



# METRO TAB CHURCH FELLOWSHIP OF MINISTERS

## BUILDING BRIDGES

IT'S ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

TOGETHER WE ARE...

**GATHERING HIS HARVEST!**



**Dr. Steve & Reita Ball**  
Founders & Lead Pastors

## PURPOSE

Metropolitan Tabernacle Fellowship of Ministers exists for the purpose of togetherness in Christian fellowship in an effort to provide a “covering” for others. The “covering” connotes no financial or legal liability but one of prayerful interest in the persons involved by the choice of individual members. Affiliates are urged to pray regularly for those of “like faith” and ministry. Members are encouraged to interact with each other as they choose. The Scriptural ideal of members choosing to be “their brother’s or sister’s keeper” in prayer and love is certainly one that will be richly rewarded. Sometimes ministry is lonely and the volunteer partnership of commitment in spiritual interest offers a source of strength.

## COMMITMENT

Members are volitionally committed to the propagation of the Gospel of Truth found in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the Statement of Faith. It is understood that individual commitments are the responsibility of each member and therefore are not a reflection on those of any other person. Each member, by their commitment, pledges to conduct life and ministry in an upstanding and holy manner that brings glory to God and enhances confidence in His Church which is the spiritual body of the Lord Jesus Christ. No unscriptural or inappropriate conduct, behavior, action or attitude is to reflect on MTFM, its leaders, or members. This fellowship is not responsible for the attitudes or actions of any of the participants.

## CERTIFICATION

<b><u>Certificate of Ministry:</u></b>	for those responding to the call of God to serve under their pastor in the local church
<b><u>License:</u></b>	for those who have a definite call to the five-fold ministry, but may not currently be full-time
<b><u>Ordination:</u></b>	for those who have a definite call to five-fold ministry, proven ministry experience, and are generally serving in full-time ministry.
<b><u>Membership:</u></b>	includes those individuals that have received their licensing or ordination through the MTFM. Additionally, MTFM members can include individuals that currently possess ordination credentials with another organization or denomination.

- Ministerial recognition will require an accountability check-up relative to the Holy Scriptures and ministerial concepts.
- A report relative to present ministry activities and address will be expected by January 10 each year to keep everyone current in contact. In addition, the annual renewal fee is due with the January report.
- The MTFM is released to acquire background checks relative to moral conduct, financial responsibility etc.
- It is herewith understood that the MTFM bears no ethical or legal responsibility for the failure, errors, actions or attitude of anyone given a certificate.

## BENEFITS

- A ministerial certificate and I.D. card will be issued
- An invitation to ministry events will be extended with reserve seating
- Ministry network opportunities + internet website link participation (subject to approval)

## REQUIREMENTS

- Must be called involving at least one of the five-fold areas of ministry (Eph. 4:11,12)
- Must be active in some area of ministry
- Two references of recommendation from non-family members
- A “set apart” lifestyle
- A burden for people who know Christ and those who do not yet know Him
- A cooperative attitude with the Scriptural goals of the fellowship

## FEES

<b>Annual Membership Fee</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>(Due on or before January 31 each year)</b>
<b>Certificate-Licensing-Ordination Fee</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>(An additional one-time fee for those seeking ministry credentials)</b>

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Please note that you are responsible for completing all application requirements (i.e. payment, other explanations, recommendations, etc.) in a timely manner. If all pieces are not received within 6 months, your application will be shredded and a refund issued if applicable. If you have further questions or need additional information, please contact Metro Tab: 4238943377 or [info@metrotab.net](mailto:info@metrotab.net).

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

**THE HOLY BIBLE...**We believe in the absolute inspiration of Holy Scriptures given by the Holy Spirit without error, as He moved upon holy men of old. Furthermore, we believe that the church has no authority to establish doctrine or practices contrary to those same scriptures. The Bible holds the words of eternal life and the keys of the Kingdom of God. The Bible shows us God's principles and standards for living; and it is the food that sustains us in all circumstances (John 1:14; 2 Tim 3:16-17; 1 John 2:5,6).

**THE TRINITY...**We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and co-eternal. (1 John 5:7; Gen 1:26; Isaiah 43:10; Matt 3:16-17, 28:19; Luke 3:22).

**THE VIRGIN BIRTH...**We believe Jesus Christ was conceived by God the Father, through the Holy Spirit (the third person of the Trinity) in the virgin Mary's womb; therefore, He is the Son of God (Matt 1:18, 23-25; Luke 1:27-35; Isaiah 7:14).

