

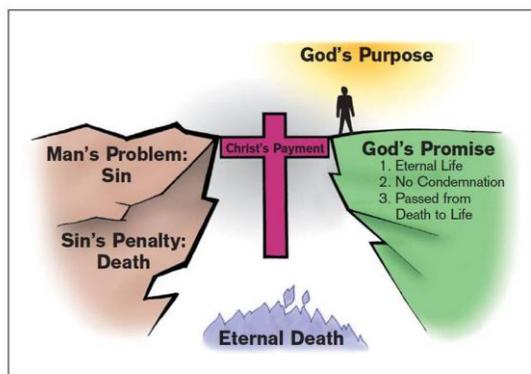


## Welcome to **The Bridge Bible Fellowship**

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Preface: Why we are called “The Bridge” (see “God’s Bridge to Eternal Life”)



## I. Who We Are

### A. A Member of the Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA)

The Evangelical Free Church of America is an association of more than 1300 autonomous churches joined together by common purposes, principles, and practices. The Free Church also includes a worldwide ministry of more than 600 churches on 12 mission fields.

**Evangelical** refers to our commitment to the proclamation of the **Gospel** and the authority of **Scripture** as being inerrant in the original writings and the only safe and sufficient guide to faith and practice.

**Free** (in most Evangelical Free Churches) refers to the form of government as being congregational, but at *The Bridge Bible Fellowship* we practice an Elder form of government. To us Free refers to the **autonomy** that each church has. This means that the denomination has no authority over the individual churches.

### EFCA Distinctives

- The Bridge Bible Fellowship is **inclusive not exclusive**.
- The Bridge Bible Fellowship is **evangelical but not separatist**.
- The Bridge Bible Fellowship is **ecumenical in spirit through not in structure**.
- The Bridge Bible Fellowship believes in **liberty with responsibility**.
- The Bridge Bible Fellowship believes in **both the rational and relational dimensions of Christianity**.
- The Bridge Bible Fellowship is **governed by a plurality of Elders** who are responsible to equip believers for the work of service.

### B. TBBF Church History

TBBF was originally two churches in the San Fernando Valley that became one in December 2007. **First Baptist Church of Reseda** (also known as “Heart of the Valley Community Church” or HVCC) was founded in 1942 at our present location. **The**

**Shepherd's Community Church** (SCC) was founded in 1984 in Woodland Hills. SCC originally met in the backyard of one of its members and then began to rent space at different schools until it purchased and moved to its own facility in 1998 (22222 Saticoy Street, Canoga Park).

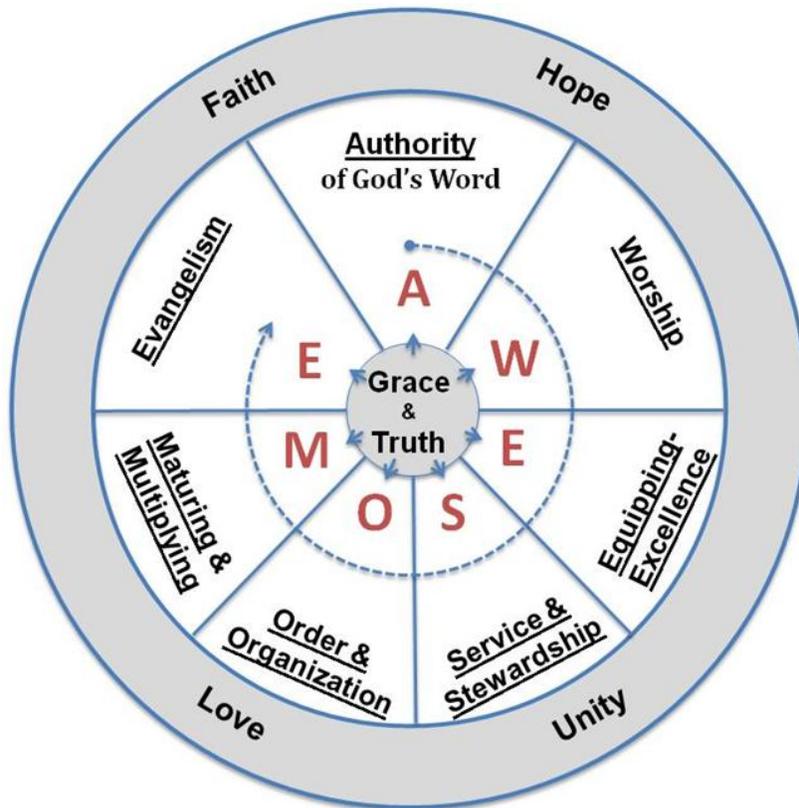
In the history of SCC there were two Senior Pastors. The first pastor was Doug Thompson (1984-1990) and the second was Paul Brown (1990-present). In May 2007 SCC was looking for a larger property for its growing congregation and HVCC was looking for a pastoral staff. The leadership of the two churches began prayerfully considering a merger which was affirmed in the Fall of 2007. We began joint worship services at the Reseda location on December 2, 2007 with a new name, "**The Bridge Bible Fellowship.**"

