood and died on the cross in our place accomplishing redemption for all who place their faith in Him. He arose visibly and bodily from the dead three days later and ascended into heaven, where, at the Father's right hand, He is now Head of His Body the Church, the only Savior and Mediator between God and man, and will return to earth in power and glory to consummate His redemptive mission (John 1:1, 14, 18; John 14:8-9; 1 Timothy 3:16; Acts 1:3, 9; Hebrews 7:25-26; 1 John 2:1).

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ during this age. He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He draws the unredeemed to repentance and faith, and at salvation imparts new spiritual life to the believer, bringing that person into union

with Christ and the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit sanctifies, seals, fills, guides, instructs, comforts, equips, empowers, permanently indwells at salvation, and bestows spiritual gifts to the believer for Christ-like living and service (John 16:8; 13:15; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 1:22; 4:11-12; Romans 8:9-17; 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 12:4-5, 11-13, 19; Galatians 5:25; Hebrews 2:1-4; 2 Corinthians 12:12).

MANKIND

We believe that God created mankind—male and female—in His own image and likeness, free of sin, to glorify Himself and enjoy His fellowship. Tempted by Satan but in the sovereign plan of God, man freely chose to disobey God, bringing sin, death and condemnation to all mankind. All human beings therefore, are totally depraved sinners by nature and by choice. Alienated from God without defense or excuse and subject to God's righteous wrath, all of mankind is in desperate need of the Savior (Genesis 3:1-6; Romans 3:10-19; Romans 1:18, 32).

SALVATION

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, as the substitutionary atonement in our place, and that salvation is found in none other than Jesus Christ. Before Creation, God chose those who would be saved and granted this unearned grace solely based on His sovereign good pleasure. Jesus Christ's death on the cross was the sole and complete payment for sins, fully satisfying God's righteous wrath, for each person that turns from sin in repentance and places his or her faith in Christ alone by grace alone. At salvation each person is made a new creation by the Holy Spirit, declared righteous before God, and secured as an adopted child of God forever. Genuine faith continues in obedience and love for Jesus Christ with a life eager to glorify God and persevere to the end (Romans 8:37-39; 2 Corinthians 5:17, 21; 1 John 2:4-6; Philippians 1:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).

THE CHURCH

We believe that upon placing one's faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, the believer is made part of the Body of Christ, the one universal Church, of which Jesus Christ is the Head. The Scriptures command believers to gather locally in order to devote themselves to worship, prayer, teaching of the Word, fellowship, the ordinances of baptism and communion, service to the local body through the development and use of talents and spiritual gifts, and outreach to the world to make disciples. Wherever God's people meet regularly in obedience to this command, there is the local expression of the Church under the watchful care of a plurality of elders. A church's members are to work together in love and unity, intent on the ultimate purpose of glorifying Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23; Acts 2:42-46; 1 Corinthians 14:26; Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 4:16).

BAPTISM AND COMMUNION

We believe Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience and symbolizes the believer's faith in the crucified, buried and risen Saviour, the believer's death to sin, burial of the old life, and resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a public testimony to the believer's faith in the final resurrection of the dead.

The Lord's Supper is the united commemoration, by believers, of Christ's death until He comes and should be preceded by a careful self-examination (Acts 2:41; Romans 6:3-6; 1 Corinthians 11:20-29).

MISSIONS

We believe it is the aim, duty, and privilege of every believer and local church fellowship to glorify God by responding as active participants in the Great Commission call of Jesus Christ to go and make disciples of all nations. We believe the primary focus and priority of this call is centered on efforts that establish, strengthen, and reproduce biblically-based churches, which will then plant churches that plant churches for future generations and God's glory (Matthew 28: 18-20).

THE INTERMEDIATE STATE

At death the soul separates from the body. Believers' souls pass into the conscious blissful presence of God until the resurrection when they will be reunited with their bodies to inherit their eternal reward. Unbelievers' souls pass into a state of conscious punishment until they are reunited with their bodies to face the final judgment (2 Corinthians 5:6-8; Philippians 1:23; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 23:43; Luke 16:24-26).

THINGS TO COME

We believe in and expectantly await the glorious, visible and personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ. The blessed hope of His return has vital bearing on the personal life, service, and mission of the believer. We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost. The lost will be raised to judgment and consciously experience eternal wrath in the lake of fire. The saved will be raised to eternal joy in the new heaven and new earth in the manifested presence of God (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Acts 1:3, 9; Hebrews 7:25-26; Revelation 20:11-15; Revelation 21).

ARTICLE IV: CHRISTIAN LIVING

SECTION 1 – CONCERNING CONDUCT

The Bible teaches that all believers are saints, set apart unto God and are thus called to live godly, obedient lives honoring Christ in all they do. As well they are responsible to live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Saviour and Lord (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Peter 1:14-19; 2 Timothy 2:19; Titus 2) lest the Word of God be blasphemed (1 Timothy 6:1; Titus 2:5). As Christians we should obey the Word of our Lord, seek the things which are above, walk as He walked, and accept as our responsibility the duty and privilege of bearing the Gospel to a lost world (1 John 2:3; Colossians 3:1; Matthew 28:19-20).

