

Minister's Handbook of the Evangelical Formosan Church

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I. Worship Service

A. The Order of Sunday Worship #1

1. Worship in Silent Prayer

Prelude: (Service leader should control the situation)

Call to Worship: Let us worship in Jesus Christ (Service leader may choose some proper scriptures from the Book of Psalm, such as: Ps 117:1-2. "Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD.")

2. Worship in Hymns:

Worship Praise: (All stand up, and worship together with short hymns)

Pastor Prayer: (Pastor prays for the today's service, confessions of sin, sickness, needs of people, church, society, and the nation. Congregation may be seated after prayer.)

Response Scriptures: (Choose a song from the hymnbook.)

3. Worship in Offering:

Tithe and Offering: (Leader leads the offering prayer)

Special Singing: (the choir stands before the altar.)

4. Worship with a Humble Attitude:

Reading Scriptures: (Leader read the scriptures.)

Sermon Preaching: (Leader introduces the speaker.)

5. Worship with Response:

Praise: (Preacher can invite congregation to the altar.)

6. Worship with Welcome and Care:

Welcome & Announcements: (Welcome new friends and shake hands each other.)

7. Worship in Doxology:

Doxology: (Choose a song from the hymnbook.)

Benediction: May the Grace of Jesus Christ, Mercy of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. (See also VIII-A. Scriptures for Benediction)

Postlude: (Pastor and speaker ask congregation health at the porch of the Church.)

B. The Order of Sunday Worship #2

(Ushers fill the new comers information and give them to service leader before service beginning.)

1. Prelude: (Service leader control silent of place, then said, "Now we

worship together in the name of Jesus Christ, please play music.”)

2. Welcome: (Pianist plays prelude first, then pastor and service leader walk on the altar together. Pastor greets congregation, then service leader welcome new comers.)

3. Announcements:

4. Call to Worship:

5. Worship and Praise: (All stand up to praise God)

6. Confession:

Respectfully read the Ten Commandments, the Greatest Commandment, and the New Commandment. Using the Faith Confession in the baptism and the Lord’s Supper. These may be used in different weeks. The item used the service leader may speak as below:

The Faith Confession: Let us confess our faith with The Faith Confession.

The Ten Commandments: Let us respectfully read the Ten Commandments.

The Greatest Commandment: Let us respectfully read the Greatest Commandment.

The New Commandment: Let us respectfully read the New Commandment.

The Lord’s Prayer: Let us pray with the Lord’s Prayer. (This item may combine into Pastoral Prayer.)

7. Pastoral Prayer: (Pastor may finish the prayer with the Lord’s Prayer.)

8. Tithes & Offerings: Some special programs, such as mission report, or children program...etc., may be arranged between offering and special singing, or special singing and reading scriptures.

9. Special Singing:

10. Reading Scriptures:

11. Sermon Preaching:

12. Response Hymn: (After singing, speaker may call congregation to the altar to pray.)

13. Benediction: (See VIII-A.)

C. Easter Sunday Worship

D. Christmas Sunday Worship

E. Sanctified Service (Remove idols)

(To Prepare a wooden tablet: “Jesus is the Master of Our Family,” or an image of Jesus for the family.)

1. Call to Service: Now we are going to begin the sanctified service for _____ family.

2. Hymn:

3. Prayer:

4. Scriptures: (Choose one or more)

Ps 33:8-22; Ps 115; Deut 4:39; Isa 43: 10-13, 45:20-25; Num 30:1-5, 6-8;
Ex 20:3-6; Lev 19:1-4, 20:6-9; 1Pet 1:13-21

5. Teaching of the Bible: (to the family member)

God who Christians worship is the Maker of heaven and earth. He is a living God. He said, "You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name." (Deut 5:7-11)

Although you worship idols and gods before, now you have returned to the Lord. There are some things you need to be careful. Please all family members, pay attention to listen:

- a. In today's sanctified service, the most important thing is that a man should be sanctified first. Do you determine to accept Jesus Christ as your savior, pray His blood wash away your sins?
- b. Jesus Christ is not only our savior, but the Lord in our life. Do you gladly willing to trust Him from today?
- c. Worshiping God not only have godly appearance, but worship Him in spirit and in truth. Only this can please Him.
- d. A man who worship God should give up all kinds of heresy and superstition, and do not worship idols or ask ghost and gods to make God angry. (Ex 21:20)
- e. After you believing God, may be your neighbors, relatives and friends will laugh at you or persecute you. You should remember the word of Jesus, "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Mt 5:11-12)
- f. After getting God's grace and blessing, you should thank God. First, people may know God's grace; second, to guide others walk this eternal way in your best.

