

# JOINING MISSION



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## Volunteer Staff (Membership) Homework

Welcome to The Bridge! We consider it a privilege that you are exploring the idea of becoming a part of our mission, which is “helping people find Jesus Christ and follow Him fully.” As we journey together to encounter our unique calling as a church, we believe that you will find ultimate satisfaction in life when you become a part of a movement of God which is bigger than yourself.

JOINING THE MISSION is about discovering that we are all designed for community (with God and others) and to have a positive impact on the world we live in. JOINING THE MISSION is also a chance for you to see where God is leading us as a church and making you aware of how you can become an even greater part of The Bridge family. We want you to move from being an attendee to becoming an advocate and volunteer staff member of The Bridge!

To help you prepare for the JOINING THE MISSION afternoon together, please complete the following assignments before coming to the class. We appreciate you taking the time to tackle the following forms and requirements as a part of your journey with us. Please bring all the documents with you to the class.

1. Write down your Faith Story. We sometimes refer to this as “My Story” or “Testimony”. If you would like help with yours, contact the church office (226-4100).
2. Complete the Network Spiritual Gifts Assessment. This will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. Please answer the questions as true to who you are, not necessarily how you want to be or how you think you should be.
3. Complete the Ministry Volunteer Application. Included in this packet is a list of service opportunities at The Bridge.
4. Read and be willing to agree to the EFCA Statement of Faith.
5. Read and be willing to agree to the Every Member a Minister Covenant.

Again, we are thrilled that you are considering JOINING THE MISSION that God has called us to both individually and collectively as a church family. I’m looking forward to our time together!

God’s richest blessings,

The Bridge Staff

If you have any questions about this process, please contact the church office (226-4100).



## Sharing Your Faith Story

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This worksheet is designed to walk you through a simple process for sharing your story of faith. The purpose of this is for us to get to know you better and to allow you to reflect on what God has done in your life and is still doing. Our hope is that this will be a tool for reflection so that when someone else asks you about your Christian faith, you will be able to tell your story about how Jesus Christ entered into your life. About 1-2 paragraphs for each section below. Use the space below to write out your story. If you prefer, you may type out your story and attach it.

BEFORE + HOW + NOW = my faith journey story

BEFORE (your story prior to giving Jesus the leadership of your life)

Ideas: Tell how you thought, acted, felt; describe what you put your faith in other than God [work, money, dating, possessions, accomplishments, etc.]; tell about what you thought of Christians and church; or anything else that gives us a glimpse into your story prior to coming to know Jesus Christ.

HOW (the process of how/when Jesus entered your story)

Ideas: Describe how you got to the place where you recognized your need for Jesus; who told you about a personal relationship with Jesus and how long it took you to surrender the leadership of your life over to Jesus Christ; share what you did in order to become a Christian; what was your experience like immediately after accepting Jesus?

NOW (how God is at work in your life today)

Ideas: Explain how Jesus began to work in your story in the weeks and months or years after giving him your life; talk about the difficulties this commitment has made for your life; talk about whether or not you have shared your faith with others who are not Christians; what is different about your life now that you're a Christian's – Joys? Challenges? Fears? Passions?

Below are questions to help guide you:

Do you believe Jesus is the Son of God? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

Have you committed your life to Christ? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

If Yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, do you want to? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

Have you been baptized as a believer? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

If yes, when and where \_\_\_\_\_

If no, do you want to be baptized at The Bridge? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

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## Experience Assessment

Before people enter into meaningful Christian service, we have found it is helpful to first do some personal inventory regarding experiences, passions, natural abilities, and what we perceive to be spiritual gifts. This is why we ask you to take the following assessment.

There is often a correlation between Christian experiences and spiritual gifts. This assessment explores personal experiences that may indicate which specific gifts you are most and least likely to have. If you have not served before, then you will identify which of your behaviors most approximate those who have certain gifts.

### Directions:

1. Read each statement in the following Experience Assessment (pp. 6-10).
2. Indicate how true of you each statement is by scoring it using the following scale:  
Score Meaning  
3 = Consistently / Definitely true  
2 = Most of the time / Usually true  
1 = Some of the time / Once in a while  
0 = Never / Not at all
3. Put your score (0,1,2, or 3) in the appropriately numbered box on the response sheet (p. 5).
4. Important:
  - Answer according to who you are, not who you would like to be or think you should be.
  - How true of you are these statements?
  - What has been your experience?
  - To what degree do these statements reflect your tendencies?
5. When you have completed the Experience Assessment, add up each column and record the total above each letter.



