



# BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Fayetteville, NC 28314

## Prospective Volunteer Bible Teacher Questionnaire

Dear Prospective Teacher,

Thank you so very much for your interest in teaching Bible at BBC. We are exceptionally serious about the responsibility to teach the Word of God. The Bible is clear that those who teach the Word of God are held to a higher standard before God. James 3.1 describes those who teach the Bible to others. *My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.* James is warning novices from rushing into the responsibility of teaching the Bible because God will judge those who teach others with a greater degree of accountability.

While this warning is important to reflect on, consider also that God the Judge has gifted some in the body of Christ with the ability to teach His Word well, and those who choose to ignore the gift God has given them will be judged with an even harsher standard for they have taken the talent God has given them and buried it in the ground for fear of God (Matthew 25). Furthermore, James also tells his readers that if any one (including Bible teachers) asks God for wisdom, God promises to answer those prayers for guidance, understanding and the ability to correctly draw application from the Bible for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. So while the secret things still belong to the Lord (Deut. 29.29), the Bible teacher is not left to his own devices to get it right—God promised his disciples that the Holy Spirit would guide them in all truth (John 16:13). The teacher of God’s Word realizes that he will often need to spend vast amounts of time on his knees in prayer. Do you realize that before you can share God’s Word with others, a teacher must be faithful to personal Bible study, submitting and applying these truths to his or her personal life?

The purpose of this survey is to help ensure that BBC has the right men and women teaching its Bible classes. Please answer these questions slowly and thoughtfully as you consider your role as a Disciple of Christ; and, remember, there aren’t any perfect teachers. The Apostle Paul concluded that he worked harder than all the others and at the same time he said it was the grace of God that gave him strength to be all that God called him to be (1 Corinthians 15:10). Likewise, you may feel unqualified and insufficient for such a task, but be encouraged that this is just the mindset in which God gets all the glory because you readily acknowledge your need for His Grace.

Pastor Sean Harris

Please note: You must be a member of BBC in order to teach in any capacity.

### Please Print Clearly

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

What age would you like to teach? \_\_\_\_\_

This survey will be reviewed by a pastor and kept confidential.

1. How long have you been a Christian and a member of BBC? a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please articulate your previous teaching experience.

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3. How have you been trained to teach (observation, assistant, substitute, seminars, personal Bible study, training courses, etc)?

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4. What is the Lord presently teaching you from His Word?

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5. Are you aware of any place in the community (home, work, neighborhood, church, business) where you have less than a Godly reputation? Please explain on the blanks below. Use the back if necessary.

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6. Please list two personal character references that can attest to your godly character.

Name	Relationship	Phone	Email

7. Please list the previous churches that have most helped you in your walk with the Lord including their denomination:

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8. Please list your employer and the approximate number of hours you work each week.

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**Yes or No Survey** (Please carefully read each question and respond accordingly; do not answer a question if you don't understand the question; do not suppose that any one answer would disqualify you from teaching.)

	Question	Yes	No
1.	Are you a faithful, active member of Berean Baptist Church?		
2.	Do you have the time sufficient to study in preparation for your teaching time?		
3.	Are you already in the habit of beginning your day in prayer and time with His Word?		
4.	Are you committed to living by the BBC covenant?		
5.	Have you previously taught adults in any forum?		
6.	Would you say that God has spiritually gifted you to teach?		
7.	Are you willing to devote extra time to pray for the members of your class?		
8.	Will you commit to visiting the members of your class in the hospital unless your work schedule prevents this from happening?		
9.	Will you call, text, or send an e-mail to first-time visitors who have visited your class?		
10.	Will you call on the members of your class who are absent?		