6. Hymn: (May sing some short songs)

7. Prayer:

Heavenly Father whom full of merciful and love: We pray you remember the redemption deed of your Holy son done on the cross. We pray you forgive this family commit the sins of worshipping idols, ghosts and gods in past. We pray the Holy Spirit give them faith and strength, so they may overcome the attack and temptation from Satan. We pray that the blood of Jesus Christ clean and sanctify each member in this family, and save them away the power of Satan. We pray that the Holy Spirit enlighten each member of this family, removing all things they use for worshipping idols, superstition and committing to sin. May peace and grace of God be with this family. May God also bless your children who attend this service. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

8. Remove idols: (According Deut 7:25-26)

Prayer: Lord! At this moment, we are going to get rid of these idols. In the holy name of Jesus Christ, we remove these idols, so they won't have any influence in this family. Every member of this family may be released by the Lord. In the name of Jesus Christ we proclaim. Amen. (When you are tearing down, you can say "In the name of Jesus Christ, I tear this down.")

9. Giving A Gift: (Set the wooden tablet "Jesus is the Master of Our Family" or the picture of Jesus in the living room.)

10. Announcements:

Heavenly Father: This family has removed the idols. Now we continue the name of Jesus Christ and the Power of the Holy Spirit cut down the bondage from Darkness through these idols. We hang up the tablet of "Jesus is the Master of Our Family" (or the picture of Jesus) in this house. We pray that the Light of the Lord shining in this family, and the Blood of Jesus cover this family. They are blessed in peace whatever go in or out, glorify Your name, and be Your witnesses. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

11. Praise: (Sing short songs "Victory! Victory! Hallelujah," "耶穌全勝利")

12. Benediction: (Bless this family before leaving)

P.S.:

1. Remove all things relating idols, spirit tablets, and idols worship (including paper of charm).
2. Destroy them. Made in wood and paper, burn them; made in biscuit or clay, break them; made in metal, break them. Do let anyone use them

again.

3. Do not burn or destroy these things in front of non-Christians. To put them into a bag, then bring to the church is a better way. At a proper place, burn them in the name of Jesus.
4. If there any things and books are related with gamble, other superstitions, and sins in the house, you should remove them with idols together.

II. The Sacraments

A. The Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper)

(Before Sunday Service, the elders [or deacons, co-workers] should prepare the communion cups and plates, and put on the communion table.)

(To arrange items list below after Sermon preaching in the worship)

1. Welcome: (Pastor)

Now, in the name of Jesus Christ, I welcome all brothers and sisters who ever accepted adult baptism or the confirmation join the Communion Service together. For those friends who does not accept adult baptism or the confirmation, we welcome you watch this service. You may see these brothers and sisters who join the Communion admit that they themselves are sinners. They are persons who accept the salvation of Christ, and are forgiven their sins. We wish that one day you also consider to open your heart accepting Jesus Christ as Savior, baptized in the name of Jesus, so you may join the Communion with us. Therefore, please don't take cup and bread now, only prepare yourselves to think its meaning.

Now dear brothers and sisters: We are going to begin the Communion service according to the order of the Lord. The Communion was set on the night Jesus was betrayed in the Last Supper, so we may often think the redeeming grace of the Lord by this.

2. The Word of the Bible:

Dear brothers and sisters: Please pays attention to listen the word of Jesus Christ. He said, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away." (Jn 6:35-37)

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me." (Rev 3:20)

3. Hymn:

Let's sing the song #95 (#87, or other) 1st verse. When we are singing, elders (deacons, or co-workers) come to prepare.

4. Encouragement:

Dear brothers and sisters: According to the teaching of Apostle Paul, he said, "For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do

this in remembrance of me.’