**JESUS CHRIST...**We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity. While on earth, he was 100% God and 100% man. He is the only man ever to have lived a sinless life. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, died on the cross for mankind and thus, atoned for our sins through the shedding of His blood. He rose from the dead on the third day according to the Scriptures, ascended to the right hand of the Father, and will return again in power and glory. We believe every believer must have a personal and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, for apart from Him we can do nothing. Each person has a ministry from God that no one else can fill. We are to instruct, teach, exhort, and admonish believers in the ways of God. (Matt 1:23; John 1:1,14; 15:1-5; 20:28; Luke 1:31,35; 1 Cor 15:3; 12 Cor 5:21; Heb 13:5-6; 1 Tim 2:5; 3:16; Isaiah 9:6; Phil 2:5-6).

**REDEMPTION...**We believe man was created good and upright, but by voluntary transgression he fell; his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Gen. 1:26-31; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-21).

**REPENTANCE...**We believe repentance is the commitment to turn away from sin in every area of our lives and to follow Christ, which allows us to receive His redemption and to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Thus, through repentance we receive forgiveness of sins and appropriate salvation (Acts 2:21; 3:19; 1 John 1:9).

**SALVATION...**We believe in justification by faith. We believe that salvation is free and, apart from any work of man, is a result of the sovereign grace of God (Eph 2:8-9; Gal 2:16; 3:8; 5:5; Rom 5:1; 10:9-10; Titus 3:5; Acts 16:31; Heb 9:22).

**WATER BAPTISM...**We believe that believers should be water baptized by immersion for the circumcision of our hearts. It is through baptism that we publicly identify with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Matt 28:19; Rom 6:3-6; Col 2:11-14; Acts 2:38).

**SANCTIFICATION...**We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the believer is enabled to live a holy life. Godly living and the pursuit of a holy life should be the goal of every believer (Rom 8:5,29; 2 Cor 3:18; 6:14-18; Phil 2:12,13; 3:14; 1 Thess 4:3-8, 5:23; 2 Thess 2:1-3; Heb 2:11; 12:14).

**THE HOLY SPIRIT...**We believe in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit as a real and personal part our everyday lives and that when we are baptized, we are filled with His Spirit and speak with other tongues as He gives the utterance (Acts 1:5; 2:1-4,17,38-39; 8:14-17; 10:38,44-47; 11:15-17; 19:1-6; Eph 5:18-21; Joel 2:28,29; Matt 3:11).

**THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT...**We believe in the manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit to build and edify the church, demonstrate the validity of the resurrection and confirm the power of the Gospel. He ministers to His people through tongues, interpretation of tongues, prophecy; words of knowledge and wisdom, discerning of spirits, faith, working of miracles, and healing. These gifts operate in harmony with the Scriptures and should never be used in violation of Biblical parameters (Mark 16:15-18; Acts 5:16; Heb 2:4; Rom 1:11,12 :4-8; Eph 4:16; 2 Tim 1:5-16, 4:14; 1 Cor 12:1-31, 14:1-40; 1 Peter 4:10).

**THE LORD'S SUPPER...**We believe in observing The Lord's Supper: a unique time of communion in the presence of God when the elements of bread and grape juice (the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ) are taken in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross (Matt 26:26-29; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12, 36-38; 10:47-48; 1 Cor 10:16, 11:23-25).

**HEALING...**We believe healing of the sick is illustrated in the life and ministry of Jesus, and included in the commission of Jesus to His disciples. It is given as a sign, which is to follow believers. It is also a part of Jesus' work on the Cross and is one of the gifts of the Spirit. We have authority over sickness, disease, demons, curses and every circumstance in life (Ps 103:2-3; Isaiah 53:5; Matt 8:16-17; Mark 16:17-18; Luke 10:19; Acts 8:6-7, 10:38; James 5:14-16; 1 Cor 10:4-5; 12:9, 28; Rom 11:29; 1 Peter 2:24).

Please detach the application pages and return to the Metro Tab Church office.



## Metro Tab Church FELLOWSHIP OF MINISTERS APPLICATION

P. O. Box 23527...Chattanooga, TN...37422  
423-894-3377 (office) ... 423-894-2348 (fax) ... www.metrotab.net

Please attach a current photo to this application.  
If you and your spouse are both applying...  
separate applications must be completed.

I am applying for (please check):

	Myself	Spouse
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership (\$25.00 annually)	\$	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Ministry Certificate (\$100.00 one time)	\$	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> License (\$100.00 one time)	\$	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Ordination (\$100.00 one time)	\$	\$
<b>Sub-Total</b>	\$	\$
<b>Combined Total Due</b>		\$

Please attach membership fee payment to this form.  
Application will not be processed without payment.