### C. Mission & Values

#### 1. Mission Statement

**"Our mission is to glorify God by multiplying mature disciples and healthy churches, who know Jesus Christ and make Him known."**

#### 2. Values – "A.W.E.S.O.M.E." wheel



## **II. What We Believe**

**A. EFCA Statement of Faith** - The Evangelical Free Church of America is an association of autonomous churches united around these theological convictions:

### **1. 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.

### **2. 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.

### **3. 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.

### **4. 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.

### **5. 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.

### **6. 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.

### **7. 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.

### **8. 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.

### **9. 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.

### **10. 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.

For a thorough list of Scripture references supporting the above statements, please go to: <https://go.efca.org/sites/default/files/resources/docs/2016/10/sof-with-scripture-references.pdf>

You may also go to [efca.org](http://efca.org) to learn more about the Evangelical Free Church of America.

## **B. TBBF Distinctive Biblical Positions**

For purposes of doctrine, policy, practice, discipline and administration, the Board of Elders constitutes the final interpretive authority pertaining to both the meaning and application of Biblical texts at *The Bridge Bible Fellowship*. (Acts 15; 1 Tim. 3; Tit. 1)

### **1. Expository Preaching**

We believe that God's Word is truth, and that it has the power to sanctify the believer (John 17:17) and bring salvation to the unbeliever (Rom. 10:13-15). Thus, the primary responsibility of a preacher and of the church, is to teach the Word of God in its literal, grammatical, and historical context. Expository preaching may be defined as "laying open the text to public view in order to set forth its meaning, explain what is difficult to understand, and make appropriate application." (Richard L. Mayhue, *MacArthur Pastor's Library on Preaching* (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2005), p. 8).

While there will be occasional messages that are on a specific topic of doctrine or aspect of Christian life, the majority of the sermons coming from the pulpit of TBBF will be expository in nature, working through an entire book or section of a book in a verse by verse fashion over an extended period of time, in order to better understand the truth contained therein. When done effectively, expository preaching will follow the Biblical model of Nehemiah 8:6-8, in which Ezra and the other scribes, read from the Law of God, translated it, and explained it to the people with the ultimate goal that the people would understand God's Word.

## **2. Bible Translations**

We believe that the Scriptures are inspired and inerrant in their original autographs and that there are many good translations of God's Word in the English language. As languages are fluid and change over time, it is helpful to have translations that clearly convey the original languages in a modern vernacular. Our Senior Pastor currently teaches from the NASB, but there are many other translations that are acceptable, and we do not exalt one translation as "the only Bible" to read and study.