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (1 Cor 11:23-26)

He also clearly taught us, "Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world. So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for each other. If anyone is hungry, he should eat at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment. And when I come I will give further directions." (1 Cor 11:27-34) Please pray in silent.

5. Prayer:

Dear the Lord Jesus: We these who belong to you surround at your table for respectfully taking cup and bread. We pray the Holy Spirit to examine and enlighten our hearts first, and to see evil heart, speech, or behavior again you or not. If so, we pray you according to your promise to forgive and wash away our sins when we honestly confess our sins. Therefore, we may have clean hearts and just spirit to take cup and bread, and build a good relationship with you through the Communion. We respectfully pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

6. Take Bread and Give Thanks:

On the night of the Lord betrayed, He took bread and give thanks. We learn the behavior of the Lord. We also take bread and give thanks. (We invite _____ give thanks for bread.)

7. Take Bread and Break it:

“This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”
When service persons serve bread to you, please take in your hand, pray in silent, examine your self, remember the Lord sacrificed for us, and wait for everybody having bread; then we enjoy bread together.

8. Bread Served:

(When service persons serve bread, the choir sing hymn #95 2nd verse

quietly.)

Pastor: Does every member have been served bread? If not, please raise your hand.

Pastor: “This is the body of Christ, broken for us; this do in remembrance of Him. Let’s enjoy it in thanksgiving.”

9. Raise Cup and Give Thanks: (Pastor raises cup and say:)

After supper the Lord took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” Now we give thanks for cup. (or we invite _____ give thanks for cup.)

10. Cup Served: (Pastor holds a cup high and says:)

The Lord Jesus said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” When service person When service persons serve cup to you, please take in your hand, pray in silent, examine your self, remember the Lord sacrificed for us, and wait for everybody having cup; then we drink cup together. Does every member have been served cup? If not, please raise your hand. (When service persons serve cup, the choir sing hymn #95 3rd verse quietly.)

The Lord Jesus said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” Let’s drink it in a thanksgiving heart.

11. Thanksgiving Prayer:

Dear heavenly Father: We thank you from our hearts. You send Your Only Son Jesus Christ for saving our sins, incarnation to the world, cruseficcition on the cross. You give your life for us. This grace is higer than heaven. We do not have anything to repay you. We only can accept it with our hearts. Now we remember your death, the great mercy, through the Holy Communion that you set to encourage us to dedicate ourselves once again; so we won’t forget that we belong to you, we should live for the Lord. When we take the Lord’s cup and bread, it also reminds us that we belong to “one Lord, one Spirit, one hope, one faith, one baptism.”

Pray the Lord to help us. “Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” (Eph 4:2-3) When you give us this great grace, we pray you to remind us that do not forget your teaching that “Freely you have received, freely give.” We pray us to follow the new commandant which you gave us. It said, “Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all

men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” Please accept our love offering. We pray in the name of the Lord. Amen.

12. Love Offering: (To decide an amount in advance; Or to skip this item.)

The choir sing quietly hymn #95, verse 4.

Please _____ leads us pray for offering.

13. Doxology:

14. Benediction:

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (Num 6:24-26)

B. Baptism (to Adult) #1

(The items list below put after Preaching)

(After Preaching may sing a hymn about baptism)

Pastor Address:

Now we are going to have a baptism. Jesus Christ crucified and died for our sins, then resurrected. Before ascension, He said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Mt 28:18-20)

On the day of Pentecost, when Peter preached the Gospel to people, he said, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call.” (Acts 2:38-39)

Pastor: (Baptismal candidates go to the altar and face pastor.)

Like Peter taught people to repent and to be baptized. Today, I also tell you, “You should deeply believe that if you truly repent and confess your faith, baptized in His name; then this sacrament will become a sign of salvation from your sins, it signifies that a new regeneration from the Holy Spirit and a seal of fellowship with Jesus Christ.”

Vow: (Pastor invite congregation to read Apostle’s Creed)

You are going to baptize. You need to answer the questions I ask before God and men to confess your faith.

