

El Camino Baptist Church Membership Application Form

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Married / Single: Age: ____

Daytime Phone where you can be reached _____

Date of Birth: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Former church membership (most recent with phone # & address): _____

1. Please explain how and when you became a Christian.

2. Have you been baptized? If so, how? Immersion____ Sprinkling____ When? _____

If you have not been baptized, are you willing to be? _____

3. Do you believe you are a "growing Christian?" Please explain.

4. How have you served in a local church? Please note how you would like to serve El Camino.

5. Do you have any reservations about anything discussed in the New Perspective Member Class? If so, please explain. (If you have not attended the New Perspective Member Class, please discuss this with a pastor.)

The next step in the membership process is an interview with a pastor and two elders. Please read the following statement carefully and sign this form if you would like to meet with them. Thank you.

"As a believer in Jesus Christ, I am prepared to serve the church family of El Camino through my spiritual gifts, financial support, and my prayers. I understand that this church believes the Holy Scriptures to be our absolute rule for life, and as a member I am responsible to submit to the authority of these scriptures. Having been led by the Spirit of God to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and having publicly confessed our faith in word and in baptism by immersion, we now enter into covenant with each other as one body in Christ. We promise:

To follow the Scriptures as our only rule of faith and practice; seeking in all matters to "search the Scriptures daily," letting the Word of Christ dwell in us richly, that we might hear its teaching, rebuke, correction, and instruction in righteousness; that we may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. **(OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD)**

To live in the Spirit, putting to death the deeds of the flesh, being transformed by Him into the likeness of Christ, with ever-increasing glory. **(GROW IN CHRIST)**

To devote ourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful; asking God the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, that we may advance in the fruit of righteousness, and that we may bear each other's burdens before the throne of grace. **(PRAY AND WORSHIP)**

To be completely humble and gentle, patient, bearing with one another in love; to avoid all rumors, slander, backbiting, and excessive anger, being slow to take offense, and always ready for, and seeking reconciliation that we might preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **(UNITY IN THE BOND OF THE SPIRIT)**

To serve one another in love, rather than turn our freedom in Christ into an opportunity for the flesh; to be sensitive to each other's conscience so that our actions would never become a hindrance to another's growth in Christ, seeking in all things to conform our lives to the spirit of Scripture in that it is "better not to eat meat or to drink wine or to do anything else that will cause our brother to fall." **(SERVE AND BE INVOLVED)**

To endeavor by word and action to present the truth of the gospel to those outside of Christ, being righteous and honorable in all of our life so that the gospel might be made attractive by our good works, working to be all things to all men that we might by all means save some. **(SHARE THE GOOD NEWS)**

To remember those who have the rule over us, who speak to us the Word of God; to submit to their leadership as to those who will give an account before God for our souls. **(SUBMIT TO GODLY LEADERSHIP)**

To give regularly and cheerfully, as God prospers, for the support of this ministry, for the relief of the needy, and the spread of the Gospel around the world. **(GIVE GENEROUSLY AND CHEERFULLY)**

To give of ourselves, our time and our gifts, for the service of Christ in this Church; each of us being careful to assume our share of the work, as faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. **(WORK DILIGENTLY FOR THE LORD)**

We pledge before God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ to live and speak as those who are to give an account of the management of our lives under God. Relying upon the Grace of God, we will endeavor to make our walk conform to this covenant, and not to it alone, but to all of God's revealed will for holy living and service."

Signature: _____

Membership interviews are usually done on Sundays. Interviews last between 20-30 minutes. All members of the family may be interviewed at the same time. You will be contacted to set up an interview date and time.