



A STORY TO TELL!

— PSALMS 107:2 —

Our story tells about our relationship with Jesus and how He makes a difference in our lives. It is not about our religion or what we do for Him. Remember, we accepted Jesus' invitation to "follow" Him.

Matthew 4:19

Matthew 16:24

Matthew 19:28

Mark 1:17

Mark 10:21

Luke 5:27

Luke 18:22

John 1:43

John 8:12

John 21:19

Mark 5:19-20

After Jesus healed the demoniac, He told him to: "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.' So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed."

I John 1:1-4

I Peter 3:15

"sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always BEING READY to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence"

Tear along the dotted line

CONNECT CARD

SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

NAME: _____ GENDER: ☐ M ☐ F DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ APT./SUBDIVISION: _____

PHONE: (h:) _____ (w:) _____ (c:) _____

EMAIL: _____

ATTENDING WORSHIP TODAY AT: ☐ 10:00 a.m.

I AM A: ☐ first-time guest ☐ regular attendee ☐ First Baptist member

I AM: ☐ looking for a new church home ☐ active in a local church

☐ I would like a Pastor to contact me to discuss joining First Baptist.

☐ I would like more information about First Baptist

PLEASE CHECK YOUR AGE GROUP:

☐ 20-under ☐ 21-26 ☐ 27-32 ☐ 33-36 ☐ 37-43 ☐ 44-50 ☐ 51-56 ☐ 57-63 ☐ 64-70 ☐ 70+

I AM:

☐ married

☐ widowed

☐ single again

☐ single

☐ college

Writing Your Personal Story (Testimony)

Your story has three parts:

- Your life before you met Christ
- How you met Christ
- How Christ changed your life

Write your story in 300 words or less.

This will allow you to tell your story in three minutes or less.

Your life before you met Christ

Answering these questions will help you reflect on your life before Christ:

- Were your parents devoted followers of Jesus?
- Did you grow up regularly attending church?
- How would you describe your family’s spiritual life?
- What did you struggle with?
- How did you feel?
- What were you looking for?
- How old were you when you became a follower of Jesus?
- What was your life like before you committed your life to Jesus?
- What word best describes your life before Christ?
- Was there a major event that shaped your view of God?
- Was your life before Christ impacted by a specific struggle, event, or person?
If so, how did it impact you?
- In what ways did you find life unsatisfying?

Points to keep in mind:

- The three parts of your story do not have to be the same length.
- If you became a follower of Jesus at a young age, the part about your life before Christ might be shorter than the other two parts.
- Your story is powerful, even if you have not had a traumatic experience in your past.
- Be specific in writing your story. Don’t use broad, general terms.
- Avoid religious and “churchy” words that may have negative connotations or may not be clearly understood by people who have no background in the Bible or church.
- Be personal in writing your testimony. Don’t be preachy.
- Pray before you write anything. Ask God to help you.
- Your first draft will not be a finished product. You will rewrite it several times this month to make it concise and effective.
- Write it like you would speak it. Don’t write it like a research paper.
- Say it out loud to see how it sounds, then make changes.

Steve Hogg

September 6, 2015

NAMES & AGES OF CHILDREN IN YOUR HOME:

Name	Date of Birth	Grade:

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER	AGES	# OF SUPPERS
SEPTEMBER 9, 2015		
PLEASE CHECK ONE:	0-2	___ FREE
<input type="checkbox"/> this week only	3-12	___ \$2.00
<input type="checkbox"/> permanent supper list	13+	___ \$5.00

PRAYER REQUEST:

I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND:

<input type="checkbox"/> I / We plan to attend the Dinner with the Pastor on Sept. 20th.
name: _____