## Experience Response Sheet

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57
58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76
77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95
96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114
115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S

Total

Top  
Three

### Spiritual Gift Assessment Key

A	Administration	K	Hospitality
B	Apostleship	L	Intercession
C	Craftsmanship	M	Knowledge
D	Creative Communications	N	Leadership
E	Discernment	O	Mercy
F	Encouragement	P	Prophecy
G	Evangelism	Q	Shepherding
H	Faith	R	Teaching
I	Giving	S	Wisdom
J	Helps		Other

Healing, Interpretation, Miracles and Tongues are not included in the Spiritual Gift Assessment because their presence in the life of a believer tends to be self-evident.

1. I like to organize people, tasks, and events.
2. I would like to start churches in places where they do not presently exist.
3. I enjoy working creatively with wood, cloth, paints, metal, glass, or other materials.
4. I enjoy challenging people's perspective of God by using various forms of art.
5. I can readily distinguish between spiritual truth and error, good and evil.
6. I tend to see the potential in people.
7. I communicate the gospel to others with clarity and effectiveness.
8. I find it natural and easy to trust God to answer my prayers.
9. I give liberally and joyfully to people in financial need or to projects requiring support.
10. I enjoy working behind the scenes to support the work of others.
11. I view my home as a place to minister to people in need.
12. I take prayer requests from others and consistently pray for them.
13. I am approached by people who want to know my perspective on a particular passage or biblical truth.
14. I am able to motivate others to accomplish a goal.
15. I empathize with hurting people and desire to help in their healing process.
16. I can speak in a way that results in conviction and change in the lives of others.
17. I enjoy spending time nurturing and caring for others.
18. I am able to communicate God's word effectively.
19. I am often sought out by others for advice about spiritual or personal matters.
20. I am careful, thorough, and skilled at managing details.
21. I am attracted to the idea of serving in another country or ethnic community.
22. I am skilled in working with different kinds of tools.
23. I enjoy developing and using my artistic skills (art, drama, music, photography, etc.).
24. I frequently am able to judge a person's character based upon first impressions.
25. I enjoy reassuring and strengthening those who are discouraged.
26. I consistently look for opportunities to build relationships with non-Christians.
27. I have confidence in God's continuing provision and help, even in difficult times.
28. I give more than a tithe so that kingdom work can be accomplished.
29. I enjoy doing routine tasks that support the ministry.
30. I enjoy meeting new people and helping them to feel welcomed.
31. I enjoy praying for long periods of time and receive leading as to what God wants me to pray for.
32. I receive information from the Spirit that I did not acquire through natural means.

33. I am able to influence others to achieve a vision.
34. I can patiently support those going through painful experiences as they try to stabilize their lives.
35. I feel responsible to confront others with the truth.
36. I have compassion for wandering believers and want to protect them.
37. I can spend time in study knowing that presenting truth will make a difference in the lives of people.
38. I can often find simple, practical solutions in the midst of conflict or confusion.
39. I can clarify goals and develop strategies or plans to accomplish them.
40. I am willing to take an active part in starting a new church.
41. I enjoy making things for use in ministry.
42. I help people understand themselves, their relationships, and God better through artistic expression.
43. I can see through phoniness or deceit before it is evident to others.
44. I give hope to others by directing them to the promises of God.
45. I am effective at adapting the gospel message so that it connects with an individual's felt need.
46. I believe that God will help me to accomplish great things.
47. I manage my money well in order to free more of it for giving.
48. I willingly take on a variety of odd jobs around the church to meet the needs of others.
49. I genuinely believe the Lord directs strangers to me who need to get connected to others.
50. I am conscious of ministering to others as I pray.
51. I am committed, and schedule blocks of time for reading and studying scripture, to understand biblical truth fully and accurately.
52. I can adjust my leadership style to bring out the best in others.
53. I enjoy helping people sometimes regarded as undeserving or beyond help.
54. I boldly expose cultural trends, teachings, or events which contradict biblical principles.
55. I like to provide guidance for the whole person - relationally, emotionally, spiritually, etc.
56. I pay close attention to the words, phrases, and meaning of those who teach.
57. I can easily select the most effective course of action from among several alternatives.
58. I can identify and effectively use the resources needed to accomplish tasks.
59. I can adapt well to different cultures and surroundings.
60. I can visualize how something should be constructed before I build it.
61. I like finding new and fresh ways of communicating God's truth.
62. I tend to see rightness or wrongness in situations.
63. I reassure those who need to take courageous action in their faith, family, or life.



