

Emmanuel Membership Application

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Marital Status: Single Engaged Married Widowed Divorced

Spouse's Name: _____ **Anniversary Date:** ____/____/____
First Middle MM DD YYYY

Address: _____
Number Street City State Zip

Telephone: _____ **Email Address:** _____

May we include your contact information in the church directory? Yes No

Family Information: Please include self, spouse and family members not yet out of high school.

First Name	Last Name (if different)	Nickname	Grade	DOB: M/DD/YYYY

Have you trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior? Yes No
 If yes, please write out a brief description of your salvation.

Have you been baptized by immersion since your salvation? Yes No
 If no, are you ready to obey this command of Christ? Yes No

Do you currently hold membership in another church? Yes No
 If yes, please provide the name and location of the church.

Are you presently under discipline of another church? Yes No

If yes, please provide the name and location of the church along with a brief summary the action taken by the church.

Have you read our Constitution, Covenant and Articles of Faith? Yes No

Do you have any questions about what you read? Yes No

Are you ready to abide and be governed by these documents? Yes No

Will you regularly support Emmanuel with your time, talents and treasure? Yes No

What kind of time commitment do you think you can make to the ministry of the church?

What talents has God given to you to develop and invest in ministry?

In what areas of ministry would you prefer to serve?

What evidences can you give that God may want to use you in this way?

If you are unsure about where you would like to serve, would you like to be challenged to serve in a ministry where we have a current need?

Is there anything else that would be helpful for us to know about you?

Please return this application to Emmanuel Church, 1503 West That Road, Bloomington, IN 47403-9726. You may also email it to: membership@emmanuelbloom.com or FAX it to 812.824.1748. An interview will then be arranged with someone from our leadership.

EMMANUEL CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The legal name of this church will be the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Bloomington, Indiana, Incorporated having been organized February 9, 1958 and incorporated May 19, 1963. The church is also referred to as Emmanuel or Emmanuel Church.

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE

Emmanuel exists to glorify God. We purpose to make Him known in our community and the world by proclaiming and living God's Word. Therefore, by God's grace, nonbelievers will trust the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, and believers will be established in the faith and equipped for ministry to others.

ARTICLE 3 - ASSOCIATIONS

This church is associated with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, the Crossroads Fellowship of Churches and the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana. Emmanuel can only be associated with other ministry organizations if the council of elders determines that such associations are in agreement with our Statement of Faith.

ARTICLE 4 - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Emmanuel invites any person, at least 16 years old, professing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, having been baptized by immersion after salvation, and willing to be governed by the Constitution, the Covenant and the Statement of Faith is invited to become a member of this church. The person will complete a church membership application and complete a membership interview with a member of the council of elders. If the interview is satisfactory, the person will be accepted into membership by a majority vote of the council of elders.

Section 2: A member must be subject to the lordship of Christ as revealed in the Bible. A member must also be regularly involved in the life of the church. Only a member may be the leader of an ongoing church ministry, and only a member may vote.

Section 3: Any member, not in the process of discipline in accordance with Matthew 18:15-20 and Galatians 6:1-5, may resign without a congregational vote. A member not responding to discipline in accordance with Matthew 18:15-20 and Galatians 6:1-5 or not-regularly involved in the life of the church will, upon recommendation from the council of elders, be removed from membership by a majority vote of the church.

Section 4: Associate membership is available for anyone who temporarily comes to Bloomington for educational, vocational, or personal reasons but wishes to remain a member of another church. The procedure for becoming an associate member as well as the responsibilities and the privileges are the same as for regular membership. Associate members will be removed from membership upon the expiration of their time in Bloomington.

ARTICLE 5 - OFFICERS, MINISTRY TEAMS AND STAFF

Section 1: Officers of this church will include elders, deacons, clerk, treasurer, financial secretaries and auditors. Elders who are paid by the church for their role as an elder will be called pastors. The church may have as many elders and deacons as deemed necessary by the congregation with a recommendation of a minimum of three elders and three deacons. The council of elders should have at least as many elders as there are pastors. All church officers are responsible to the oversight of the council of elders.

