

Missions Evaluation

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PURPOSE FOR EVALUATION

Dear Missionary Friends,

We have prepared this document out of a desire to be good stewards of God's resources. We would love to be able to listen to presentations of every minister of God and become partners in every work. However, this is not possible. Therefore, we need to determine which areas of ministry fit best with the direction of our church. This evaluation will not only be beneficial in this area, but also will help us to get to know you better in case we are able to partner with you.

We humbly ask that you fill out this questionnaire to the best of your ability. Our missions committee will review it and someone will contact you if we feel God would have us hear from you further.

We deeply regret that we cannot become involved with every fellow laborer in Christ, so please don't be discouraged if you do not hear from us in the future.

Please send the completed evaluation back to us in the mail or fax it to 574-546-5225.

May God bless you in your work!

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INSTRUCTIONS

You can choose between these two options for filling out this document:

1. Print it out, fill in the blanks, and send it to First Baptist Church.
2. Print it out, fill in the blanks, and fax it to First Baptist Church (574-546-5225).

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Spouse: _____ Birthday: _____

Anniversary Date: _____

Please give us the names of your children (if still living with you)

Child 1: _____ Birthday: _____

Child 2: _____ Birthday: _____

Child 3: _____ Birthday: _____

Child 4: _____ Birthday: _____

Child 5: _____ Birthday: _____

Child 6: _____ Birthday: _____

Permanent/Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Preferred Phone #: _____ Secondary Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Field Address (if known): _____

Please give your salvation testimony and how God has worked in your life since then:

Please have your spouse give us her salvation testimony and how God has worked in her life:

Please describe your background in ministry (churches where you have ministered, programs you have facilitated, etc.)

What is your position on Bible versions?

MINISTRY INFORMATION

Planned location of ministry:

Country: _____ City: _____

What language is spoken in your field? _____

Do you already speak this language? _____

Please list your ministry priorities on the mission field:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Please describe how you intend to carry out these priorities:

Describe any experience you have had learning or using another language:

Describe any experience you have had living in a cultural context different from your own:

Describe in detail any cross-cultural training you have had, including the length of training (college, mission board, institute, seminars, etc.):

Describe any cross-cultural training you will be getting in the future, including the length of the training:

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

What is your required monthly support? _____

How much support do you currently have? _____

Is any of this amount dedicated to ministry expenses? _____ How much? _____

Many mission agencies provide a breakdown of support into categories (housing, insurance, retirement, vehicle, etc.). If this is available, please attach a copy to this evaluation. Or, use the space below to provide us with this information.

REFERENCES

Please provide us with at least three references, preferably people with whom you have worked in ministry.

Name: _____ Position: _____

Company/Ministry: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Company/Ministry: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

Below you will find our Articles of Faith. If for some reasons you do not agree with any of the following statements, please include an explanation.

After reading the Articles of Faith, sign here if in complete agreement:

I. Of the Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Bible as originally written was verbally inspired and the product of Spirit-controlled men, and therefore, has truth without any mixture of error for its matter. We believe the Bible to be the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creed, and opinions, shall be tried.

II. Of the True God

We believe there is one and only one living and true God, an infinite Spirit, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III. Of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person, with God the Father and God the Son on the same nature; that He was active in the creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgments; that He bears witness to the Truth of the Gospel in preaching and testimony; that He is the agent in the New Birth; that He seals, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies and helps the believer.

IV. Of the Devil or Satan

We believe in the personality of Satan, that he is the unholy god of this age, and the author of all the powers of darkness, and is destined to the judgment of an eternal justice in the lake of fire.

V. Of Creation

We accept the Genesis account of creation and believe that man came by direct creation of God and not by evolution.

VI. Of the Fall of Man

We believe that man was created in innocence under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his sinless and happy state in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not only by constraint, but by choice; and therefore under just condemnation without defense or excuse.

VII. Of the Virgin Birth

We believe that Jesus was begotten of the Holy Spirit in a miraculous manner, born of Mary a virgin, as no other man was ever born or can ever be born of woman, and that He is both the Son of God and God, the Son.

VIII. Of the Atonement for Sin

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Him our nature, yet without sin honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and by His death made a full and vicarious atonement for our sins; that His atonement consisted not in setting us an example, by His death as a martyr, but was a voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place, the Just dying for the unjust; Christ, the Lord, bearing our sins in His own body on the tree; that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven, and uniting His wonderful Person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, He is in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and an all-sufficient Savior.

IX. Of Grace in the New Creation

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again; that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth the one dead in trespasses and sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God; that the new creation is brought about in a manner above our comprehension, solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

X. Of Justification

We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is Justification; (a) That Justification includes the pardon of sin, and the gift of eternal life, on principles of righteousness; (b) That it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done; but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood, His righteousness is imputed to us.

XI. Of Faith and Salvation

We believe that faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the only condition of salvation.

XII. Of the Local Church

We believe that a local church is a congregation of immersed believers, associated by covenant of faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His Word; that its officers are pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties, are clearly defined in the Scriptures. We believe the true Mission of the church is the faithful witnessing of Christ to all men as we have opportunity. We hold that the local church has the absolute right of self-government free from the interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organizations; and that the one and only Head is Christ through the Holy Spirit; that it is scriptural for true churches to cooperate with each other in contending for the faith and for the furtherance of the Gospel; that each local church is the sole judge of the measure and method of its cooperation; on all matters of membership, of policy, of government, of discipline, of benevolence, the will of the local church is final.

XIII. Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper

We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life, that it is a prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the commemoration of His death until He comes and should be proceeded always by solemn self-examination.

XIV. Of the Security of the Saints

We believe that all who are truly born again are kept by God the Father for Jesus Christ.

XV. Of the Righteous and the Wicked

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death, in the everlasting felicity of the saved and the everlasting consciousness suffering of the lost.

XVI. Of Civil Government

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society; that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed; except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the coming Prince of the Kings of the earth.

XVII. Of the Resurrection, Personal, Visible, Pretribulational, Premillennial Return of Christ and Related Events

- (a) We believe in the Bodily Resurrection
- (b) The Ascension
- (c) The High Priesthood
- (d) The Second Coming
- (e) The Resurrection of the Righteous Dead
- (f) The Change of the Living in Christ
- (g) The Throne of David
- (h) The Millennial Reign