64. I invite unbelievers to accept Christ as their Savior.
65. I trust God in circumstances where success cannot be guaranteed by human effort alone.
66. I am challenged to limit my lifestyle in order to give away a higher percentage of my income.
67. I see spiritual significance in doing practical tasks.
68. I like to create a place where people do not feel that they are alone.
69. I pray with confidence because I know that God works in response to prayer.
70. I have insight or just know something to be true.
71. I set goals and manage people and resources effectively to accomplish them.
72. I have great compassion for hurting people.
73. I see most actions as right or wrong, and feel the need to correct the wrong.
74. I can faithfully provide long-term support and concern for others.
75. I like to take a systematic approach to my study of the Bible.
76. I can anticipate the likely consequences of an individual's or a group's action.
77. I like to help organizations or groups become more efficient.
78. I can relate to others in culturally sensitive ways.
79. I honor God with my handcrafted gifts.
80. I apply various artistic expressions to communicate God's truth.
81. I receive affirmation from others concerning the reliability of my insights or perceptions.
82. I strengthen those who are wavering in their faith.
83. I openly tell people that I am a Christian and want them to ask me about my faith.
84. I am convinced of God's daily presence and action in my life.
85. I like knowing that my financial support makes a real difference in the lives and ministries of God's people.
86. I like to find small things that need to be done and often do them without being asked.
87. I enjoy entertaining people and opening my home to others.
88. When I hear about needy situations, I feel burdened to pray.
89. I have suddenly known some things about others, but did not know how I knew them.
90. I influence others to perform to the best of their capability.
91. I can look beyond a person's handicaps or problems to see a life that matters to God.
92. I like people who are honest and will speak the truth.
93. I enjoy giving guidance and practical support to a small group of people.
94. I can communicate scripture in ways that motivate others to study and want to learn more.
95. I give practical advice to help others through complicated situations.
96. I enjoy learning about how organizations function.

97. I enjoy pioneering new undertakings.
98. I am good at and enjoy working with my hands.
99. I am creative and imaginative.
100. I can identify preaching, teaching, or communication which is not true to the Bible.
101. I like motivating others to take steps for spiritual growth.
102. I openly and confidently tell others what Christ has done for me.
103. I am regularly challenging others to trust God.
104. I give generously due to my commitment to stewardship.
105. I feel comfortable being a helper, assisting others to do their job more effectively.
106. I do whatever I can to make people feel that they belong.
107. I am honored when someone asks me to pray for them.
108. I discover important biblical truths when reading or studying scripture which benefit others in the body of Christ.
109. I am able to cast a vision that others want to be a part of.
110. I enjoy bringing hope and joy to people living in difficult circumstances.
111. I will speak God's truth, even in places where it is unpopular or difficult for others to accept.
112. I can gently restore wandering believers to faith and fellowship.
113. I can present information and skills to others at a level that makes it easy for them to grasp and apply to their lives.
114. I can apply scriptural truth that others regard as practical and helpful.
115. I can visualize a coming event, anticipate potential problems, and develop backup plans.
116. I am able to orchestrate or oversee several church ministries.
117. I am able to design and construct things that help the church.
118. I regularly need to get alone to reflect and develop my imagination.
119. I can sense when demonic forces are at work in a person or situation.
120. I am able to challenge or rebuke others in order to foster spiritual growth.
121. I seek opportunities to talk about spiritual matters with unbelievers.
122. I can move forward in spite of opposition or lack of support when I sense God's blessing on an undertaking.
123. I believe I have been given an abundance of resources so that I may give more to the Lord's work.
124. I readily and happily use my natural or learned skills to help wherever needed.
125. I can make people feel at ease even in unfamiliar surroundings.
126. I often see specific results in direct response to my prayers.
127. I confidently share my knowledge and insights with others.