## **3. Biblical Counseling**

We believe that the word of God is completely sufficient to address and counsel the souls of men through every issue of life (2 Pet. 1:3). We believe that God is the ultimate counselor of the soul, indeed he is called "Wonderful Counselor" (Isa. 9:6) and His word is able to teach, reprove, correct, train in righteousness (2 Tim. 3:16-17), restore the soul, make the simple to be wise, cause the heart to rejoice, and enlighten the eyes (Ps. 19:7-9). Therefore, our counseling is based upon scriptural principles rather than those of secular psychology or psychiatry. Unless they specifically state otherwise, none of those who counsel in this church are trained or licensed as psycho-therapists or mental health professionals, nor should they be expected to follow the methods of such specialists.

## **4. Literal Six Day Creation**

We believe that God created the heavens, the earth and all that is contained within them in six, literal, twenty-four hour days (Gen. 1:1-2:4; Ex. 20:11) and that there was no death in God's creation prior to the sin of Adam and Eve in the garden (Rom. 5:12; Gen. 3).

## **5. Sovereignty of God in Salvation**

### **a. Divine Election**

We teach that election is the act of God by which, before the foundation of the world, He chose in Christ those whom He graciously regenerates, saves, and sanctifies (Rom. 8:28-30; Eph. 1:4-11; 2 Thess. 2:13; 2 Tim. 2:10; 1 Pet. 1:1, 2).

We teach that sovereign election does not contradict or negate the responsibility of man to repent and trust Christ as Savior and Lord (Ezek. 18:23, 32; 33:11; Jn. 3:18, 19, 36; 5:40; 2 Thess. 2:10-12; Rev. 22:17). Nevertheless, since sovereign grace includes the means of receiving the gift of salvation as well as the gift itself, sovereign election will result in

what God determines. All whom the Father calls to Himself will come in faith and all who come in faith the Father will receive (Jn. 6:37-40, 44; Acts 13:48; James 4:8).

We teach that the unmerited favor that God grants to totally depraved sinners is not related to any initiative of their own part nor to God's anticipation of what they might do by their own will, but is solely of His sovereign grace and mercy (Eph. 1:4-7; Titus 3:4-7; 1 Pet. 1:2).

We teach that election should not be looked upon as based merely on abstract sovereignty. God is truly sovereign but He exercises this sovereignty in harmony with His other attributes, especially His omniscience, justice, holiness, wisdom, grace, and love (Rom. 9:11-16). This sovereignty will always exalt the will of God in a manner totally consistent with His character as revealed in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ (Mt. 11:25-28; 2 Tim. 1:9). (John F. MacArthur Jr., *The MacArthur Study Bible: New American Standard Bible*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2006).

### **b. Eternal Security**

We teach that all the redeemed once saved are kept by God's power and thus are secure in Christ forever (John 5:24; 6:37-50; 10:27-30; 17:15-20; Rom. 5:9-10; 8:1, 31-39; 1 Cor. 1:4-8; Eph. 4:30; Heb. 7:24; 13:5; 1 Pet. 1:5; Jude 24). However, believers must never take advantage of their salvation by using Christian liberty as an occasion for sinful living (Rom. 6:15-22; 13:13-14; Gal. 5:13, 25-26; Titus 2:11-15).

### **c. Fruit of Salvation**

We are convinced that repentance and faith are two sides of the same coin (Mk. 1:15; Acts 20:21). Meaning that all true believers will turn from sin (repentance) and turn to Christ (faith). Repentance and faith cannot be separated in relation to salvation. "Faith" without repentance is merely an intellectual assent to the existence of God and the truth of the gospel and does not lead to salvation, since "the demons also believe and shudder" (James 2:19). In the same way, attempting to reform your life by "getting right" (i.e., repentance without faith), will never lead to salvation (Gal. 2:16; 3:11).

Since these two (repentance and faith) cannot be separated, all genuine believers will evidence deeds appropriate to repentance (Acts 26:20; Mt. 3:8) as well as manifesting the fruit of salvation/genuine faith (James 2:14-26): love for God (Deut. 6:5) and others (John 13:34-35), prayer (1 Thess. 5:17), the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23), devotion to God's glory (1 Cor. 10:31), spiritual growth (John 15:1-6) and obedience to God's Word (John 14:21).

