

Your Name: _____

Faith Fellowship Church Membership Application

6734 Bridgetown Road
Cincinnati, OH 45248

Please complete and turn into the Senior Pastor or one of the church deacons. After we receive your application a church elder will be in contact with you to set up a pre-membership interview (usually within 2-3 weeks). Following the interview approval, your membership will be voted on for approval at the next scheduled congregational meeting.

Church Membership Section

In this section, if you would like to become a member of this church, please read through this section and return the completed form at the end of this section.

1) Why become a member?

"...You are a member of God's very own family...and you belong in God's household with every other Christian." Eph. 2:19

- 1) **Personal sense of belonging.** By choosing to become a member, you are making a conscious choice to identify with and become part of this church family.
- 2) **Personal voice and vote.** Someone once said that attending a church without becoming a member is like being a spiritual "foster child". Foster children can participate in a family, but they are never a full participant in the family with all the joys, responsibilities and legal rights. Church members are given a clear voice and vote at all congregational meetings. Members participate in the decision making discussions and voting on new pastoral staff, church leadership appointment, new members, church finances and major decisions. Note: Non-members are welcome to freely participate in all congregational meetings, but only members can vote.
- 3) **Personal significance.** Becoming a member will open up new opportunities for you to serve in significant ministry roles within our church family.
- 4) **Personal relationships.** By actively identifying with our church, you will enter into new meaningful relationships you would not experience if you stay on the fringe of our church family.
- 5) **Personal development:** By committing yourself to becoming a member, you will have a greater focus to use and develop your gifts, abilities and serving skills and leadership within our church family.
- 6) **Personal rewards:** Jesus Christ promises to reward us for our service for others. Your loving service within our church family will have eternal significance in your life and the lives of others. You will also experience the joy and reward of being part of what God is doing with and through our entire church family.
- 7) **Personal accountability:** By becoming a member of this church, you are committing yourself to a personal path of spiritual growth, Christian maturity and godly service. Through the relationships you choose to build, you will become more accountable to others in your spiritual journey.

2) Who can become a member?

Eligibility: This congregation receives into membership anyone who is born again through faith in Jesus Christ and professes Him before the world; who has reached eighteen years of age; who has a

good reputation as to life and character; who has been baptized as a believer; and who accepts the Statement of Faith, Constitution and By-Laws of this congregation.

3) What is expected of members?

Members should seek to become “fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ” as they...

- Confess with your mouth that you have received Jesus Christ** as your personal Lord and Savior and that you have eternal life. Romans 10:9, John 1:12, 1 John 5:11-13
- Commune with God daily** through scripture reading, prayer & following Christ. Matt 22:37, Ps 119:105, John 15:4-6, John 14:23-24, John 12:25-26, Luke 11:2, 1Thes 5:17
- Celebrate God and hear the preaching of God’s Word** by participating in a weekly worship service. Ps 145:7, Heb 10:25, Acts 2:42
- Continue to grow spiritually** by learning God’s word and following God’s will. Ps 145:4, Prov 13:20, Rom 12:1-2, Ps 119:1-4, 2 Cor 5:17
- Connect with others in loving relationships** by being part of a small group, class or ministry team. Heb10: 23-25, Num 11:17, Acts 2:42-47, 1 Thess 5:11, Gal 6:2, 1 John 4:11-12
- Consecrate yourself to Christian service** with your God-given time, abilities, gifts, and desires. Eph 2:10, Rom 12:4-8, Gal 5:13, 1 Cor 12
- Communicate the love of Christ** by word and deed to others. Mt 5:16, Job 11:18, Col 1:10, Mk 1:17, 2 Cor 5:19-21, Acts 26:17-18, Luke 6:27-31
- Contribute your God-given resources by generously** and faithfully giving financially to God’s work at our church and beyond. 2 Cor 9:7, Prov 3:9-10, Mal 3:8-10, Deut 14:22, Acts 11:29

Members should...

Participate in Church Decisions Members shall participate in all congregation decisions by participating in and voting during congregational business meetings. Members shall respect the church decisions, properly made and binding; and, assist in carrying out such decisions.

4) How do I apply for church membership?

Fill out and return the following information:

I have received Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and Lord, been baptized as a believer and desire to become an active member and support the ministries of this church. Therefore I hereby apply for membership.

First & Last Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone*:** _____ **Cell Phone*:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

E-Mail*: _____ **Occupation:** _____

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Widowed Remarried

Church previously attended (name of church & city/state): _____

Why did you leave your previous church?

Did you leave on good terms? Yes No

Were you a member in good standing when you left? Yes No

*If available and applicable.

Family Members in Your Current Household	Relationship	Birthdates

Please write out your personal testimony of how you came to Christ on the back.

Have you been baptized by immersion as a believer (date)? _____ If not, do you wish to be? Yes No

Note: Baptism is required for membership at Faith Fellowship Church.

What way(s) do you desire to serve within our church family (based on your interests, abilities, gifts, and time)?

Have you attended all 6 sessions of the "Faith Fellowship 101" Sunday School Class?

Yes No I have attend ____ of the 6 classes I am willing to participate in these classes in the future.

Note: Although these 6 classes are not a requirement for membership, participation in this 6 week class will be very beneficial to your spiritual health and your participation within our church family.

I have read the Statement of Faith, Constitution and By-Laws and am in full agreement with them in both word and spirit. As a member of this church, I will abide by these documents, and seek to fulfill the membership responsibilities to the best of my ability, and will endeavor to fulfill my responsibilities to the Lord and to His work.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please turn this form (and the next page with your testimony) into the church office at 6734 Bridgetown Road, Cincinnati, OH 45248. Within 1-4 weeks you will be contacted by the church deacons who will set up an interview to hear your testimony (i.e. personal story) of how you came to put your personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Following the successful completion of this interview you will be recommended for membership at the next congregational meeting.

Note: Please submit a separate Membership Application form for each individual applying for membership to the church office. A Deacon will contact you to arrange a time for a membership interview.