Q: Do you truly trust Jesus Christ’s redemption to repent and confess your sins, and accept Him as your Savior and the Lord of life?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you believe that God is your heavenly Father, and the Holy Spirit is your Counselor to guide your life?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you willing to depend on God's grace, to serve Him, to follow His way in your life, to do your Christian duty?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Evangelical Formosa Church emphasizes on evangelization. Do you willing to obey the great Commission to introduce the gospel to non-Christian relatives and friends?

A: Yes, I do.

Baptism: (When baptizing, the baptismal candidates kneel in front of the altar. Basically, our church does not celebrate immersing baptism.)

Pastor call the names, put his hand into the font, then sprinkle water on the head of the candidates, lay hand on him, and pray for him (or them) _____, I baptize you with water to the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(To invite each one to do thanksgiving and dedication prayer after baptized.)

Pastor: (After baptized)

May the Holy Spirit fill with you, cleanse you wholly, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Proclamation:

You have confessed their faith. I, in the name of the head of Church Jesus Christ and the authority of EFC, proclaim and accept them to be adult members of EFC of _____, qualifying to participate the Lord's Supper and grace of the New Testament. Amen.

Prayer:

Almighty, wisdom, and everlasting God: We thank you for your great grace. You set this baptism to accept your children into your sanctuary participation the kingdom of Son through incarnation, crucifixion, and redemption of the Holy Son; therefore, we may enjoy peace and joy of salvation. We offer our grateful hearts to thank you.

Gracious Father: We respectfully come to Your mercy seat sincerely to pray your Holy Spirit filling in the new life of your children to strength them to have the fruit of the Spirit to glorify Your name. If they were going to fall down in trial or temptation, may you give them enough grace and power to support and protect them to guide them with your faithfulness and mercy; therefore, they may live a victory life by you. They do not forget today's

confession, to do their utmost following your truth, and to serve you and people in their life loyally.

The Lord of managing our life and heart! When our brothers and sisters participate in this Sacrament, we also pray that the Holy Spirit help those inquirers coming to your house to seek the truth sincerely and urgently, and enjoy the blessing of salvation with us one day. We also pray you to encourage those who have been baptized keep wakening to follow you and to serve you in the same heart. We run the spiritual journey with hand to hand, heart with heart, supporting each other, and encouraging each other. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

Acceptation: (Pastor, elders, deacons, co-workers shake hands with them to show church's acceptance. It may also invite relatives and friends to shake hands with them or stand up to clap hands to show congratulation.)

Ps: Witness of Baptism (put before or after preaching; or after the baptism)

Pastor: (To congregation)

Please, _____ share the witness of accepting Jesus Christ as his Savior. (Pastor stand beside him. This witness will help a lot of brothers and sisters and inquirers.)

C. Baptism (to Adult) #2

(The items list below put after Preaching)

(After Preaching may sing a hymn about baptism)

1. Introduction:

Dear brothers and sisters: We are going to follow the order of the Lord to celebrate the baptism. There _____ brothers (sisters) are going to be baptized this time. Let us sing a hymn #115 first verse. When we are sing, these brothers (sisters) please come to front.

2. Reading Scriptures:

Dear brothers and sisters: please pay attention on the word of the Lord Jesus Christ talk to His students. after resurrection and before ascension. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Mt 28:18-20)

On the day of Pentecost, when Peter preached the Gospel to people, he said, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are

far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call.” (Acts 2:38-39)

3. Encouragement:

(Call names _____, _____, _____) Like Peter taught people to repent and to be baptized. Today, I also tell you, You should deeply believe that if you truly repent and confess your faith, baptized in His name; then this sacrament will become a sign and a seal of your sins washing clean. You will get a new regeneration life from Christ; and the Holy Spirit guide you to eternal life.

4. Confession and Vow:

You are going to baptize. You need to answer the questions I ask before God and men to confess your faith.

Q: Do you truly trust Jesus Christ’s redemption to repent and confess your sins, and accept Him as your Savior and the Lord of life?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you believe that God is your heavenly Father, and the Holy Spirit is your Counselor, and Apostle’s Creed is as your faith confession?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you willing to depend on God’s grace, to serve Him, to follow His way in your life, to do your Christian duty?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Evangelical Formosa Church emphasizes on evangelization. Do you willing to obey the great Commission to introduce the gospel to non-Christian relatives and friends?