"Therefore, it is clearly contrary to the New Testament evidence to speak about the possibility of having true saving faith without having any repentance for sin. It is also contrary to the New Testament to speak about the possibility of someone accepting Christ 'as Savior' but not 'as Lord,' if that means simply depending on him for salvation but not committing oneself to forsake sin and to be obedient to Christ from that point on." (Wayne A. Grudem, *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine* (Leicester, England; Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press; Zondervan Pub. House, 2004), p. 714).

## **6. Spiritual Gifts**

We teach that there were two kinds of gifts: temporary confirming gifts and permanent edifying gifts. With the New Testament revelation complete, the confirming gifts are no longer a necessary criteria (1 Cor. 13:8b-12) for evaluating the validity of a man and his message since they can be counterfeited by Satan so as to deceive even believers (1 Cor. 13:13-14:12; Col. 2:18; Rev. 13:13-14). Thus, we teach that the temporary confirming gifts – healing, speaking in tongues (unlearned languages), interpretation, and the working of sign miracles – gradually ceased as the New Testament Scriptures were completed and their authority became established (compare 1 Cor. 13:8-10; 2 Cor. 12:12; Hebr. 2:3-4; and Acts 19:11-12 with 1 Cor. 12:1-31). We teach that no one individual possesses the gift of healing today, but that God does hear and answer the prayer of faith on the part of every believer, and will answer in accordance with His own perfect will for the sick, suffering, and afflicted (Luke 18:1-6; John 5:7-9; 2 Cor. 12:6-10; James 5:13-16; 1 John 5:14-15).

## **7. Complementary but Differing Roles for Men and Women**

We believe that God created men and women to be equal, as both are created in the image of God (Gen. 1:27), but within this equality they are to have differing roles in God's created order (Gen. 2:18). This was God's original design for creation and He Himself declared this order to be good (Gen. 1:31). After the fall of man (Gen. 3), sin has impacted the hearts of men and women and has led to abuses and perversions of God's design for the harmonic and complementary roles of men and women. We teach these complementary roles as they are presented in Scripture and conduct the activity of the church accordingly (1 Cor. 11:3, 8-12; Eph. 5:22-33; 1 Pet. 3:1-7; Col. 3:18-19; 1 Tim. 2:8-15; Titus 2:1-6).

If you would like more resources on this topic we would encourage you to listen to:  
<http://www.shepherdsconference.org/media/details/?mediaID=8481>

## **8. Statement on Marriage and Sexuality**

- a. We believe that the term “marriage” has only one Biblical meaning: namely, marriage is an ordinance instituted and sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive husband-wife union – the meaning that is clearly and uniformly delineated in Scripture. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur exclusively between a man and a woman who are joined in marital union to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged outside a marriage between a man and a woman.
- b. We believe that the only legitimate and accepted form of sexual intimacy is that which occurs within the Biblical definition of marriage. Any form of sexual intimacy outside of the marital union of a man and a woman is in violation of God's ordained purpose for mankind, and constitutes immoral behavior. We hold that sexual immorality includes adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography, transgender function, or disagreement with one's biological sex. We hold that these or

related immoral behaviors are sinful and offensive to God, the Sovereign Creator and Judge of all mankind.

- c. We believe that God graciously offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and repent (forsake) their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness offered through faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that this offer of mercy and forgiveness includes the full array of sins of immorality noted above in this Section (see item 2).
- d. We believe that every human being is to be afforded dignity and respect without discrimination of persons. We repudiate degrading attitudes or actions communicated toward an individual that demeans personal dignity as a creature made in the image of God. All personal interactions are to be in consistency with the doctrines and practices articulated in TBBF's By-Laws or authorized by the Board of Elders in accord with their interpretation of Scripture.
- e. We believe that the preservation of the function and integrity of the Church as the local Body of Christ requires that all persons employed by *The Bridge Bible Fellowship* in any capacity, and that all volunteers serving within the function of the Church and any of its ministries, agree with this Statement on Marriage & Sexuality and conduct themselves accordingly in abiding conformity. Furthermore, all individuals involved in any ministry operation, activity or event at *The Bridge Bible Fellowship* are expected to uphold the principles and perspectives set forth in this Section, and individuals or organizations desiring use of any facility of *The Bridge Bible Fellowship* must also comply with the policies and practices set forth in this Section.

