



MEMBERSHIP

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF CATOOSA FIRST

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MEMBERSHIP WELCOME HOME

We are so excited that you are potentially looking to make Catoosa First your home! We pray that you have felt welcome and have jumped into community with our members.

This packet is designed to give you a deeper look into who we are at Catoosa First and the goals we strive for personally and as a church body.

Our mission love God and love people. Our passion is to love you and encourage you with the life changing truths of God. We come from all different backgrounds but we are united by the teachings of Jesus and we want to share the love that He has freely given us.

**We are a community of servants who focus on
serving the community!**



WHAT IS REQUIRED TO BE A MEMBER?

1. Be a professing believer in Jesus Christ
2. Read and affirm the essential beliefs of the church
3. Complete the New Members Orientation class

WHAT IS THE FIRST STEP?

Contact one of the elders to schedule a membership orientation class (usually the first Sunday of the month).

MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION

This is a great time to ask any questions you may have. Here are a few of the topics that will be covered, but be sure to add in your own questions:

Why is the local church important?

Why is membership important?

What are the future goals of Catoosa First?

When can new members become more involved in ministry opportunities?

When I tithe where does my money go?

What programs exist for me and my family to learn more about the Bible?



MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION

The following is what will be discussed during the membership orientation class with our pastoral staff. Again, any questions you may have, bring them with you!

PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF SALVATION

Please write or type your personal testimony of salvation and either email it to one of the elders or bring it with you to the orientation meeting.

CATOOSA FIRST STATEMENT OF FAITH

In this welcome packet you should have received the Statement of Faith adopted by Catoosa First. Please take time to review this document and take note of any questions that you might have for the membership orientation.

CATOOSA FIRST'S PURPOSE

Catoosa First's purpose is to be a community of servants who serve our community. During our meeting we will discuss the purpose statement and give practical ways that members can personally engage in fulfilling our purpose.

ASSOCIATION

Catoosa First is affiliated with associations on three different levels (local, state, and national). These are the Rogers County Baptist Association, the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

There are so many ways to get involved at Catoosa First! No matter your passion or talents, there is a way God wants to use you. Let us know where you are interested in serving.

-Nursery workers

-Children's ministry

-Vacation Bible School

-Clothing Closet and Food Pantry

-Welcome Team

-Youth Ministry

-Worship Band

-And More!



STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. The Word of God

We believe that the Bible is the word of God, consists of the Old and New Testaments, was written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, is without error in the original manuscripts, and is the ultimate authority for the believer's life (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1: 19-21, Hebrews 1:1-2) .

2. The Trinity

We believe that there is One true and living God, eternally existing in three persons; that these are equal in divine perfection and execute distinct and harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence, and redemption (John 4:24, John 1:1, Luke 3:21-22, Matthew 28:19, Colossians 2:9, John 15:26-27) .

3. God The Father

We believe that God the Father is eternally self-existent, righteous, sovereign, perfect in holiness. He perfectly foreknows all that shall come to pass. He is all-powerful, entirely good, and omnipresent. Through creation, the Father seeks to bring glory to Himself. He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men. He hears prayer. He graciously chooses to save all those who come to Him in repentance of sin and through the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Genesis 1:1, Romans 3:23-25, 1 Corinthians 8:6, Psalm 33:9, Ephesians 4:6, Malachi 2:10, Revelation 4:8, Psalm 34:17-18, Jeremiah 32:17, Jeremiah 33:3)

4. Jesus Christ

We believe Jesus Christ is God, and has existed eternally in the Trinity. He is God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. We believe in his death on the cross, by which He bore the Father's wrath against sin in our stead, and in His resurrection by which He seals His victory over death and sin and by which He gives life to all who follow Him. We believe He has ascended and is seated at God's right hand, making perpetual intercession for the Saints. We believe in his coming visible return to consummate His eternal kingdom (John 14:6, 1 Thessalonians 5:9, John 1:1-4, Hebrews 7:25, Hebrews 1:3-6, Matthew 24:4-5, Matthew 24:30-31, John 11:25-26, Colossians 1:13-20, Isaiah 9:6, John 20:1, Luke 24:2,6, Romans 3:25, Philippians 2:10).

5. The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is God. The Holy Spirit actively regenerates sinners. He indwells, sanctifies, and empowers every believer, and intercedes on their behalf to the Father. He manifests spiritual gifts in believers' lives that enable them to further the Kingdom and edify the Church (Romans 8:26-27, John 14-16, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, Hebrews 2:3-4, Judges 3:10, Luke 24:45, John 4:24, John 3:6-8, Acts 2, John 15:26-27, Romans 8:2-6) .

6. The Necessity and Nature of Regeneration

We believe that God created man in His own image. Thereafter man sinned, resulting in physical, spiritual, and eternal death, which is separation from God, and in the corruption of God's image. As a consequence all humans (excluding Jesus) have been both born in sin and have chosen sin and are therefore under God's righteous

condemnation. We believe that those who repent and forsake sin and trust Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit and become new creatures, delivered from condemnation and receive eternal life in the presence of God (Ezekiel 36:26, Titus 3:5, Psalm 51:5, 1 John 3:9, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 2:8, Ephesians 4:22-24, John 6:44, Colossians 3:10, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Genesis 3:14-19, John 3:3).