A: Yes, I do.

5. Prayer:

The holiest Father: You have heard their faith confession before You and men. We pray you according to the promise of the Bible, “To be saved only believe all your heart, and recognize in your mouth, ” fulfill on them. Now your servant obey the Lord’s order to baptize them to signify the Blood of Jesus Christ wash away their sins. We pray you to sanctify them, so they may become God’s children. In the name of the Lord Christ, we pray. Amen.

6. Baptism: (When baptizing, the baptismal candidates kneel in front of the altar. Basically, our church does not celebrate immersing baptism.)

Pastor call names in order and put his hand into the font, then sprinkle water on the head of the candidates; finally lay hand on him and pray for him (or them) _____, I baptize you with water into the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in the authority of the head of Church Jesus Christ. Amen.

May the Holy Spirit fill with you, cleanse you, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

7. Proclamation:

(Call name _____, _____, _____) have confessed their faith in public and accept the baptism before God and men. I, in the name of the head of Church Jesus Christ and the authority of EFC, proclaim and accept them to be members of EFC of _____, qualifying to participate the Lord's Supper and grace of the New Testament. Amen.

8. Prayer:

Gracious and mercy Father: We thank you for your great grace. You set this baptism to accept your children into your church—the big gospel family. May you bless them, your Holy Spirit fill with them, and also give them spiritual gifts to serve church. When they were going to fall down in trial or temptation, may you give them enough grace and power to support and protect them to overcome any temptation from Satan. May guide them with your faithfulness and mercy, so they may follow your way and to serve in their life.

Dear Lord: When our brothers and sisters join this baptism, we pray your Holy Spirit wake up us these who have been baptized into your name, so We can rethink ourselves that do we leave your way, or not, so that we loose your grace and without you. We pray you to help us to return to you. We pray you to wash away our sins with the Blood of Jesus Christ again. We run the spiritual journey with hand to hand, heart with heart, supporting each other, and encouraging each other. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

9. Acceptation and Congratulation:

We are going to invite the chairman of the board meeting representing our church to give the baptismal certificate. (If there the Bible, spiritual books, gifts, may give at this time.) We also invite elders, deacons, co-workers, co-workers of pastoral office, and counselor of fellowship groups to shake hands with them to show our acceptance. Brothers, sisters, relatives, and friends, please, come to shake hands with them [to clap hands] to show our blessing.

Ps: Witness of Baptism (put before or after preaching; or after the baptism)

Pastor:

Please, _____ share the witness of accepting Jesus Christ as his Savior.

(Pastor stand beside him. This witness will help a lot of brothers and sisters and inquirers.)

D. The Confirmation #1

(If the believers have been taken infant baptism, through learning of faith and the permission of the board meeting to accept as adult members and join the Communion, they may use this service style)

(The items list below put after Preaching, may sing a proper hymn)

Pastor:

These brothers and sisters have baptized in very young. Today they are going to confess their faith to be accepted in the Holy Communion.

(To candidates:)

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord: You have baptized into Jesus Christ, when you are young. You grow up in grace of God. You already know that God prepare a spiritual salvation way through Jesus for humankind. Today, you are going to confess your faith and the covenant that your parents made for you; and you also dedicate yourself to the Lord and make a vow to serve Him again. Our Lord Jesus ever said, "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven."(Mt 10:32)

You should confess your faith now, sincerely answer my questions before God and men.

Q: Do you believe that God is your heavenly Father, Jesus Christ is your Savior, and the Holy Spirit is your Counselor?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you truly repent and confess your sins, and trust Jesus Christ's redemption?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you willing to depend on God's grace, to serve Him, to follow His way in your life, to do your Christian duty?

A: Yes, I do.

Proclamation:

(Call name _____, _____, _____) have confessed their faith in public and accept the Confirmation before God and men. I, in the name of the head of Church Jesus Christ and the authority of EFC, proclaim and accept them to be members of EFC of _____, qualifying to participate the Lord's Supper and grace of the New Testament. Amen.

Acceptation:

(Pastor, elders and deacons shake hands with them to express church's

acceptance. The congregation may also shake hands or stands up to clap hands to show our welcome.)

