

Providence Baptist Church

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP

General information:

Print your first and last name with middle initial _____

By what name do you prefer to be called? _____

Address _____

Home phone _____ E-mail _____

Employment _____

Business address _____ Business phone _____

Date of application for membership _____ Birthdate _____

Church to which you last belonged _____

Address of that church _____

What was the denomination of this church? _____

Who is the church's present pastor? _____

When did you last regularly attend this church? _____

Approximately how long were you a member of this church? _____

If less than 10 yrs, please list prior church experience during the last 10 yrs.

| Church | Location | Yr Attended | Yr Departed |
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| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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Were you in good standing with this/these church/es ? (If an explanation is needed, please use the other side.)

Telephone number of your last church or its pastor

Spiritual background:

Please write out a brief description of your conversion to Christ (If you are unsure, please talk with one of the elders. If you need more space, please use the other side of this sheet.)

What evidence do you see which would give you assurance that you are truly His child?

Have you been Scripturally immersed *following* your conversion? _____

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

What was the name of the church in which you were baptized and the pastor's name who performed the baptism?

If you have not been Scripturally immersed *following* your conversion, do you now wish to be baptized in obedience to Christ's instructions?

How would you describe your present spiritual condition? Please be specific but brief.

What, if any, is your pattern for personal intake of the Word of God and prayer?

Do you have regular family worship in your home? If so, how is it done?

Are there habits or issues related to your walk with God that you would like to talk about privately?

Church Commitment:

Are you willing to faithfully attend the regular gatherings of the church the leaders deem necessary for the health of the body unless hindered by providence?

Are you willing to gladly submit to the spiritual leaders of the church unless conscience demands otherwise?

Will you always speak positively about our leaders and the other church members?

If difficulties arise in your relationship with others in the church, are you willing to deal with that person biblically rather than gossiping or retaliating in an ungodly way?

Are you willing to use talents and gifts God has given you for the edifying of the body and the promotion of the gospel as God might lead?

Please list any special abilities, gifts or talents which might be used in this way in the future if God leads.

Are you willing to regularly support the Lord's church with your financial gifts?

Have you read the confession of "faith" and the statement on our church's use of the confession? (See the last page for a copy of the statement.)

While we do not require for membership the level of commitment to our confession that we require of our leadership, we are interested to know if you have any concern. Are you aware of any disagreement between your beliefs and those in our confession of faith?

Have you read the Articles of Faith?

Do you have any questions regarding the Articles of Faith?

Do you have questions about our church polity (i.e. elder-rule)?

Do you have any questions related to anything on this petition which you would like for us to talk about?

*Thank you for filling out this application.
We will discuss this and other issues privately before the membership procedure is concluded.*