Section 2: The council of elders will form ministry teams to enable the church to fulfill its purpose. When necessary, a pastor search team will be formed. All ministry teams are responsible to the council of elders.

Section 3: All officers, except pastors, must have been a member of the church for at least one year. Officers' lives must demonstrate spiritual maturity and agreement with the Constitution, the Covenant and the Statement of Faith. In addition, elders must be men whose lives are characterized by the qualifications of 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9. Deacons' lives must be characterized by the qualifications of 1 Timothy 3:8-12. An office will remain vacant if there are no qualified candidates.

Section 4: Nominations for all officers may be made in writing to the council of elders by any member. The council of elders will review these nominations according to the qualifications for the office and formulate a ballot. Nominees will be elected by a majority of votes cast by the congregation. A member can only hold one office at a time.

Section 5: Nominations for pastors will be made to the congregation by the council of elders. A congregational meeting for a vote will be announced at least two weeks in advance. A three-fourths majority of votes cast is required to hire a pastor. Pastors automatically become members of the church.

Section 6: New paid staff positions may be recommended to the council of elders by any member. The council of elders will consider the recommendation and may bring a motion to the congregation. The council of elders will hire persons to fill these positions. Persons hired will be responsible to a designated church officer.

ARTICLE 6 - DUTIES

Section 1: The council of elders is responsible to lovingly lead, faithfully feed, practically care for and diligently protect the congregation. This includes but is not limited to: the overall leadership of the church, the public and private ministry of prayer and God's Word, the shepherding of the congregation, the protection of the church from false teaching, the visitation of those who are sick, the development of an annual budget, the oversight of church finances according to the approved budget, the evangelistic outreach of the church and the accountability of the church to God and to the government. The council of elders will also ensure that the church communicates well at all levels and will be wholehearted champions of the pastors, paid staff and leaders of the church. The council of elders will meet as often as they deem necessary to fulfill their responsibilities and will work with the deacons to meet needs in the congregation and plan for the future needs of the church.

Section 2: Elders will be given specific areas of responsibility and accountability through ministry descriptions. They are to assist each other in carrying out their assigned duties.

Section 3: The deacons will serve the church through meeting needs according to God's Word. This includes but is not limited to: ensuring that adequate property and casualty insurance is in force, maintaining building and grounds in a state conducive to the ministry of the church, planning for future needs of the ministry and ensuring that all uses of the church facilities are consistent with the mission of the church. The deacons will receive designated offerings, disburse them as needs arise and report receipts and disbursements to the council of elders and to the congregation in summary form. The deacons will encourage fellowship and hospitality in the congregation. The deacons will meet as often as they deem necessary to fulfill their responsibilities and will work with the council of elders to meet needs in the congregation and plan for the future needs of the church.

Section 4: The church clerk will prepare accurate minutes of all church family meetings.

Section 5: The financial secretaries will count offerings, deposit offerings in the church's bank account, keep accurate and confidential records of all offerings received, give receipts annually to donors and report, in summary form, to the council of elders as requested.

Section 6: The treasurer will disburse funds according to vouchers prepared by a church staff member and approved by a council of elders designee, reconcile the monthly bank statement with oversight by a council of elders designee; and provide a monthly balance sheet, operating statement and other reports to the council of elders, as requested, and to the congregation at quarterly congregational meetings.

Section 7: Auditors will annually audit financial records, using appropriate methods to assure appropriate financial controls and report their findings to the council of elders. The council of elders will deliver the findings of the report to the congregation during one of the regularly scheduled congregational meetings.

ARTICLE 7 - TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1 There is no time-limit on a pastor's term of office. To resign voluntarily, a pastor must give at least two months' notice to the council of elders.

Section 2 Elders, deacons, financial secretaries and auditors will serve a three-year term of office and may serve consecutive terms. The terms will be staggered so that one-third of the officers will end each year. The treasurer and clerk will serve one-year terms and may serve consecutive terms. Should an office be vacated early, a special election will take place to replace the officer as soon as possible.