128. I figure out where we need to go and help others to get there.
129. I enjoy doing practical things for others who are in need.
130. I feel compelled to expose sin wherever I see it and to challenge people to repentance.
131. I enjoy patiently but firmly nurturing others in their development as believers.
132. I enjoy explaining things to people so that they can grow spiritually and personally.
133. I have insights into how to solve problems that others do not see.



## Spiritual Gift Assessment Reference

The following reference material provides some additional information on each spiritual gift. Please list your top 3 gifts and read over the description of that gift.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Administration

The gift of Administration is the divine enablement to understand what makes an organization function, and the special ability to plan and execute procedures that accomplish the goals of the ministry.

*1 Corinthians 12:28, Acts 6:1-7, Exodus 18:13-26*

### Apostleship

The gift of Apostleship is the divine ability to start and oversee the development of new churches or ministry structures. *1 Corinthians 12:28-29, Ephesians 4:11-12, Romans 1:5, Acts 13:2-3*

### Craftsmanship

The gift of Craftsmanship is the divine enablement to creatively design and/or construct items to be used for ministry. *Exodus 31:3,35:31-35, Acts 9:36-39, 2 Kings 22:5-6*

### Creative Communication

The gift of Creative Communication is the divine enablement to communicate God's truth through a variety of art forms. *Psalms 150:3-5, 2 Samuel 6:14-15, Mark 4:2,33*

### Discernment

The gift of Discernment is the divine enablement to distinguish between truth and error. It is able to discern the spirits, differentiating between good and evil, right and wrong.

*1 Corinthians 12:10, Acts 5:1-4, Matthew 16:21-23*

### Encouragement

The gift of Encouragement is the divine enablement to present truth so as to strengthen, comfort, or urge to action those who are discouraged or wavering in their faith.

*Romans 12:8, Acts 11:22-24, Acts 15:30-32*

### Evangelism

The gift of Evangelism is the divine enablement to effectively communicate the gospel to unbelievers so they respond in faith and move toward discipleship.

*Ephesians 4:11, Acts 8:26-40, Luke 19:1-10*

### Faith

The gift of Faith is the divine enablement to act on God's promises with confidence and unwavering belief in God's ability to fulfill his purposes.

*1 Corinthians 12:9, 13:2, Hebrews 11:1, Romans 4:18-21*

### Giving

The gift of Giving is the divine enablement to contribute money and resources to the work of the Lord with cheerfulness and liberality. People with this gift do not ask "How much money do I need to give to God?" but, "How much money do I need to live on?"

*Romans 12:8, 2 Corinthians 6:8, Luke 21:1-4*

## **Helps**

The gift of Helps is the divine enablement to accomplish practical and necessary tasks which free-up, support, and meet the needs of others.

*1 Corinthians 12:28, Romans 12:7, Acts 6:1-4, Romans 16:1-2*

## **Hospitality**

The gift of Hospitality is the divine enablement to care for people by providing fellowship, food, and shelter.

*1 Peter 4:9-10, Romans 12:13, Hebrews 13:1-2*

## **Intercession**

The gift of Intercession is the divine enablement to consistently pray on behalf of and or others, seeing frequent and specific results.

*Romans 8:26-27, John 17:9-26, 1 Timothy 2:1-2, Colossians 1:9-12, 4:12-13*

## **Knowledge**

The gift of Knowledge is the divine enablement to bring truth to the body through biblical insight.

*1 Corinthians 12:8, Mark 2:6-8, John 1:45-50*

## **Leadership**

The gift of Leadership is the divine enablement to cast vision, motivate, and direct people to harmoniously accomplish the purposes of God.

*Romans 12:8, Hebrews 13:17, Luke 22:25-26*

## **Mercy**

The gift of Mercy is the divine enablement to cheerfully and practically help those who are suffering or are in need, compassion moved to action.

