

Members of the Same Body: Information - First Baptist Church in Westbrook

TODAY'S DATE: _____

Family Name	
Mailing Address	
Home Phone	

Adult #1		Adult #2	
First Name:		First Name:	
Last Name:		Last Name:	
Preferred Nickname:		Preferred Nickname:	
Suffix – Jr., Sr., III		Suffix – Jr., Sr., III	
Birthdate:		Birthdate:	
Anniversary date:			
Mobile Phone:		Mobile Phone:	
Is it okay to send texts?	Yes No	Is it okay to send texts?	Yes No
Sex:	Male Female	Sex:	Male Female
Email address:		Email address:	
Have you been baptized?	No Yes: year _____	Have you been baptized?	No Yes: year _____
Would like to become official member?	__Yes __Not at this time __Already a member	Would like to become official member?	__Yes __Not at this time __Already a member

Child #1		Child #2	
First Name:		First Name:	
Last Name:		Last Name:	
Preferred Nickname:		Preferred Nickname:	
Suffix – Jr., Sr., III		Suffix – Jr., Sr., III	
Birthdate:		Birthdate:	
Mobile Phone: (not published in directory)		Mobile Phone: (not published in directory)	
Is it okay to send texts?	Yes No	Is it okay to send texts?	Yes No
Sex:	Male Female	Sex:	Male Female
Email address:		Email address:	
Baptized?	No Yes: year _____	Baptized?	No Yes: year _____

Child #3		Child #4	
First Name:		First Name:	
Last Name:		Last Name:	
Preferred Nickname:		Preferred Nickname:	
Suffix – Jr., Sr., III		Suffix – Jr., Sr., III	
Birthdate:		Birthdate:	
Mobile Phone: (not published in directory)		Mobile Phone: (not published in directory)	
Is it okay to send texts?	Yes No	Is it okay to send texts?	Yes No
Sex:	Male Female	Sex:	Male Female
Email address:		Email address:	
Baptized?	No Yes: year _____	Baptized?	No Yes: year _____

If you are a member elsewhere and would like to transfer your membership, please provide the church name, City and State:

(please continue to the back of this sheet)

- 1) How long have you been attending and active in the body at First Baptist Church?
- 2) How did you become involved here? (i.e. invited, dropped in, grew up here, etc)
- 3) What is your faith story? Before, how and now? We are all at different places in our journey following Jesus. You might be brand new to following Christ and at the very beginning or you may have been involved for years and just now deciding to commit to membership and the mission of First Baptist. The key to joining us in membership is that you are following Jesus and want Him to be Lord in your life. (Feel free to attach another sheet.)
- 4) If you haven't been baptized yet, we would love to help you follow that commandment that Jesus gave. When would you like to be baptized? How do you feel about baptism?
- 5) We believe that membership, committing together, is important. As members, we each commit to:
 - a. Protect the unity of our local church body by valuing and loving others in speech and action.
 - b. Share in the responsibilities as an active part of this body praying, inviting, welcoming.
 - c. Play a role on the team by serving where and when I can as we focus on fulfilling the mission of Jesus to bring New Life to people.
 - d. Be an ambassador for Jesus and my church body by sharing my life and story with others with gentleness and respect.

The Pledge – I Am A Church Member

We like the metaphor of membership. It's not membership as in a civic organization or a country club. It's the kind of membership given us in I Corinthians 12: "Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it" (I Cor. 12:27).

1) Because I am a member of the body of Christ, I must be a functioning member, whether I am an "eye," an "ear," or a "hand." As a functioning member, I will give. I will serve. I will minister. I will share. I will learn. I will seek to lift up others. I will remember that "if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it" (I Cor. 12:26)

2) I will seek to be a source of unity in my church. I know there are no perfect pastors, staff, or other church members. But neither am I. I will not be a source of gossip or dissension.

One of the greatest contributions I can make is to do all I can in God's power to help keep the unity for the sake of the gospel.

3) I will not let my church be about my preferences and desires. That is self-serving. I am a member in this church to serve others and to serve Christ. My Savior went to a cross for me. I can deal with any inconvenience and matters that just aren't my preference or style.

4) I will pray for my church family and leadership often.

5) I will lead my children to be healthy members of a local church with my words and actions so that they discover the joy of the community of Jesus and desire it for their adult lives wherever they end up. They will grow up seeing my commitment to others in the body in prayer, service, ministry, attendance and support.

6) This membership is a gift. When I received the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, I became a part of the body of Christ. I identify with this local body and have been or will be baptized as a visible demonstration of my commitment to Christ. And now I am humbled and honored to serve and to love others in our church. I pray that I will never take my membership for granted, but see it as a gift and an opportunity to serve others and to be a part of something so much greater than any one person or member.

Signature(s):