Section 3 A person with a charge against an officer must go to the officer in obedience to Matthew 18:15-20 and Galatians 6:1-5. If the problem is not resolved, the person with the charge against an officer should immediately go to an elder and request that they go to the officer together. If the problem is still not resolved, they should go to the council of elders, who will, if necessary, present the matter to the congregation. The congregation may remove any officer, other than an elder, with a majority of votes cast. No accusation against an elder will be considered except on the basis of at least three witnesses, and an elder who continues to sin will be rebuked publically (1 Timothy 5:19-20).

Section 4 An elder's term of office may be terminated involuntarily. Members representing at least three households may request that the council of elders evaluate an elder's ministry. The council of elders must then determine whether a vote of confidence should be taken. Should they choose to conduct a vote of confidence, the elder must be notified, privately, one week before any announcement, and must be told the schedule for the meetings required for such a vote.

A vote of confidence requires two meetings, one for discussion and one for the vote. The vote of confidence must be announced over three consecutive Sundays. The first meeting will take place between the second and third announcements. At this meeting, each side will be given opportunity to present its case fairly and objectively. The second meeting will take place after the third announcement. At this meeting, a vote will be taken, but no discussion will be permitted. A two-third's affirmative vote of members present is required for the elder to continue his ministry at Emmanuel. Should a vote of confidence not be sustained, or should the pastor resign after being notified of the vote of confidence but before the date of the second meeting, his term of office will cease immediately. A pastor who resigns or does not sustain a vote of confidence will receive two months compensation.

ARTICLE 8 - CHURCH MEETINGS

Section 1 The church will meet regularly on Sunday for public worship. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at times determined by the council of elders.

Section 2 Four regular congregational meetings are required throughout the year. Additional congregational meetings will be held as necessary. Each meeting must be announced at least one week in advance.

If a vote is to be taken, a quorum consisting of a minimum of 30 percent of members residing in Indiana must be present at the beginning of the meeting.

Section 3 Congregational meetings will be moderated by an elder. Meetings will follow the regulations set forth in this constitution and the parliamentary procedure described by Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 4 The four required congregational meetings will be quarterly meetings held in the months of January, April, July and October. The vote to approve the annual budget will be held at the January meeting and the budget will be retroactive to the first day of the year. The election of officers will be held during the month of December. Newly elected officers will assume their responsibilities at the beginning of the new year.

ARTICLE 9 - AMENDMENTS

Any member may submit a written proposal for constitutional amendments or revisions to the council of elders. The council of elders will consider the proposal and report its decision to the person who submitted it. The council of elders will propose constitutional amendments and revisions to the congregation. The proposal and the date of the vote must be announced for two consecutive weeks prior to the vote and the text of the proposal must be available to the congregation during this time. A two-third's majority of votes cast is necessary for ratification or revision of the amendments.

APPENDIX A: CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led by the Holy Spirit to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the public confession of our faith, having been immersed in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We purpose, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive together for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to attend its services regularly; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to give it a sacred preeminence over all institutions of human origin; to give faithfully of time and talent in its activities; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us, to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel throughout all nations.

We also purpose to maintain family and private devotions; to train our children according to the Word of God; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our conduct; to avoid all gossip, back-biting and unrighteous anger; to abstain from all forms of activity which dishonor our Lord Jesus Christ, cause stumbling to a fellow believer or hinder the winning of a soul to Christ; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the cause of Christ, our Savior; and to give Him preeminence in all things.

We further purpose to encourage one another in the blessed hope of our Lord's return; to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to seek it without delay.

We moreover purpose that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with another church of like faith and order where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of Word of God. In the event there is no such church, we shall seek, with the help of the Lord, to establish one.

APPENDIX B: STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. Bible

We believe that the Bible, the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament and the twenty-seven books of the New Testament, is the very Word of God. Each word is accurate and without error in the original text. The Bible is the final authority on any subject to which it speaks and is sufficient in determining what we believe and how we should live.