A victorious and fruitful Christian life is possible only for those who have presented themselves wholly to Christ and walk by the power of the Holy Spirit, which all believers are called to do (Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 5:18; Romans 6-7).

SECTION 2 – STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE, GENDER AND SEXUALITY

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive and lifelong union, as delineated in Scripture. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman (Genesis 2:18-25; 1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4). Further, we reject the notion that two people of the same gender can marry each other; this is unnatural and evil before the Lord.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including but not limited to adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Ephesians 5:3).

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of TBC as the local Body of Christ and to provide a biblical role model to the TBC members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by TBC in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender and Sexuality (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:22).

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of TBC.

SECTION 3 – STATEMENT ON THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect and value all human life (Psalm 139.)

SECTION 4 – CONCERNING RELIGIOUS SEPARATION

Because of God's holy nature and the believers' high calling, Scripture teaches and commands personal and ecclesiastical separation from religious apostasy (2 John 7-11; Romans 16:17; Titus 3:10), from all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices, and associations (1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:1-5), and from professing believers living in willful and unrepentant disobedience to the Word of God (2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14-15).

This does not include separation from unbelievers who need the Word of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 5: 9-13).

SECTION 5 – CONCERNING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The New Testament clearly indicates that groups of people who were followers of the Lord Jesus Christ identified themselves with and committed themselves to a particular local church body.

Therefore, in order to implement the principles of accountability and commitment to the local body of Christ, as defined in the New Testament and practiced in the early churches, TBC recognizes the need for a formal membership covenant. Membership at TBC is for all who are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, have publicly been recognized as a believer through baptism by immersion in water, and are willing to submit to the authority of the local church (Matthew 16:19).

The New Testament expects believers to belong to a local church. Membership in a local church is good and proper in that it is the expression of fellowship, accountability and identification with a group of believers in the furtherance of the Gospel (Acts 2:42-46; Hebrews 10:25; 1 John 2:9-11; Ephesians 4:1-4).

Each member of TBC is required to sign and adhere to the following Membership Covenant:

Having been brought by divine grace to repentance and genuine faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give ourselves completely to Him for the furtherance of His kingdom, and having been baptized by immersion upon our profession of faith in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.

We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We will walk together in brotherly love, as becomes the members of a Christian church, exercise affectionate care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others. We will regularly participate together in the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

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We will rejoice at each other's joy, and with tenderness, sacrificial love and sympathy bear one another's burdens and sorrows.

We will seek to restore anyone who is caught in any transgression, while watching ourselves lest we too be tempted. We will seek the purity of the church by supporting restorative church discipline as it is taught in Scripture.

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We will work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in the church, as we sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines.

We will financially contribute regularly, cheerfully, willingly, and sacrificially to support the expenses and ministries of TBC, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We consent to and give TBC permission to take, keep and use photo or video images of us for the purposes of TBC, including promoting the church.

We will, under the Lordship of Christ, submit to and follow the elders as they care for our souls as men who will give an account.

If we leave TBC, we commit that as soon as possible, we will seek to unite with another Bible-believing church, where we can faithfully carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

We agree to live under and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of Trinity Bible Chapel and the Elder-led governance structure they reflect.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

We believe that every Christian should give of their means as God enables, as a positive command of Scripture and as an act of worship. Members of TBC should financially support the church regularly, sacrificially, willingly and gladly as God directs. The offering of one's resources to God through the local church is the normal and expected behavior of every Christian. Old Testament tithing is not required in the New Testament church but we believe that the giving of the first fruits of God's provision modeled in the Old Testament is a worthy pattern to be followed (Exodus 23:19; Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Proverbs 3:9; 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:5-15; Matthew 6:19-21; Luke 12:34).

All members are required to regularly participate in services of the Church including Sunday worship service, prayer meetings and member meetings. Members are strongly encouraged to participate regularly in the small group ministry. Members who give reasons for absences to the satisfaction of the Elders shall remain members in good standing. Such reasons may include illness, military service, missionary work or schooling.

Members should financially support the Church regularly, sacrificially, willingly and gladly as God directs.

All members are expected to follow the commands and principles which are clearly taught in the Word of God and to demonstrate this daily in every area of their lives. Examples of disobedience to these commands and principles include illegal use of drugs, use of pornography, substance abuse, sexual immorality, homosexual activities, adultery, divorce, abortion and abuse of others.

SECTION 6 – GENDER ROLES

We believe that both Adam and Eve were created in God's image, equal before God as persons and distinct in their manhood and womanhood (Genesis 1:26-27, 2:18). Distinctions in masculine and feminine roles are ordained by God as part of the created order, and should find an echo in every human heart (Genesis 2:18, 21-24; 1 Corinthians 11:7-9; 1 Timothy 2:12-14). Adam's headship in marriage was established by God before the Fall, and was not a result of sin (Genesis 2:16-18, 21-24, 3:1-13; 1 Corinthians 11:7-9).

The Fall introduced distortions into the relationships between men and women (Genesis 3:1-7, 12, 16). In the home, the husband's loving, humble headship tends to be replaced by domination or passivity; the wife's intelligent, willing submission tends to be replaced by usurpation or servility. In the church, sin inclines men toward a worldly love of power or an abdication of spiritual