

First Baptist Rogers Internship Application

The First Baptist Rogers Summer Intern Program exists to mentor and encourage people who have publicly responded to a vocational call to ministry and/or missions. Priority is given to students from FBR. Students can obtain college credit from some Christian universities for this internship. The classroom setting is considered academic with seminars in systematic and contemporary theology, evangelism, biblical literacy, worship, sermon/lesson preparation, and pastoral ministry. But most of the time interns will engage in practical ministry situations with a ministry supervisor that has a master's degree or above from an accredited university or seminary. To qualify interns must be (1) out of high school for at least one year, (2) complete a background check and (3) plan to participate in all youth and children's activities. First year interns will not be assigned a specific ministry area. All interns in their second year or after will minister in a designated area as available. Pay will be discussed at orientation.

Vital Information:

Name:	D.O.B.	M/F
Address:		
City/State/Zip:	Phone:	
Email:	Cell:	
University:	Major:	
Church where you are a member:		
Marital Status:	Single	Engaged
	Married	Divorced
	Widowed	

Spiritual Disciplines: (Please answer each question below by marking the appropriate box)

1	How often do you read your Bible?	Daily	3x a week	Weekly	Less than weekly
2	How often do you pray?	Daily	3x a week	Weekly	Less than weekly
3	How often do you worship?	Daily	3x a week	Weekly	Less than weekly
4	How often do you share the Gospel?	Daily	3x a week	Weekly	Less than weekly
5	How often do you serve at church?	Weekly	2x a month	Monthly	Less than monthly
6	Do you tithe regularly (give 10% of your gross income to the church)?	Yes	No		

Key Beliefs:

1	Do you believe that salvation is a permanent gift that can never be lost?	Yes	No
2	Do you believe in the substitutionary atoning death of Jesus Christ?	Yes	No
3	Do you believe in the physical, literal, bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ:	Yes	No
4	Do you believe that all people are born sinners in need of a Savior?	Yes	No
5	Do you believe in the inspiration, infallibility and inerrancy of Scripture:	Yes	No
6	Do you believe that the Holy Spirit indwells all believers?	Yes	No
7	Do you believe in the Trinity?	Yes	No
8	Do you believe in salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone?	Yes	No

Please list your prior ministry experience:

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Briefly describe your public call of God to vocational ministry. Where were you when you responded to this calling? What do you feel God has called you to do?

Has anyone ever brought or threatened to bring a civil or criminal claim against you alleging physical or sexual abuse or harassment? Yes No

Have you ever terminated your employment, had your employment terminated or has your employer ever reprimanded you for reasons relating to allegations of physical or sexual abuse or sexual harassment by you? Yes No

Have you ever been reprimanded as a student for harassment of another individual or other inappropriate behavior with another individual? Yes No

Is there anything in your past that may come up as a questionable issue for leaders? Yes No
 If yes, please explain: _____

Will you commit to all of the following?

1	Grow in your faith and devotion to God through consistent personal Bible study	Yes	No
2	Develop and exhibit mature Christian behavior in all areas of your life, knowing that what others do not see is as important as what they do see	Yes	No
3	Present a good appearance in both attire and behavior to demonstrate Biblical standards at all times	Yes	No
4	Abstain from such things as profanity, gambling, dishonest gain, illegal drugs, pornography, sexual immorality and all other behaviors which might cause Christ to grieve and others to stumble	Yes	No
5	Faithfully prepare to fulfill your responsibilities each week	Yes	No
6	Share your faith regularly and challenge those you lead to do the same	Yes	No

Please follow this link and read the Baptist Faith and Message of 2000 (www.sbc.net/bfm2000/bfm2000.asp)
 Do you affirm the beliefs set forth therein? Yes No

Please write your personal testimony below. Attach additional pages if necessary.

By signing below, I certify that the information contained in this application is complete, accurate and is not misleading in any way.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Philosophical Questions:

What are the priorities and purpose(s) of the church? _____

Please give a brief statement regarding your convictions on the following:

- Abortion:

- When does life begin? _____
- Do you believe that abortion is murder? _____
- What is the spiritual and natural result of abortion? _____

- Elaborate on your belief concerning abortion: _____

- Homosexuality:

- Do you believe that homosexuality is a sin? _____
- Elaborate on your scriptural belief concerning homosexuality: _____

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- Pre-marital and extra-marital sex:

- What does Scripture say about pre-marital and extra-marital sex? _____

- Gambling:

- How does Scripture address gambling? _____

- Elaborate on your belief concerning gambling: _____

- Alcohol: Please read the attached statement on alcohol as it relates to staff and leadership at FBR.

- List the Scriptures that address alcohol: _____
- Elaborate on your belief concerning alcohol: _____

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Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

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Should Church Leadership Drink Alcohol?

I realize Christians will receive this article in various ways, but I believe that Christian leaders should not drink alcohol as a beverage. Let me explain several reasons why I believe this way.