Psalm 19:7-11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 2 Peter 1:19-21

2. God

We believe that one God exists who created and sustains all things, an infinite spirit being. He is in sovereign control over the entire universe. He is holy, and His glory is beyond our comprehension. As such, He is worthy of all our worship, honor, confidence and love. In the unity of God, there are three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; each of Whom is fully God and worth of worship. They exist in a perfectly harmonious relationship with each other and willingly fulfill their individual roles in carrying out the great work of salvation.

Genesis 1:2, 26; Exodus 20:2-3; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Revelation 4:11; John 4:24

We believe that God the Father is fully and eternally God and equal with the Son and the Holy Spirit. He is the supreme authority in the universe, and He has decreed what will ultimately come to pass. He is the sovereign ruler of all things and is the Father of all who come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Psalm 2:7-9; Ephesians 1:3-6; Galatians 3:26

We believe that Jesus Christ is fully and eternally God and equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. He was born of a virgin, lived a perfect, sinless life and died as a substitute for our sins. He rose bodily from the grave after three days and ascended to the right hand of the Father to serve as our Great High Priest. He will return to this earth to establish His kingdom.

Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:16, 18-25; Luke 1:35; John 1:1-4, 14, 18; Matthew 28:6-7; Luke 24:39; John 20:27; 1 Corinthians 15:4; Acts 1:2-11; Hebrews 12:2; Revelation 3:21; Hebrews 8:6; Isaiah 11:4-5; Revelation 20:6; Colossians 2:9

We believe that the Holy Spirit is fully and eternally God and equal with the Father and the Son. He restrains sin and Satan until God fulfills his purposes in the world. He convicts people of sin, opens their minds to understand the Word of God and draws them to faith in God. He is the agent of salvation and baptizes believers into the body of Christ. He indwells, seals and secures believers for all eternity, and He equips, guides, teaches, sanctifies and helps believers to live out the will of God on this earth. In order to help verify the message of the apostles, the Holy Spirit bestowed miraculous gifts to people including speaking in tongues, interpretation of tongues, miracles and healing.

With the completion of God's written revelation to man in the Bible, these gifts are no longer necessary to verify the message and have ceased. While God still heals and performs miracles, the gifts of healing and performing miracles are no longer given to people. However, the Holy Spirit still gives specific gifts to believers to help them serve in the church.

John 14:16-17; Matthew 28:19; Hebrews 9:14; John 14:26; Luke 1:35; Genesis 1:1-3; John 16:8-11; Acts 5:30-32; John 3:5-6; 1 Corinthians 3:10; 12:12-13; 13:8-13; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:11-16; John 1:33; Acts 11:16; Luke 24:49; Romans 8:26-27; Hebrews 2:3-4

3. Angels

We believe that angels are created spirit beings. They were not created in the image of God and cannot be redeemed. Angels minister before the throne of God by declaring His glory and defending His holiness. They ministered to Jesus Christ while He was on earth by protecting and caring for Him. They also made declarations of truth to man and offered physical protection, provision, encouragement and direction.

Colossians 1:16; Psalm 8:4-5; Hebrews 1:14; Matthew 2:13; 4:11; Luke 22:34; Isaiah 14:12-15

We believe that Satan, also called the dragon, the serpent and the Devil, is an angel who rebelled against God and was cast out of Heaven. He is alive and active in this world as the unholy god of this age who rules over all the powers of darkness. He is destined to be defeated forever by Jesus Christ and will be cast into the eternal lake of fire at the end of the Thousand Year Reign of Christ on earth. A host of other angels followed Satan in his rebellion against God and became fallen angels or demons. They are active in carrying out the plan of Satan to attack God and destroy man and will join him in the eternal lake of fire.

Matthew 4:1-3; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4; Jude 6; Revelation 20:10; 20:2

4. Creation

We believe in the literal interpretation of the Genesis account which teaches that the world and all that is in it was created as the direct result of the spoken word of God. The climax of God's creation was the special, immediate and personal creation of human life. God created humans, male and female, in His image. Human life, sexual identity and roles are aspects of God's creative design. From creation, marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman that should be marked by sexual purity, by sacrificial male leadership, and by recognizing the divine blessing of children, including preborn children. Adam and Eve, though created in perfection, sinned, warranting physical death, spiritual death, and eternal separation from God. Consequently, all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and are sinners in thought, word, and deed.