*Romans 12:8, Matthew 5:7, Mark 10:46-52, Luke 10:25-37*

## **Prophecy**

The gift of Prophecy is the divine enablement to reveal truth and proclaim it in a timely and relevant manner for understanding, correction, repentance, or edification. There may be immediate or future implications.

*Romans 12:6, 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28, 13:2, 2 Peter 1:19-21*

## **Shepherding**

The gift of Shepherding is the divine enablement to nurture, care for, and guide people toward ongoing spiritual maturity and becoming like Christ.

*Ephesians 4:11-12, 1 Peter 5:1-4, John 10:1-18*

## **Teaching**

The gift of Teaching is the divine enablement to understand, clearly explain, and apply the word of God, causing greater Christ-likeness in the lives of listeners.

*Romans 12:7, 1 Corinthians 12:28-29, Acts 18:24-28, 2 Timothy 2:2*

## **Wisdom**

The gift of Wisdom is the divine enablement to apply spiritual truth effectively to meet a need in a specific situation. *1 Corinthians 12:8, James 3:13-18, 1 Corinthians 2:3-14, Jeremiah 9:23-24*



## Ministry Volunteer Application

Name		Date
Mailing Address	City	Zip
Home Phone	Work Phone	Date of Birth
Sex	Marital Status	Email

### Family Member Information

Spouse's Name	Date of Birth
Does your spouse attend The Bridge?	Anniversary

### Children

First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth	Live With You?	Attend The Bridge?

Are you a member of The Bridge? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How long have you been attending The Bridge? \_\_\_\_\_

Which service do you normally attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a regular part of LifeGroup? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which on (leader's name)? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, would you like to be a part of a LifeGroup this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Based on your understanding of how God has made you, what special skills, abilities, experiences, or passions do you have that God might put to use at The Bridge? \_\_\_\_\_

Base upon the Network Spiritual Gifts Assessment, what were your top three gifts?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

*\*If you do not know what your spiritual gifts are, please contact Susan in the church office to take the Spiritual Gift Assessment*

Which ministry team(s) are you or have you been part of here at The Bridge? (i.e. regular and ongoing commitments and responsibilities)

☐ None

Ministry Team \_\_\_\_\_

Your role in this ministry \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry/ Team leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry Team \_\_\_\_\_

Your role in this ministry \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry/ Team leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you or have you been involved in service outside the church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Ministry or Organization \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Current ☐ Past

Role (board, staff, volunteer, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry or Organization \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Current ☐ Past

Role (board, staff, volunteer, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any new or additional areas of ministry you have an interest in exploring? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### How did you find out about The Bridge Church?

☐ Invited by a friend \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Twitter

☐ Invited by a relative \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Facebook

☐ I live in the area, I dropped in

☐ Newspaper

☐ Mailing/ Flyer

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Previous Church Involvement

If you have been active in a church before you attended The Bridge, please complete the following:

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_ City/ State \_\_\_\_\_

Attended from \_\_\_\_\_ Where you a member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you served in any paid or volunteer positions, what were they? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_ City/ State \_\_\_\_\_

Attended from \_\_\_\_\_ Where you a member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you served in any paid or volunteer positions, what were they? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## EFCA Statement of Faith

The Evangelical Free Church of America is an association of autonomous churches united around these theological convictions:

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.



## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Christ's Return**

We believe in the personal, bodily and premillennial return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

## **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.

I have read and agreed with the EFCA Statement of Faith

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**OBJECTIVE:** Determining if you are ready to join The Bridge as a minister of the gospel by becoming volunteer staff.

I am committing myself to “Helping People Find Jesus Christ and Follow Him” by...

### 1. INVESTING MY LIFE

I have surrendered my life to the Lord Jesus Christ and reaffirm that I am trusting solely in His merits for my salvation from sin. I will live with the goal of consistently exalting and honoring Christ in my life according to the Word of God. I will seek to live in harmony with The Bridge church family and in Christ, submit to the authority of the leadership of this church. I will faithfully participate in worship and fellowship with this church, as well as faithfully refrain from propagating any scriptural interpretations that differ from those set forth in this church’s Statement of Faith.

