

Application for Membership

Evangelical Free Church of Eaton

We, the Deacon Board, are honored that you desire to join our church. Please fill out this application and put it in the "New Membership" mail box across the hall from the Sunday School Office or mail it to: **Deacon Board, EFC of Eaton, 1325 3rd Street, Eaton, CO 80615**. We will ask you to meet with us so that we may hear your personal testimony and answer your questions. The congregation will vote on accepting you into membership at the next business meeting.

NAME _____ DATE OF APPLICATION _____

ADDRESS _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

_____ PHONE _____

MARITAL STATUS: Married Single Divorced Divorced and Remarried Widowed

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

NAMES OF CHILDREN _____ AGE

_____ AGE

_____ AGE

IF UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE: NAME OF PARENTS _____

CURRENT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP _____

ADDRESS _____

PASTOR _____

ARE YOU IN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH? Yes No
(Explain any reservations on another sheet of paper)

ARE YOU WILLING TO ABIDE BY THE CONSTITUTION? Yes No
(Explain any reservations on another sheet of paper)

DESCRIBE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF YOUR RECEIVING JESUS CHRIST'S PAYMENT FOR YOUR SIN. (Please focus on your awareness of your sin and need for a Savior; and, of there being no payment for your sin except His death on the Cross.)

MINISTRY PROFILE

1. Please describe your strengths, and the spiritual gifts you will bring to this church body.
2. What areas of ministry interest you?
3. Briefly describe your reasons for wanting to become a member of this congregation.
4. Please review your previous church background (i.e., any churches of which you have been a member or attended in the past).
5. Is there anything else about which you'd like us to know?

Church Membership Application

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We are so excited that you have decided to make a formal commitment to the Evangelical Free Church of Eaton. We believe that membership is a covenantal type relationship between the church body and the individuals. Please consider the following expectations of membership within our body of believers.

- 1.) Each member should strive to maintain a spirit of unity. (Col. 3:14; Eph. 4:3)
- 2.) All members should agree with the church's doctrinal statement. (I Cor. 1:10)
- 3.) Members should follow the model of dealing with sin and conflict set forth by Jesus. (Matt. 18:15-18)
- 4.) As our commitment to Christ involves "faith in action," so our commitment as church members should involve faith in action. See examples from Scripture below:
 - a. Meet together regularly for worship, fellowship, celebration of the Lord's Supper, prayer, and to encourage one another. (Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:24)
 - b. Support the church financially. (Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7)
 - c. Use your spiritual gifts in service. (I Corinthians 12-14, Romans 12:4-8, I Peter 4:10-11)
 - d. Make disciples, which includes baptism (as a public testimony of faith in Christ!) and teaching believers the Word of God and to obey It. (Matthew 28:18-20, II Timothy 2:2)
 - e. Grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. (II Peter 3:18)
 - f. Love one another. (Romans 12:10)
- 5.) Accept our **Statement of Faith** as follows:
 - a. GOD: We believe in one God, creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.
 - b. THE BIBLE: We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both old and new testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.
 - c. THE HUMAN CONDITION: We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His

wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.

- d. JESUS CHRIST: We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one person in two natures. Jesus, Israel's promised messiah, was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our high priest and advocate.
- e. THE WORK OF CHRIST: We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.
- f. THE HOLY SPIRIT: We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips, and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.
- g. THE CHURCH: We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which he is the head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism, and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.
- h. CHRISTIAN LIVING: We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.
- i. CHRIST'S RETURN: We believe in the personal, bodily, and pre-millennial return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, requires constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.
- j. RESPONSE AND ETERNAL DESTINY: We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment, and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.

Scripture references to EFC's Statement of Faith are available upon request.