### III. How We Function:

#### A. Elders

1. **Biblical Eldership** – *meaning that the Bible is the authority over those who serve as elders. God created the office of “elder” and He determines how one is to function in that role.*
2. **Qualifications (Titus 1:5-9; 1 Tim. 3:1-7)** – *Paul lays out very specific character qualities that determine the spiritual maturity necessary for a man to serve as an elder. Each man must have these qualities as the general characteristic of his life.*
3. **Appointment (Titus 1:5)** – *elders are to be appointed by other leaders who are under the direction of the Holy Spirit.*
  - a. **Member nomination** – *at TBBF church members are asked to nominate potential elders (and deacons) based upon their own knowledge of a person's character and ability to serve.*

- b. **Elder approval/appointment** – *the TBBF board of elders considers/prays and determines whether a nominated person is approved to serve as an elder.*
- c. **Annual Terms** – *each elder is committing to serve for one annual term of office (July-June). There is no limit to the number of consecutive terms in which an elder may serve.*

#### **4. Function**

- a. **Rule under God’s authority** (1 Tim. 5:17-18; Heb. 13:17) – *the role of an elder is to be a ruler of the church. Their authority is in the context and scope of the church and its members, under the authority of God and His Word.*
- b. **Shepherding (Protecting & Teaching)** (Acts 20:28-32; 1 Pet. 5:1-4) – *the biblical metaphor of an elder is that of a shepherd. As in biblical times, a shepherd’s job is to feed, lead, protect, care for, and discipline the sheep (church members).*
  - 1) Teaching & Counseling (*both formal and informal*)
  - 2) Caring & Follow up (*i.e. CCB & attendance*)
  - 3) Exhortation & Discipline (*correct false teaching and sinful behavior*)

#### **5. Governing**

- a. *The elders of TBBF meet regularly to discuss and perform the governing responsibilities of setting policies, overseeing ministries and leaders and providing accountability for such things.*
- b. **Unanimity** (John 17:22-23; Gal. 5:16-26) – *when the TBBF elders must vote to make decisions a unanimous vote is required. This is based upon the realization that the same Holy Spirit resides in each elder. If each elder is led by the Holy Spirit, then what will follow is a unanimous decision.*

#### **6. TBBF Elder Board (see pictures on website – [www.tbbfchurch.org](http://www.tbbfchurch.org))**

#### **B. Pastoral Staff**

- 1. Paid staff who are elder qualified (1 Tim. 5:17-18)
- 2. Pastoral staff oversee the major ministries of TBBF
- 3. TBBF Pastoral Staff (*see website – [www.tbbfchurch.org](http://www.tbbfchurch.org)*)

#### **C. Administrative Support Staff (see website – [www.tbbfchurch.org](http://www.tbbfchurch.org))**

#### **D. Lay Leaders**

- 1. Volunteer leaders who participate and lead many ministries the church offers
- 2. See ministry list

#### **E. Congregation**

Our congregation is comprised of members, regular attenders and visitors. Our goal is that each person would become personally involved in the mission of the church.

## **What is Local Church Membership?**

### **I. The Biblical Basis for Church Membership**

While there are no Bible passages that explicitly mandate formal membership, the Biblical description of the church implicitly supports the concept of a formal membership commitment:

Jesus assumes that the local church will be a specific congregation with a ruling body having authority to include members by baptism (Matt. 28:19) and to exclude them by excommunication (Matt. 18:17-20).

