



VANGUARD
B I B L E C H U R C H

Membership Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Today's Date: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name: _____

Marital Status

Single

Engaged

Married

Divorced

Widow

Spouse's Name: _____ Anniversary Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Email: _____

Employer: _____

Children's Names (if applicable)	Child's Date of Birth
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

SPIRITUAL LIFE

1. Have you made a personal commitment to follow Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? If so, please briefly explain when and how this happened:

2. How has following Jesus Christ changed your life?

CHURCH BACKGROUND

3. Were you baptized AFTER making your decision to follow Christ?

Baptism: Yes, by immersion Yes, but not by immersion

 No, I have not been previously baptized but would like to be at Vanguard

If "yes", then how, when and where were you baptized? (please include date, method and name of church)

4. Are you presently a member of another church? If yes, please provide:

Church Name: _____ Senior Pastor's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Reason for leaving: _____

Have you sent a letter to your previous church resigning your membership? Yes No

5. Have you ever been dismissed or disciplined by a previous church? If yes, please explain:

MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENTS

6. Have you completed all 6 sessions of the *Catalyst Membership Class*? Yes No

7. In keeping with the goal of building quality disciples at Vanguard, are you willing to live out the following church values as defined in the *Catalyst* class?

WORD: I will make the study and application of Scripture a consistent practice in my life.

Yes No

WORSHIP CHRIST: I will seek to faithfully attend the weekend worship services at Vanguard.

Yes No

WALK IN FELLOWSHIP: I will make joining a church small group a high priority because it is critical for my own spiritual growth and care.

I am already participating in a Small Group In Process

Comment/question: _____

WORK FOR CHRIST: I will commit to using my spiritual gifts to help build the body here at Vanguard by serving in one of the church's ministries.

I am presently serving I am in the process of finding a ministry

Comment/question: _____

WITNESS FOR CHRIST: With the Lord's help, I will do my best to capitalize on opportunities to share my faith in Jesus Christ with others.

Yes No

MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

8. **As a candidate for membership, will you embrace the following membership covenant?** (Please check the statements you affirm.)

I have, by grace through faith, become a follower of Jesus Christ and I have been baptized after my conversion as a visible way of demonstrating that commitment (Mt. 28:19-20; Jn. 3:16; 14:6; Rom. 3:23-26; Eph. 2:8-9).

I will, with God's help, pursue holiness and a growing, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ by consistently practicing the spiritual disciplines of prayer, Bible study, corporate worship, fellowship and evangelism (Acts 2:38-47; 1Pt. 1:15-16).

I have read the doctrinal statement, support the core beliefs of Vanguard Bible Church and will not be divisive to its teaching (Eph. 4:1-3; Heb. 13:7).

I will protect the unity of the church by neither criticizing nor listening to criticism concerning any member(s) of this body and will, when personally offended, speak directly and lovingly with those involved (Pr. 26:20; Mt. 18:15-17; Eph. 4:30-31).

I will financially support the ministry of Vanguard by faithfully giving a biblical portion of my income to the church (Mal. 3:10; 2 Cor. 9:6-7).

I will submit to church leadership and discipline by the Board of Elders should the need arise (Heb. 13:17; Gal. 6:1-5,8; 1 Th. 5:12-13).

9. **Do you have any questions regarding the doctrine or ministries of Vanguard you would like addressed in your membership interview?**

Signature

Date

For Office Use Only	
Interview date _____	Interviewed by _____
Post-interview Topics To Address:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Available service opportunities on website	<input type="checkbox"/> Giving options on website
<input type="checkbox"/> How to join a small group	<input type="checkbox"/> REMIND text service
Action Needed:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate was unavailable for interview	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommend for Elder Board approval
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate needs to be scheduled for another interview	<input type="checkbox"/> Call to schedule for baptism
<input type="checkbox"/> Other recommendations: _____	
Joining Vanguard by:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Profession of Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Baptism
<input type="checkbox"/> Re-commitment to Christ	<input type="checkbox"/> Statement of faith