Ps: Witness of Confirmation (put before or after preaching; or after the Confirmation service)

Pastor:

Please, _____ share the witness of accepting the Confirmation and confessing his faith to Jesus Christ. (Pastor stand beside him. This witness will help a lot of brothers and sisters and inquirers.)

E. The Confirmation #2

(If the believers have been taken infant baptism, through learning of faith and the permission of the board meeting to accept as adult members and join the Communion, they may use this service style)

(The items list below put after Preaching, and may sing a proper hymn)

1. Pastor announcement:

Dear brothers and sisters: there some churches celebrate infant baptism for their children, waiting these children to grow up, then process the Confirmation before God and men to confess their faith. There _____ brothers and sisters are going to accept the Confirmation.

Let's sing hymn #115 third verse. When we are singing, these brothers and sisters, please, come to front. (by order)

2. The Scripture Teaching:

Dear brothers and sisters: Please pays attention on the words Jesus talks to His students. The Lord said, "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven." (Mt 10:32) When Paul evangelized to the jailer in Philippi, he said that "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household." (Acts 16:31) Therefore, everyone who wants to be saved needs to show your faith to Jesus Christ.

3. Encouragement:

(Call names _____, _____, _____) When you are young, your parents already took you to baptize into the house of God. Your parents also raise you up in the Lord's love and teaching by the vow they made. According the teaching of Jesus and Paul, everyone who willing to confess their faith to Jesus may receive the salvation of the Lord. I advise you to keep the chance to accept the salvation of the Lord.

4. Confession and Vow:

You should confess your faith now, sincerely answer my questions before God and men.

Q: Do you believe that God is your heavenly Father, Jesus Christ is your Savior, and the Holy Spirit is your Counselor?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you truly repent and confess your sins, and trust Jesus Christ's redemption?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you willing to depend on God's grace, to serve Him, to follow His way in your life, to do your Christian duty?

A: Yes, I do.

5. Prayer:

Dear heavenly Father: You have heard their confession before You and men. We pray that your promises fulfill on them, the promise of the Bible said, "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." (Jn 1:12) We pray you to wash away their sins in the Blood of Jesus Christ, so they enjoy the true freedom and joy in the truth of the Lord. We pray this way in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

6. Proclamation:

(Call name _____, _____, _____) have confessed their faith in public and accept the Confirmation before God and men. I, in the name of the head of Church Jesus Christ and the authority of EFC, proclaim and accept them to be members of EFC of _____, qualifying to participate the Lord's Supper and grace of the New Testament. Amen.

7. Prayer:

Love and mercy Father: We thank you for they growing up in Christian families. Their parents teach them in your teaching. They grow up under your gracious protection. Today, they confess their Christian faith in public. May you bless them. Let their love and faith also grow up in your grace. We pray you protect them to leave the evil one away. We pray you to give them more abundant life, so they may become other's blessing. When they walk through the valley of the shadow of death, your rod and your staff guide them and comfort them. So they are always in your love until the moment of seeing your face. We pray this way in the holy name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

8. Acceptation and Congratulation:

We are going to invite the chairman of the board meeting representing our church to give the certificate of the Confirmation. (If there the Bible, spiritual books, gifts, may give at this time.) We also invite elders, deacons,

co-workers, co-workers of pastoral office, and counselor of fellowship groups to shake hands with them to show our acceptance. Brothers, sisters, relatives, and friends, please, come to shake hands with them [to clap hands] to show our blessing.

Ps: Witness of Confirmation (put before or after preaching; or after the Confirmation service)

Pastor: (To congregation)

Please, _____ share the witness of accepting the Confirmation and confessing his faith to Jesus Christ. (Pastor stand beside him. This witness will help a lot of brothers and sisters and inquirers.)

F. Join Membership Service #1 (Accept new members)

(To those who have been baptized in other Christian Church or Confirmation apply to transfer membership, and the board meeting has accepted, may celebrate the service.)

(The items list below but after preaching.)

1. Introduction:

Dear brothers and sisters: Church is our spiritual family. Christ is the head of Church. We are parts in His body. In Christ, all who admit Jesus as Savior and the Lord of life is brothers and sisters in the Lord. We are very happy that everybody prosper the gospel in EFC of _____. This time there _____ brothers and sisters who baptized in other church apply to join EFC of _____. We are happy to celebrate the service.