First, drinking alcohol is not necessary. Scripture never commands anyone to drink alcohol, nor suggests all Christians consume alcohol, nor implies that non-consumers are less spiritual. Without a command from Scripture to drink alcohol, I do not see the necessity to drink alcohol with all of the alternative beverages. Questions to be considered are: Do I view alcohol as a right of a Christian? Why do I choose a drink containing alcohol rather than a non-alcoholic drink? With so many different types of drinks (juices, sodas, teas, coffees, etc.), is there still a need/justification to consume alcohol?

Second, drinking alcohol is not wise. Scripture suggests that consuming alcohol is not wise in more than 70 verses. The expectation is raised even higher for Church leaders. Proverbs 31:4-5 addresses how a king should view alcohol, *"It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, or for rulers to desire strong drink, ⁵ For they will drink and forget what is decreed, and pervert the rights of all the afflicted."* This passage gives wisdom to a secular king. Christian leaders serve a higher purpose than a secular throne.

Some people try to manage drinking, but not getting drunk. The warnings against drunkenness as being unwise are numerous and tricky, because there is no biblical definition of drunkenness. I do not know where the "drunk" line is located. Does drunk mean just knocking off the edge, light headed, happier and louder, unable to stand or drive, or waking up with a headache? The Bible does not define "drunk". The best way not to cross the "drunk" line is not to drink! Additional Scripture to consider: Also read Proverbs 23:31; Proverbs 20:1; 1 Corinthians 6:19.

Finally, drinking alcohol is a stumbling block. Christians must consider how their decision to drink alcohol affects others. Jesus establishes the great price in causing others to stumble in Luke 17:1-2 (NASB) which says: *"He said to His disciples, 'It is inevitable that stumbling blocks come, but woe to him through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea, than that he would cause one of these little ones to stumble.'" Paul concedes not to eat anything that causes a brother to stumble in 1 Corinthians 8:13 (NASB), "Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause my brother to stumble."* Paul adds wine to the list of stumbling blocks in Romans 14:19-21*, when he said...

"So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another. ²⁰ Do not tear down the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are clean, but they are evil for the man who eats and gives offense. ²¹ It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or to do anything by which your brother stumbles."

Evidently drinking alcohol was a social issue in the New Testament too.

Alcohol can be a stumbling block to people who will become alcoholics (people who do not know they are addicts yet). They get trapped in the cycle of addiction to a drug that destroys parts of their life. Secondly, alcohol can be a stumbling block to other people. Alcohol can be a stumbling block to other believers who have a conviction to avoid the appearance of the influences of alcohol. Also, alcohol can be a stumbling block to people who are nonbelievers, who know the destructive nature of alcohol. Questions to be considered are: What attitude did Paul have toward drinking? Does drinking alcohol hinder or help you share the Gospel?

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (NASB) *"For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law; ²¹ to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law. ²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. ²³ I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it."*

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Our life should be focused on winning people to Christ.

The Bible calls us to a higher calling...to die to self and live for Christ. Galatians 2:20 (NASB) says, *"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."*

The Bible encourages people to avoid the appearance of evil. Consider these warnings:

- Alcohol can lead to Poverty (Proverbs 21:17)
- Drunkenness is a sin (Galatians 5:19-21; *21; Romans 13:13; 1 Peter 4:3)
- Carousing is a sin (Galatians 5:19-21; *21).
- Drunkards will not go to heaven. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Galatians 5:19-21)

These warnings encourage us to avoid the appearance of evil, which is even more challenging since we do not know where the "drunk" line is located.

Perception and association are important factors. I do not want people to think that I am a murderer, liar, thief, adulterer or drunkard. I am called to live a lifestyle opposite of these traits. People who practice these traits will not go to heaven, according to the Bible. I do not want to be closely associated to these traits. I want to be far removed from looking like any of these. Therefore, I do not want to get close to alcohol in this context. The command of Scripture is not to be drunk. I do not know exactly when a person is drunk, but I know that drunkenness is impossible for someone who does not drink. I do not want my name to be associated with alcohol. I do not want my reputation or character to be maligned by misconceptions.

Sometimes perceptions can be wrong. Some may believe that alcohol is necessary and enhances their life. Alcohol enhancing the value of people's lives has not been my experience. I have never heard someone say that alcohol...

- saved my marriage
- made me a better father to my children
- helped me lead more people to Christ
- deepened my walk with the Holy Spirit
- made me glad my spouse is drinking more

Alcohol typically makes bad situations worse.

Alcohol as a beverage is not necessary, not wise, and is a stumbling block. Christian leadership requires a higher standard. Daniel, John the Baptist, and anyone who took the Nazarite vow abstained from alcohol. The staff and other church leaders of First Baptist Rogers are called to live by this standard.

As Christian leaders of First Baptist Rogers, do you agree with the summary statement that "Alcohol as a beverage is not necessary, not wise, is a stumbling block, and that Christian leadership requires a higher standard?"

Yes, I agree with this statement

No, I cannot agree with this statement

Signature: _____