11.	Are you willing to attend special meetings for teachers?		
12.	Will you greet visitors and make sure they get a visitor's card?		
13.	Would you describe yourself as someone who definitely has a Biblical worldview?		
14.	Will you commit to ensuring prayer requests do not turn into times for gossip?		
15.	Will you be faithful to your class by arriving at least 15 minutes prior to the class session and, in case of an unavoidable absence, notify your director to secure a replacement?		
16.	Will you use the KJV, NKJV, NASB, or ESV as the text from which you teach?		
17.	Do you intend to diligently teach the truth of God's Word as you prepare?		
18.	Will you commit to promoting the unity of BBC through your teaching ministry?		
19.	Are you already a faithful giver of 10% of your gross income to BBC in a way that can be verified (this means you will have to use a giving envelope for cash or checks)?		
20.	Are you committed to attending all worship services at Berean?		
21.	Would you describe yourself as passionate about your walk with God?		
22.	Are you presently addicted to any illegal drug, narcotic or tobacco of any kind?		
23.	Will you abstain from the consumption of alcohol as long as you are a teacher?		
24.	Would your spouse describe you as a faithful husband or wife?		
25.	Are you only heterosexual in your sexual orientation?		
26.	Have you consciously viewed pornography in the past 12 months?		
27.	Do you strive to limit what you watch on TV, DVDs and Internet to that which is edifying to the spirit and mind?		
28.	Do you sing when the corporate body of Christ worships God?		
29.	Do you attend the men's/ladies ministry functions as much as possible?		
30.	When there is a visitor sitting next to you in worship, will you reach out to them?		
31.	Are you willing to give sacrificially to the ministry when led by the Spirit based on a legitimate need for such giving?		
32.	Will you commit to weekly preparation of a lesson that helps your class see Jesus more clearly?		
33.	Are you willing to abide by Article #8d of the Constitution concerning civil lawsuits?		
<b>Articles of Faith Questions</b>			
34.	Do you believe in the Scripture's inerrancy, infallibility and verbal, plenary inspiration?		
35.	Are you willing to use only resources that interpret Scripture from a literal, historical, contextual and grammatically correct perspective?		
36.	Is the Bible the sole authority for your faith, practice and life?		
37.	Do you believe in one God in three persons; God—the Father, God—the Son and God—the Spirit as one?		
38.	Do you describe God as Sovereign when you are explaining who He is?		
39.	Do you believe in Jesus Christ as God's only begotten Son Who has always existed?		
40.	Do you believe that Jesus died for the sins of the world in accordance with 1 John 2.2?		
41.	Do you believe in the deity, virgin birth, sinless life, death, burial, bodily resurrection and literal ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ into Heaven at the right hand of the Father as an advocate for the believers?		
42.	Do you believe that man is depraved, spiritually dead and corrupt in body, mind and soul?		
43.	Do you believe one must be born-again in order to be a child of God?		
44.	Do you believe in a real devil that is opposed to God in everything?		
45.	Do you believe that salvation is by faith through grace?		
46.	Do you agree that abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of human life?		

47.	Are you in agreement with the truth that all Christians must be able to share their faith?		
48.	Do you believe Christians should separate from current trends, groups, and philosophies which undermine the authority and authenticity of the Bible and its teaching?		
49.	Do you strive to live your life based on the imminent return of Jesus Christ for his Church?		
50.	Do you believe those who are born-again eternally secure and kept secure by the power of God, such that nothing can separate them from the love of God?		
51.	Are men and women sinners by choice and nature?		
52.	Would you describe yourself to others as a Baptist?		
53.	Would you describe yourself to others as a Calvinist?		
54.	Would you describe yourself as charismatic or Pentecostal?		
55.	Would you describe yourself as Arminian?		
56.	Would you describe yourself as a Biblicist?		
57.	Are you trusting the death of Christ for forgiveness from your sins?		

### Doctrinal Questions

Please list the numbers of any of the yes and no questions you need to discuss before you can give an accurate answer?

Briefly describe the resources you have found most helpful in preparing a Bible lesson.

What is your understanding of the current use of the sign gifts of “tongues” and “prophecy”?