Let's sing hymn #239 1st verse. When we are singing, _____, _____, _____, _____ please come to front.

2. Reading Scriptures:

Dear brothers and sisters: Apostle Paul told Timothy, "the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth." (1 Tim 3:15) Paul also taught us in the Book of Ephesians, "Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." (Eph 4:15-16)

3. Encouragement:

(Call names _____, _____, _____) You already are baptized into Christ in other churches, now you move to EFC of _____ to worship. To archieve the purpose of parts holding together by every supporting ligament grows, and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. You apply to join EFC of _____. Please answer the questions:

Q: Do you believe that God is your heavenly Father, Jesus Christ is your

Savior, and the Holy Spirit is your Counselor? Do you believe Apostle's Creed?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Have you been baptized into Christ in other church?

A: Yes.

Q: Do you willing to accept the Confession of EFC and to obey the by-laws of EFC to do a member of EFC participating in gospel, leading people to God and glory to God?

A: Yes, I do.

4. Prayer:

The Creator of all things: You created us. Dear Savior Jesus Christ: We thank your wonderful salvation. Dear the Holy Spirit: We thank you to reveal the truth in our heart, and give us a union heart. Now these brothers and sisters are going to become the members of EFC of _____. May the Lord bless them and they are the blessing of this church. May their spiritual life grow up in this church, and have rich fruits to glorify God. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

5. Announcement:

(Call names _____, _____, _____) already recognize that they are Christians and they willing to join EFC of _____ to be members. Now I, in the name of the head of Church Jesus Christ and the authority of EFC of _____ proclaim and accept their memberships.

6. Acceptation and Congratulation:

We are going to invite the chairman of the board meeting representing our church to give them the membership certificate. We also invite elders, deacons, co-workers to shake hands with them expressing acceptance. The congregation, please, stands up to clap hands to show our blessing.

G. Join Membership Service #2

(To those who have been baptized in other Christian Church or Confirmation apply to transfer membership, and the board meeting has accepted, may celebrate the service.)

(The items list below but after preaching.)

1. Pastor Welcome Address:

Dear brothers and sisters: Church is our spiritual family. Christ is the head of Church. We are parts in His body. In Christ, all who admit Jesus as Savior and the Lord of life is brothers and sisters in the Lord. This time there _____ brothers and sisters who baptized in other church apply to join EFC of _____. Let's welcome them in a happy heart. Let me introduce

them: this is brother ____; this is sister _____. (Now can they stand up from their seats to be introduced.) We clap hands to welcome into this love family.

2. Pastor Encouragement:

Brother _____ and Sister _____: You have joined our church and become members. Now I encourage you in the name of the Lord that you should follow the teaching of Eph 4:15-16. "Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." May this teaching is not only a order, or a theory, but a blessing we can live out by the Lord.

May we help each other to prosper the gospel here. Amen.

3. Acceptation and Congratulation:

We are going to invite the chairman of the board meeting, deacons, co-workers to shake hands with them expressing acceptance. Brothers, sisters, relatives, and friends, please, come to shake hands with them [to clap hands] to show our blessing.

H. The Dedication Service of children (or infant) #1

(For deepening the assurance feeling of forgiveness in baptism, our church does not celebrate infant baptism, but infant dedication; however, if parents ask to baptize their infant, our church will not against it. To those parents who apply infant dedication, one of parents must be a baptized Christian. Parents please fill the form first.)

(The items listed below put after preaching. May sing a proper hymn. When people is singing, parents bring their kids to stand in front of the altar.)

Pastor:

"Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth."
(Ps 124:8) Dear brothers and sisters: The Lord Jesus incarnated into a man. His parents ever brought him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord according to the Law of Moses. (Lk 2:22) We also encourage parents to take your children presenting to the Lord, so they will grow in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. Parents must understand that only God can do this.

In the Gospel of Mark record, "People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as

these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it. And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.” (Mk 10:13-16)

Our children do not understand these things, but we take them to dedicate to God by promise; we pray Him to bless and protect these children, so they may become descendants of the Covenant of Grace.

