



## Application for Membership

### General Information

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Last Name	First Name	MI	Date of Application
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### Salvation Testimony

Please write out a brief description of your conversion to Christ and attach it to this application. If you are unsure, please talk with one of the elders. Guidelines for writing your testimony and a worksheet are attached.

### Baptism

Have you been biblically baptized by immersion *following* your conversion? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what was the date, or approximate date, of your baptism? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the name & address of the church in which you were baptized?

At what church were you last a member? (Name and address, please.)

How long were you a member there?

Were you in good standing with the church when you left? \_\_\_\_\_  
If not, please describe the circumstances involved in your leaving the church.

## **Membership**

Are you aware of any significant disagreement that you have with our Confession of Faith (the *1689 Baptist Confession of Faith*) or our church constitution? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please list. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Signature Date**

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## Guidelines For Writing Your Testimony

“Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

A testimony is you telling others how you were changed from death to life—how you were saved. A true spiritual change means that you have been given spiritual life by God. This new spiritual life brings about changes in your thoughts, feelings, and behavior. You should be able to describe some inward changes and some visible outward changes. The goal of your testimony is to state your conversion (or salvation) in order to bring glory to Jesus, to show that you meet the biblical requirements for church membership, and to encourage your own soul by pointing to a true inner change of heart brought about by the Holy Spirit. Here are some basic guidelines to help you in writing your testimony:

1. Write your testimony in your words. It is Christ's work and your story. Use your own words to tell others what has happened to you.
2. You will need to talk about the conviction of sin. In other words, tell how you came to know that you are a sinner in the sight of God and that you need a Savior.
3. Tell us about coming to understand that Christ was the only Savior and the only One who could save you from your sins.
4. Tell us about your repentance from your sins and of coming to faith and trust in Jesus alone as your Savior and Lord. (**Note:** exact date and time are not necessary.)
5. Tell enough to clearly describe what Jesus has done in your life. To be saved means that God has changed you; so, you need to be able to give some information about that change. However, a complete detailed history of your life is not necessary; just a plain and simple testimony of your conversion to Christ. The entire length will probably be on average about one-half page typed, or about one full page that is hand-written. It should not be longer than about one page typed, or two pages that are hand-written.

After the elders receive your testimony, they will review it, and then distribute an approved copy to church members *only*. Be very glad and rejoice in the salvation of God and ask for the help of the Holy Spirit as you write your testimony.

Below is a worksheet to help you get your thoughts together. Fill out the worksheet; then, use it to write a brief testimony.

### Worksheet for Writing Your Testimony

1. Describe your experience of conviction of sin. That is, tell how you came to know that you are a sinner in the sight of God and that you need a Savior.
2. Talk about coming to understand that Christ was the only Savior and the only One who could save you from your sins.
3. Talk about repentance from your sins and of coming to faith and trust in Jesus alone as your Savior and Lord.