7. The Church

The Church is the bride and the body of Christ, for whom Christ died. She consists of all those who turn from sin and trust in Christ as Savior. Jesus is the head of the Church. The Church has been charged to carry out the work of the Kingdom and to spread the Gospel on Earth through evangelism, global missions, and good deeds. The Church is unified in mission and purpose, but consists of many parts diverse in gifts and responsibilities (1 Corinthians 12:12, Hebrews 10:25, Ephesians 5:23-27, Romans 12:4-5, John 10:14-15, Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8, Revelation 19:7, Matthew 25:35-36).

8. Christian Conduct

We believe that Christians are responsible to work out their salvation by subjecting their lives to the authority of Scripture and committing themselves to fellowship with other believers in the Church (Acts 2:42-47, 1 John 3:9, Romans 6:1, Philippians 2:12-16, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-25, Philippians 1:27, 1 Timothy 1:5).

9. The Ordinances

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has instituted the following ordinances for His Church. First, we believe in the responsibility of the Church to baptize new believers. Second, we believe in the responsibility of the Church to commemorate Christ's atoning sacrifice through frequent participation in the breaking of bread and the taking of the cup as a symbol of Christ's work on the cross (1 Corinthians 11:17-34, Matthew 28:19, Romans 6:3-4, Luke 22:14-23, Matthew 3:13-17).

10. Religious Liberty

We believe that every human being has direct relations with God, and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; that therefore Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from dictation or patronage of the other (1 Timothy 2:5, Romans 14:7-9, 12).

11. Church Cooperation

We believe that local churches can best promote the cause of Jesus Christ by cooperating with one another in a denominational organization. Such an organization, whether a regional or district conference, exists and functions by the will of the churches. Cooperation in a conference is voluntary and may be terminated at any time (Acts 15:36, 41, 16:5, 1 Corinthians 16:1, Galatians 1:1-3, Revelation 1:4, 10, 11).

12. The Last Things

We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal felicity of the righteous and the endless suffering of the wicked in separation from God (Matthew 16:27, Mark 14:62, John 14:3, Acts 1:11, Philippians 3:20, 1 Thessalonians 4:15, 2 Timothy 4:1, Titus 2:13, 1 Corinthians 4:5, 1 Corinthians 15, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10, Revelation 20:4-6, 11-15).



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Caleb has been in full time ministry for over 15 years. He loves theology and apologetics and often speaks at conferences and youth camps. In his free time he loves painting and collecting comic books. He has been

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David has been with Catoosa First since its inception. He is one of the worship leaders and in September of 2021 came on staff full time. In his free time he enjoys watching football and baseball, reading, and working

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BRENT SMITH **ELDER**

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Brent spent years helping in the youth department at First Baptist Tulsa. He is a dedicated servant of the church and keeps everything running smoothly and efficiently. He is good at all things

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Ryan and his wife, Kara, came to Catoosa First and immediately began to serve the church. They teach one of our children's classes on Sunday morning. Ryan can often be found cleaning something, fixing

something, or doing whatever needs to be done to serve the church. He teaches math and Claremore High School. In his free time he enjoys reading the puritans and spending time with his wife and three kids.



HAVING READ CATOOSA FIRST'S STATEMENT OF FAITH, I COVENANT:

***To submit to the authority of Scripture as the final arbiter on all issues**

***To pursue the Lord Jesus Christ through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and practice of spiritual disciplines**

***To follow the command and example of Jesus by participating in the ordinances prescribed to His Church:**

-By being baptized after my conversion

-By regularly remembering and celebrating the person and work of Christ through communion

***To regularly participate in the life of Catoosa First by attending weekly services, engaging in gospel-centered community, and serving those within and outside this church**

***To steward the resources God has given me, including time, talents, spiritual gifts, and finances**

***By God's grace through the power of the Holy Spirit, to walk in holiness in all areas of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ**

***To submit to the discipline of God through His Holy Spirit by:**

-Following the Biblical principles for church discipline where sin is evident in another- the hope of such discipline being repentance and restoration

-Receiving righteous and loving discipline when approached biblically by fellow believers

***To submit to the appointed leaders of the church and diligently strive for unity and peace within the church**

Signature: _____

Date: _____



NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____ Membership
Date: _____

Adult Male:

First Name: _____ Birthday: ____/____/____

Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____

Areas Wanting to Serve: _____

Adult Female:

First Name: _____ Birthday: ____/____/____ Mobile

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Areas Wanting to Serve: _____

Child One:

First Name: _____ Birthday: ____/____/____

Grade: _____

Child Two:

First Name: _____ Birthday: ____/____/____

Grade: _____

Child Three:

First Name: _____ Birthday: ____/____/____

Grade: _____

Church History

Were you previously a member at another church? Y / N

If so, which church? _____

Have you been baptized? Y / N If yes, when (year)? _____

If no, are you interested in baptism? Y / N

How were you introduced to our church? _____



YOUR SALVATION TESTIMONY

In a paragraph or more, please write out how you came to saving knowledge of Christ. How is your life different now?

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