



NIBC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NORTH
ISANTI BAPTIST
CHURCH

Date: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

How long have you been attending NIBC?

How has attending NIBC impacted your life?

Why would you like to become a member at NIBC?

BAPTISM

I have already been baptized by immersion since becoming a follower of Christ.
Where and when were you baptized? _____

I have accepted Christ as my Savior, but have not been baptized.
Please contact me about the next available baptismal service.

AGREEMENT WITH BELIEFS

I have read the NIBC Statement of Faith (see page 4).

I agree with the NIBC Statement of Faith.

I don't agree with the NIBC Statement of Faith and here is why: _____

PREVIOUS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP (if applicable)

- I have enclosed my letter of transfer from my previous church.

MY TESTIMONY OF PERSONAL FAITH IN CHRIST

Writing out your story of personal faith in Jesus Christ is a wonderful way to reflect on how God has worked in your life to draw you to Himself. Please follow this outline to write out your testimony.

1. Before I trusted in Christ my life was . . .

This is not a biography from childhood. It is best to start at a time in life which relates to your experience with Christ.

2. This is how and when I trusted in Jesus Christ as my Savior . . .

Be as specific as possible. When, where and how did you surrender your life to Christ? What was happening in your life at the time? If you know the month and year, share that.

3. Here are one or two ways Christ has changed my life . . .

Be practical. Explain how Christ has changed your life. Share how you are growing in your walk with Christ.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENTS

- I have by faith become a follower of Jesus Christ and have been baptized by immersion as a visible way of demonstrating that commitment.
- Because a disciple worships Christ . . .
 - I will attend and fully participate in worship services at NIBC.
 - I will seek to maintain a close personal relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer and reading His Word.
- Because a disciple walks & works with Christ . . .
 - I will seek to continually become more like Jesus in my thoughts, actions and choices.
 - I will grow in generosity by financially supporting the ministries of NIBC.
 - I will seek a place to serve at NIBC that fits my spiritual gifts and passions.
- Because a disciple lives in fellowship with other believers . . .
 - I will participate in a small group to the best of my ability.
 - I will seek to maintain the unity of that fellowship by neither criticizing nor listening to criticism concerning any member(s) of this body.
 - I will, when personally offended, speak directly and lovingly with those involved.

I have shared truthfully in this application and am in agreement with the commitments for membership as stated above.

Applicant Signature _____ **Date:** _____

What does North Believe?

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons; that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption.

We believe in God, the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that he concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer and that he saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

We believe in Jesus Christ, 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 substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension to heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, personal visible return to earth.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide.

We believe that all men are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit.

We believe in the universal church; a living body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible profession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon members of the local church the primary task of giving the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.

We believe that a Christian should live for the glory of God and the well-being of his fellow men; that his conduct should be blameless before the world; that he should be a faithful steward of his possessions; and that he should seek to realize for himself and others the full stature of maturity in Christ.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church, baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water into the name of the triune God. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

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. Churches may likewise cooperate with inter-denominational fellowship on a voluntary basis.

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 (joy satisfaction) of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.