Genesis 1:1-27; 2:7-25; 3:1-24; Psalm 127:3-5; Romans 1:18-32; 3:10-19; 5:12-19; Ephesians 5:22-33; Colossians 3:18-19

5. Fall of Man

We believe that man was created as an innocent being with the freedom to choose to obey God. By a voluntary choice, Adam and Eve committed an act of rebellion against God, and as a result, they fell from their original state and were separated from Him. Because of the fall, all men are now sinners by nature and by choice. All men are totally depraved and are under condemnation and without defense or excuse. The only hope for man is found in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Genesis 3:1-19; Romans 5:10-19; 1:18, 32

6. Salvation

We believe that the salvation of sinners is by grace alone through faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ and His death on the cross for sin. Jesus Christ fulfilled the purposes of God through the incarnation where He became the perfect God/Man Who fulfilled the divine law by His personal obedience. This qualified Him alone to die on the cross as the only sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. He was a voluntary substitute for each one of us, the just dying for the unjust, bearing our sin in His own body on the cross. His resurrection from the dead proved that His death satisfied the full payment for sin. This salvation is so life changing that it is clearly evidenced by a new life of faith, obedience to God's Word and the growth of the fruit of the Spirit. All true believers are preserved by the power of the Holy Spirit in such a way that everyone who trusts Christ as their savior from sin is kept eternally secure as a child of God.

Ephesians 2:8-10; Acts 15:11; Romans 3:24; John 3:16; Philippians 2:7; Hebrews 2:14; Isaiah 53:4-7; Romans 3:25; 1 John 4:10; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21

7. The Church

We believe that the universal church is made up of all those who have placed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior from sin from the day of Pentecost through the Rapture of the church.

Matthew 16:18; Acts 1:8, 2:1-13, 41-47, 15:14; Ephesians 1:22-23, 3:21, 5:23-32;
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We believe that a local church is a congregation of believers in Christ who have banded together to fulfill the commands of the New Testament in such a way that they influence their community and the world for Christ. The purpose of the church is to glorify God, fulfill the Great Commission and live out God-honoring relationships with one another. Local churches are autonomous bodies that engage the gifted people God has given to them to fulfill His calling. While independent of any authority other than Jesus Christ, local churches work interdependently with other churches of like faith to exemplify the unity prayed for by Christ and to be more effective in ministering His grace to a lost and needy world. A local church should separate itself from sin.

Acts 2:41-42; 1 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:11; 5:23-24; Acts 15:13-18; 20:17-28;
2 Timothy 3:17; Colossians 1:18

We believe that the biblically designated offices in a local church are elders also called pastors and overseers, and the office of deacon. The biblically designated ordinances of the local church are Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism in the New Testament was always by immersion following salvation as a symbol of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. It is commanded by our Lord and should precede church membership. The Lord's Supper was instituted by Jesus to remember His death until He returns.

Acts 8:26-39; John 3:23; Romans 6:3-5; Matthew 3:16; Colossians 2:12; 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

8. Eschatology

We believe that the Rapture of the Church and the Tribulation are the next prophetic events to be fulfilled on earth. The Tribulation will end with the Battle of Armageddon, during which Christ will return to defeat His enemies and establish His kingdom on earth for a thousand years. At the close of the Millennium, Satan will be released to deceive the nations. God will end this rebellion and cast Satan into the eternal lake of fire. After this, all unbelievers will be judged at the Great White Throne and cast into the lake of fire with Satan. Then, the New Jerusalem will come down out of heaven and all who have trusted Christ will dwell with Him there forever. We believe that Heaven is a literal place where believers who die go immediately to be in the presence of God. We believe that Hell is a literal place where people will be separated from God for eternity because they rejected Jesus Christ. It is a place of conscious and eternal torment from which there is no escape.

John 14:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15: 12-58; Luke 1:32; Isaiah 9:6-7; Acts 2:29-30; Revelation 3:10-13; 20:14