Believers are called to submit to their leaders (Heb. 13:17; 1 Thess. 5:12-13), and leaders are called to know and shepherd the people God has placed under their care (Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 5:1-4; Acts 20:28-30).

Scripture repeatedly presents the church as a body made up of many members who are joined together into a single unit (1 Cor. 12:12-30; Rom. 12:3-8).

### **II. Church Membership is a Church's Affirmation to the Believer**

- A. That (to the best of their knowledge) the individual believer is a genuine disciple of Jesus.
- B. That they are welcoming this individual into the corporate body of believers at this church.

### **III. Church Membership is a Church's Commitment to the Believer**

#### **A. Truth (1 Timothy 3:15)**

You can expect to hear the truth of God's word proclaimed to you on a variety of levels (i.e., preaching, Bible study, small group discussion, etc.).

#### **B. Teaching and Prayer (Acts 2:42; 6:4; 20:20-21)**

You can expect the elders and pastoral staff to teach the word of God, pray for you and come alongside you in both an individual and corporate manner.

#### **C. Proclamation of the Gospel Message (Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8)**

You can expect that the church will work diligently and faithfully to fulfill the Great Commission by proclaiming the gospel to the world and the members of the church.

#### **D. Fellowship (Acts 2:42; 1 Jn. 1:3, 7)**

You can expect to enjoy spiritual fellowship and mutual encouragement with the other members of the church body.

### **E. Training and Equipping (Eph. 4:11-13)**

You can expect to be equipped to do the work of the ministry alongside the leadership of the church, so that we all may be built up for the glory of God.

### **F. Protection from False Doctrine (Eph. 4:14; 1 Tim. 3:13-14; 4:1-6, 13)**

You can expect the leadership of the church to protect you from error by teaching sound doctrine and speaking out against false teaching and doctrine.

### **G. Spiritual Growth (Eph. 4:15-16; Col. 1:28-29)**

You can expect to be shepherded towards personal growth in your relationship with the Lord, through the proclamation of God's Word on Sundays, and through smaller group studies on Sunday mornings and midweek LIFE Groups.

### **H. Spiritual Oversight and Protection (Heb. 13:17; 1 Peter 5:1-4)**

You can expect the elders to be concerned for your spiritual wellbeing, as they lovingly shepherd and care for you as those who will give an account to the Chief Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **I. Meet the needs of fellow Christians (1 Tim. 5:3; Acts 6:1-3; 2:44-45)**

You can expect to help support others within the congregation and in turn to be supported by them in time of need.

### **J. Remember and proclaim Jesus' death until He returns (1 Cor. 11:23-26)**

You can expect to participate in the Lord's Table with the other members of the church, as we remember His sacrificial death and His future return.

### **K. Shepherding and Discipline**

You can expect for the church body and the leadership of the church to hold you accountable for living a life that is "worthy of the calling with which you have been called" (Eph. 4:1-3).

1. Because it is commanded in Scripture (Matt. 18:15-20; 2 Thess. 3:6-15)
2. Because it is intended to restore (Gal. 6:1-2; 1 Cor. 5:1-11; 2 Cor. 2:5-11)
3. Because it demonstrates the love of God (Heb. 12:1-14)

### **L. Shepherding Priority**

While regular attending non-members of the church will receive some of these same benefits, when leaders' time or other church resources are limited, members will receive attention ahead of attenders (Gal 6:10).

## **IV. Church Membership is a Believer's Commitment to the Church**

### **Membership Covenant (From Membership Application)**

The following is my covenant with the Lord:

Having been led by the Holy Spirit and brought by His grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and to give myself wholly to Him by receiving Him as Savior and confessing Him as Lord in baptism and testimony, I am committed to forsake the ways of sin and to walk in Christian love and in the paths of righteousness.