– Proverbs 3:5-6; John 3:3; 14:6; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1; Hebrews 10:25 & 13:17

### 2. INVESTING MY PASSIONS

I will live a life that is passionate about what God is passionate about by loving and serving my Lord with my heart, soul, mind and strength. I will be honest when I am struggling in order to get the help I need to maintain a strong, spiritual walk with God. I will live to honor the Lord and represent The Bridge Evangelical Free Church with full integrity.

– Mark 12:30; Romans 12:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:4-28 & Galatians 5:24-25

### 3. INVESTING MY SERVICE

I will seek to identify and utilize my God-given gifts, talents, passions and experiences to serve God by serving others. I pledge to regularly participate in one or more ministries of The Bridge. I will also endeavor to serve the people in our city and world through participation in outreach and mission activities.

– John 20:21; Acts 4:32-37; Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12-14; Ephesians 4:11-13 & Micah 6:8

### 4. INVESTING MY RESOURCES

I will surrender all of my resources to God and His ownership as an act of worshipful dependence on him. I will faithfully participate in the financial support of The Bridge giving a consistent portion (or percentage) of my income towards God’s work being done through this church (the consistent Biblical starting guideline for giving is 10%).

– Malachi 3:10; 1 Corinthians 9:13-14; 16:2 & 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

### 5. INVESTING MY RELATIONSHIPS

I will invest in the lives of people who are part of The Bridge by committing to be significantly connected to other believers. Our primary way to do this is through LifeGroups. I will also invest in the lives of people who are disconnected from God and disconnected from an authentic community of believers.

– Acts 2:42-47; Luke 10:25-37 & Matthew 28:18-20

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Commitment Summary:

1) To Jesus and baptism (date when I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ/date I experienced believer’s baptism)

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

2) To regularly participate in public worship. Service I attend: \_\_\_\_\_

3) To be significantly connected in relationships (LifeGroup/Bible Study leaders name) \_\_\_\_\_

4) To serve: Ministry area of interest \_\_\_\_\_

5) To Financially support the church through faithful and generous giving.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

God uniquely designed us with gifts and passions to serve this world!  
Below are some of the many ways you can serve at The Bridge

If you are not currently serving, please circle a few areas you may be interested in.  
Turn this in with your volunteer application.

Your Interests & Passions:

Available Service at The Bridge

Hospitality  
Hospitality  
(for funerals)  
Teaching  
Hospital Visitation  
Counseling  
Connecting People  
Fellowship

## Community Life

LifeGroups  
(Leaders, hosts,  
& participants)  
LifeSkills University

Sound/Video  
Instrumental /Vocal music  
Multimedia  
Stage decoration/construction  
Stage lighting  
Prayer

## Worship Arts

Choir/Orchestra  
Worship bands  
Technical Team  
Prayer Team

Community Outreach  
Global Outreach  
Urban Missions & Discipleship  
Serving “the least of these”  
Evangelism  
Loving our Neighbors

## Missional Life

Casa Shalom  
Saturday Sports  
Care Connections  
Short Term Mission Trips  
Missionary Buddy  
Women’s Missionary Service  
Neighborhood Pantry  
Celebrate Recovery  
Zumba  
Good News Clubs

Loving  
Greeting  
Hospitality  
Event set up/tear down  
Welcoming Guests

## Connect Team

Greeters  
Ushers  
Connection Center  
Coffee Service  
Connection Card Team

## Your Interests & Passions:

## Available Service at The Bridge

Leading Small Groups  
Setup  
Training/Teaching  
Special Events

### Students

College  
High School  
Junior High

Teaching  
Classroom Help  
Cleaning Toys  
Crafts  
Preparing Materials  
Special Needs Kids  
Leading Small Groups

### Family Life

Nursery (newborn-2 years)  
Preschool (2-5 years)  
K - 4th grade  
KV56  
Tuesday AM  
Children's Programming

Computers and IT  
Phone Support  
Data Entry  
Administrative Support

### Technical & Skilled Labor

Administrative Services  
Information Technology

Physical Labor  
Gardening/landscaping  
Project work  
Maintenance  
Interior Decorating

### Campus Support

Bus Drivers  
Facilities Maintenance  
Grounds Care  
Campus Work Days  
Event set up/tear down  
Security

Graphic design  
Photography  
Copywriting  
Videography  
Web Development  
Advertising/Marketing  
Social Media

### Communication Arts

Communications