

LAKELAND BAPTIST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Personal Information

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home: _____ (check if unlisted) _____

Cell: _____ Work: _____

Email address: _____

Date of birth: _____

Marital Status: single ____ married ____ widowed ____ divorced ____

Spouse name _____ Wedding anniversary _____

Children

Name

Date of birth

Occupation: _____ Employer _____

College Student: ____ yes ____ no

College/University attending: _____

Major: _____

Personal Testimony of Conversion and Believers Baptism

Provide a short description of how and when you received Christ as Lord and Savior.

What Christian growth, if any, has there been in your life since your conversion?

When and where were you baptized by immersion following your conversion ?

Why do you believe God is leading you to join Lakeland Baptist Church?

Counseled by: _____ Date _____

**Commitment to Christian Discipleship and Service at
Lakeland Baptist Church**

As a follower of Jesus Christ and in humble reliance upon the Holy Spirit, I resolve to grow in Christian discipleship through:

- Personal disciplines of prayer and Bible study
- Sharing my faith in Christ in both word and deed with those I encounter in my daily life, and
- Ministering to other in the name of Christ.

To assist me in such activities I wish to enter into a covenant with the members of this church and, in humble reliance upon the Holy Spirit, I resolve to:

- Regularly attend the weekly corporate worship services of LBC,
- Participate in one or more of the church's small groups focused on Bible study, discipleship, missions, Christian service, etc.,
- Participate in the governance of the congregation,
- Share the work the congregation has chosen to do,
- Contribute to the financial support of the church, and
- Care for the members of the congregation in times of need.

Signed _____ Date _____

Affirmation of Basic Doctrines

The members of LBC believe the Bible is the inspired word of God, without error, and accept the Bible as their sole authority in matters of the faith and practice.

The members understanding of Biblical truth is in essential accord with *The Baptist Faith and Message* adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 2000.

I am in essential accord with the *BFM 2000*.

Signed _____ Date _____

Affirmation of Church Polity

Every church has a system of governance that provides for the selection of leadership, the admission of members, the collection and disbursement of funds, the administration of the church ordinances, etc. The governance of LBC is vested in the body of believers who compose it. We believe that God has given to the individual members of this church various gifts which they are to use to serve the congregation. The LBC Constitution (adopted on July 10, 2016) specifies the ways in which the church comes to identify members with such gifts and authorize them to act on its behalf in specific leadership roles, as individuals as well as members of councils or committees.

I accept the authority of the LBC Constitution and agree to promote the unity of the church by working in accordance with the structures and procedures it specifies.

Signed: _____ Date _____

Background Check Requirement

Lakeland Baptist Church (LBC) is a community of families. We have babies, preschool children, elementary and secondary school children, college students, adults and senior adults. We worship with one another, disciple one another, care for one another, and interact with one another in a variety of social settings. Our Pastor and Deacons insist that we take every reasonable precaution to protect our congregation and prevent anyone from causing harm to a vulnerable individual within our fellowship.

Our Southern Baptist Convention and our liability insurance carrier recommend that our church conduct a background check on every individual the church authorizes to minister to minors. Since every member of our church has occasion to interact with the minors of our fellowship, our LBC Constitution mandates a background check as part of the membership application process. If there are issues raised by this background check, they will be investigated by our Pastor and Deacons who have the authority to discuss these matters with the applicant and to withdraw the application if they feel that this is in the best interest of the church.

I understand that a background check is required for membership to LBC and that the results may affect my membership candidacy and status.

Signed _____ Date _____

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

This document requests your authorization to release information related to your personal history to Lakeland Baptist Church (LBC) in order to perform a background check. The purpose of this background check is to help provide a safe environment for anyone involved with LBC, especially minors. All of the information gathered will be handled by the Church Pastor and Deacons, with authority in these matters, and their agents. In addition, you have the right to make a written request to the Church to disclose the nature and scope of any information gathered and to dispute inaccurate information with the reporting agency.

I authorize Lakeland Baptist Church to periodically solicit personal background information related to my potential interactions and service as a Church member or volunteer. I understand that LBC may obtain information about me from a variety of sources.

I authorize the release of information about me from any person, agency, entity, registry or organization that possesses information about my motor vehicle driving record, criminal record and involvement in legal proceedings to LBC. Examples of these sources may include, but are not limited to, the Illinois Department of Health and Human Safety, a law enforcement entity, a background verification agency, a database or registry, a criminal report, a county court report, etc.

I authorize LBC, at its discretion, to make inquiries of my character and general reputation. Examples of these inquiries may include, but are not limited to, an employment history, personal references, interviews of persons with knowledge of my character, etc.

If needed, I will provide assistance and additional information to LBC.

Print Full Name	Social Security Number
Driver's License Number and Issuing State	Date of Birth
Current Home Address	
Other Names by Which You are Known or Have Been Known	
Signature	Date