



# FAITH CHURCH

*an Evangelical Free Church*

## Application for Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### **MEMBERSHIP PROCESS:**

1. Review the By-Laws of Faith Evangelical Free Church
2. Read and complete this application form
3. Return your completed application form to the church office, the senior pastor or one of the church Elders

### **WHO QUALIFIES FOR MEMBERSHIP?**

Membership in Faith Evangelical Free Church is open to anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, who is in agreement with the doctrinal statement of the Evangelical Free Church of America (found on the attached pages), and whose character and conduct are consistent with this profession. Children whose parents are members do not automatically become members but must make separate application.

### **Admission to the Membership shall be as follows:**

Application for membership shall be made to the Board of Elders. The Board of Elders shall examine all applicants for membership. Successful completion of membership class is a requirement for membership unless the Board of Elders waives this requirement in the case of a particular applicant. Members must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

Prior to accepting applicants as Members, the Board of Elders shall notify the Membership of the names of all applicants whose applications it is considering favorably.

Any Member aware of information which might be important to the Board of Elders' determination concerning any pending application may inform an Elder, who shall assure that the information in question is communicated to the Board of Elders before it takes final action on the application in question. The Board of Elders shall allow a reasonable amount of time after notifying the Membership before taking final action on any such application in order to accommodate such communications.

Once the Board of Elders takes final action on an application for membership, it shall inform the applicant of its decision, and arrange for applicants accepted into membership to be publicly recognized before the Congregation.

A member in good standing may vote at any congregation meeting.

Membership is not transferable into the church or out to another church.

**PERSONAL COMMITMENT:**

Faith Evangelical Free Church accepts into membership those who have trusted in Jesus Christ as Savior. Do you confirm that you have acknowledged your sinfulness before God, have accepted the fact Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty for your sin, and have trusted in Him alone for eternal life?  Yes  No

If yes, when approximately did you make the commitment?

How would you answer the question "What is your basis for salvation and eternal life?"

Briefly share how you came to believe the gospel and profess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Do you agree with the Faith Church (EFCA) Statement of Faith?  Yes  No  
*If no, please explain.*

Have you been baptized?  Yes  No  
*If not, do you wish to be?  Yes  No*

Have you read and understood the By-Laws of Faith Church?  Yes  No

Are you a member of any other church?  Yes  No  
*If yes, please provide the name and mailing address of that church if you would like Faith Church to inform them of your change in membership.*

Please list the Spiritual Gifts you believe God has given you:

What specific ministries of this church are you interested in becoming involved in?

Having received Jesus Christ as my personal Savior, and committing myself to fulfill the responsibilities of a follower of Jesus Christ and a member of Faith Church, I hereby apply to become a member of Faith Evangelical Free Church.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

<b>For Administrative use only:</b>	
Received:	_____
Presented for Elder Consideration on:	_____
Elder's Recommendation:	_____
Church Chairman Signature:	_____



## **EFCA Statement of Faith**

*Adopted by the Conference on June 26, 2008  
The Evangelical Free Church of America is an association  
of autonomous churches united around  
these theological convictions*

### **God**

1. We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

### **The Bible**

2. We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.

### **The Human Condition**

3. We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.

### **Jesus Christ**

4. We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus—Israel's promised Messiah—was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

### **The Work of Christ**

5. We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

### **The Holy Spirit**

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

### **The Church**

7. We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.

### **Christian Living**

8. We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

### **Christ's Return**

9. We believe in the personal, bodily and premillennial return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

### **Response and Eternal Destiny**

10. We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.