I will seek to exercise loving care as a member of the body of Christ toward the other members of this church to its growth in Christian knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to strive with others for both the peace and purity of this, Christ's church; to sustain its worship and to cherish Christ's ordinances by my faithful attendance and diligent participation, and to contribute as a faithful steward, my time, talents, and money, in the measure that Christ prospers me, that this church's world-wide ministry of making disciples by spreading the Gospel be faithfully carried out.

I will seek to maintain family and private devotions, to teach the Bible to my family, to seek the salvation of my family and acquaintances, and to walk uprightly in the world to the end that I may win souls for the Lord Jesus Christ. I will strive to be a Christian example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity of life, remembering that we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth, and that a city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

I will also seek to give and receive admonition with humility and compassion; to remember the other members of this church in prayer, and to aid them in case of sickness and distress; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and to encourage one another in the blessed hope of our Lord's return. I, moreover, engage that when I move from this congregation, I will involve myself with another local church where I can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of the Word of God.

I understand that membership in this church involves accountability and submission to the loving leadership of the Elders. And I agree that if my conduct so requires, these men have both the right and the responsibility according to Matthew 18, 1 Corinthians 5, etc., to discipline me in the manner prescribed by these Scriptures.

Finally, I understand that any member who seeks a transfer of membership or any other removal of his name from the church roll while subject to any stage of church discipline will not have his name removed from the church roll without the consent of the elders. The disciplinary process will continue to completion.

## **V. Membership Process at TBBF**

- A. Be a genuine disciple of Jesus Christ.
- B. Be baptized as an outward expression of the inward reality of new life in Christ.
- C. Attend this membership class.
- D. Complete the membership application.
- E. Be interviewed by one of the pastors or elders of the church.
- F. Receive approval by the TBBF Board of Elders.
- G. Announcement and introduction to the congregation.

## **The Ministries of The Bridge Bible Fellowship**

**Church Office (818) 776-1500**

- **Assimilation –Don Rohde**
- **Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) – Taline Boyajian**
- **Biblical Counseling Center– Mike Vos**
- **Breaking Ground (College/Young Adult Ministry) – Pastor Randy Leinen**
- **Bridge Kids (Children’s Ministries) – Xiomara Bueno, Director**
- **Bridge Youth –Jimmy Augur/Joe Leinen, Co-Directors**
- **Care Ministries – Steve Lively, Pastor of Care**
  - **Benevolence – Wayne Borkin**
  - **Care Coordinator - Margaret Borkin**
  - **Love:Share - John & Arlene Benson**
  - **Seniors – Steve Lively**
- **Chaplaincy – Casey Walker & Gregg Mramor**
- **Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) – Mary Ann LaPointe**
- **Christ Bible Church (CBC), North Hills – Pastor Patrick Carmichael**
- **Church Office Volunteers – Diane Baker**
- **Deacon Ministry – Gary Meier**
- **Discipleship – Pastor Paul Brown**
  - **Sunday ABC Classes**
  - **Mid-week LIFE Groups**
- **East-West Church – Sam Thalluri**
- **Elder Ministry – Larry Redekopp**
- **Greeters – Don Rohde**
- **GriefShare –Ralph Evans**
- **Hispanic Church (Iglesia Cristiana Puente de Vida) – Pastor Eduardo Bueno**
- **Jail & Prison Ministries – Dennis Philpot**
- **Library – Frank Barwig**
- **Men’s Ministries – Tim Guttridge & Dean Peters**
- **Missions – Rich Weitzel**
- **Outreach – Pastor Paul Brown & Mika Kaltoft (Evangelism & Outreach)**
- **Security – Ralph Evans**
- **Shepherding the Nations (STN) – Pastor Paul Brown**
- **Special Events – Diane Brown**
- **The Bridge Café – Briana Steadman**
- **Women’s Ministries – Jeanne Dudley & Teresa Todd**
- **Worship Ministries – Baptism (Luke & Jean Antos)/Communion (Alex & Jan Vassil)/Ushers (Rick Skalma)/Worship – Pastor Steve Lively**

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