Please check method of payment:

☐ Money Order ☐ Check (Payable to "Metro Tab FM")  
☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover  
Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ CVV/CVC \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY** (If question does not apply, type or print NA)

### PERSONAL DATA

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Maiden Name) (Last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

U.S. Citizen: ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

(If permanent resident alien, please enclose copy of green card.)

Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Engaged\* ☐ Single ☐ Divorced\*\* ☐ Separated\*\* ☐ Widowed

\*If currently engaged, please send written confirmation once you are married so we can update our records.

\*\* If divorce or separation has occurred, please attach on a separate page complete and thorough details.

Name of Spouse or Fiancé: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of marriage (present or proposed) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Is your spouse or fiancé saved? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your spouse or fiancé filled with the Holy Spirit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your spouse or fiancé in full support of your call to ministry? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, why? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_ (Please give names, gender & age)

## SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Date you were saved: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Date you were baptized in water: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Date you were baptized with the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your call into the ministry: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Understanding that a minister of the Gospel must maintain the highest moral and ethical standards, do you feel there is any area of your personal life that would hinder your ministry at this time? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No  
If Yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently use tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No  
(If Yes, please explain on a separate sheet.)

Public Record Information:

Have you ever been convicted of, or officially charged with a crime? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No  
Are you under any legal restrictions relative to children or otherwise? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No  
(If yes, please attach thorough explanation providing dates and details.)

## EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Circle highest level attained: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 GED Vocational/Technical: 1 2

College: 1 2 3 4 Bible School Associate Bachelor Master's Specialist Doctorate

List all higher educational institutions attended and degrees earned:

Name of School	Date	Major	Diploma/Degree
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## MINISTRY & VISION

What is your current area of ministry: \_\_\_\_Senior Pastor \_\_\_\_Evangelist \_\_\_\_Associate Pastor

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently or have you ever been licensed or ordained? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

If so, please list the denomination/organization and date credentialed. (Please attach copy of credentials)

\_\_\_\_\_

If you are going to leave or have left the denomination/organization where credentialed, please explain why:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What are your ministry goals for the future? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you involved in secular work at the present? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

If yes, what? \_\_\_\_\_

## CHURCH AFFILIATION & REFERENCES

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Website Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Senior Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Denomination / Organization

How long have you attended this church? \_\_\_\_\_ If less than one year, please give the following information for the church you formerly attended, and the reason for leaving.

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Website Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for leaving \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify two references other than family members who have known you for more than a year.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I understand all items submitted to MTFM as part of this application process become the permanent property of MTFM and will not be returned. This application will be held in confidence. Only those persons with a need to know will review it. I grant MTFM and its leadership permission to verify the information provided on this application. I hereby state that all the information contained on this application is true. If MTFM is notified that any of the information contained on this application is false; it will be grounds for immediate cancellation of application procedure and/or revocation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Agreement

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## MTFM MINISTER'S COVENANT

Upon acceptance of ministerial credentials from Metropolitan Tabernacle Fellowship of Ministers (MTFM), I hereby agree to covenant based on the following:

- To uphold the biblical standards of holiness and Godly conduct that are set forth in the Word of God governing ministers, in my personal life as well as my professional life.
- To submit to the leadership and covering provided by MTFM, and to receive the wisdom, counsel and restoration available through MTFM leadership.
- To commit to the MTFM Statement of Faith and to faithfully minister sound doctrine.
- To support MTFM with my prayers, financial support and my presence at all meetings and functions provided by the fellowship whenever possible.
- To maintain a level of excellence and quality of ministry that will enhance and be an asset to MTFM.

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Signature of Agreement

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Date

## MINISTERIAL CREDENTIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is hereby certified that I, \_\_\_\_\_, requested a Ministerial Credential Acknowledgment from the pastoral leadership of the Metro Tabernacle Church. Therefore, the following is to be understood by all to whom it may concern.

It is to be understood that the granting of my request was strictly on the basis of information that I furnished them. This was simply recognition of my Christian testimony of standing with God, call from God and humble intention to represent God through the sharing of His Word.

It was simply a response to my request for some identification to assist me in sharing and ministering the Christian faith. Therefore, it is clearly understood that my words, conduct, lifestyle and demeanor are completely and entirely my responsibility. Further, no other entity or persons are accountable for my attitude or actions.

The certificate received is not in any manner a recommendation from any entity or signatories. They complied with my request solely on the basis of my testimony of commitment in my life to God, ministry and the welfare of those with whom I interact.

It is to be clearly understood that there is to be no responsibility on the part of anyone associated with Metropolitan Tabernacle for any of my actions or attitude (past, present, or future).

Thanks for assisting me in performing what I perceive to be God's will for my life. May God bless all of those who have prayed and assisted me in any manner.

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Signature of Agreement

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Date

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