Pastor: (To parents)

According to the teaching of the Bible, parents should follow the teaching of the Lord to raise children. You must have mind first and answer those questions.

1. Vow:

Q: Do you believe that God is your heavenly Father, Jesus Christ is your Savior and lord of your life, the Holy Spirit is your Counselor?

A: Yes, we do.

Q: Children are rewards from the LORD. You must depend on the wisdom and power the Lord give to raise your children according to the teaching of the Lord and your good Christian faith as their example. Do you willing to do that?

A: Yes, we do.

2. Laid Hands Prayer:

We pray the Lord bless your servant to lay his hands on this child _____, so he may fill with the Spirit of God from now. He grows in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. He becomes a godly descendant of the Covenant of Grace and is a good vessel the Lord can use. Amen.

3. Encourage Members:

4. Congratulation & Give the Certificate of Dedication:

We are going to invite the chairman of the board meeting representing our church to give the certificate. We also invite elders, deacons, co-workers to congratulate them. The congregation please stand up to clap hands to show our blessing.

I. The Dedication Service of children (or infant) #2

(For deepening the assurance feeling of forgiveness in baptism, our church does not celebrate infant baptism, but infant dedication; however, if parents ask to baptize their infant, our church will not against it. To those parents who apply infant dedication, one of parents must be a baptized Christian. Parents please fill

the form first.)

(The items listed below put after preaching. May sing a proper hymn. When people is singing, parents bring their kids to stand in front of the altar.)

1. Introduction:

Dear brothers and sisters: God set the family. Sons are a heritage from the Lord. God entrust parents to feed and educate children until they grown up and being godly descendants. In the Old Testament, Hannah dedicated Samuel to God. When Samuel grown up, he became a great judge of Israel. In the New Testament, parents of Jesus also dedicated Jesus to God in the Holy Temple. When Jesus grown up, He became the Savior of human beings.

This time, there are _____ pairs of parents bring their children to dedicate to the Lord. (Call names: _____, _____, _____, _____) Let's sing hymn #252 1st verse. When we are singing, parents please bring your children to front.

2. Reading Scriptures:

The Gospel of Mark record, one time “people were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’ And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.” (Mk 10:13-16)

3. Encouragement:

You already bring your children to the Holy Temple to dedicate to the Lord, and to be holy to the Lord. Please listen carefully and honestly answer the questions:

Q: Do you believe that God is your heavenly Father, Jesus Christ is your Savior and lord of your life, the Holy Spirit is your Counselor?

A: Yes, we do.

Q: Do you willing to depend upon grace of God to fulfill the parental duty to raise your children, and to teach them the Biblical truth and the responsibility of Christian, so they may grow in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men?

A: Yes, we do.

Q: Do you willing to pray for your children and to be good examples of your children on everything until they grow up, so they can confess their faith in front of God and men?

A: Yes, we do.

4. Prayer:

Love and Mercy Father: You have heard that these parents make a wish before you, and we pray you to accept their pray from heavens giving them enough love and wisdom to raise their children, so children can grow up in grace and truth until they can confess their faith. We look upon the name of Savior. Amen.

5. Benediction:

Now we are going to learn the behavior of the Lord to lay our hands on the head of little ones. When I call the name, parents please bring the children to accept blessing. (call name by order)

Dear heavenly Father: _____'s parents bring him to dedicate to you, and to Jesus Christ to be holy. We pray the Lord bless, so he grow up in God's love and grace to be a proper vessel to glorify God and to benefit people. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

6. Congratulation & Give the Certificate of Dedication:

We are going to invite the chairman of the board meeting representing our church to give the certificate. We also invite elders, deacons, co-workers to congratulate them. The congregation please stands up to clap hands to show our blessing.

III. Ordination and Appointment Services

A. Pastor's Ordination (or Appointment) Service

(Note: If an EFC local church or the EFC General Assembly prepares to hire a pastor and completes the process according to the by-laws then they may choose a date to appoint or ordain a pastor by the order listed below. Ordination is for pastors not previously ordained and appointment is for pastors who have previously been ordained.)

1. Prelude (Ordaining Body enters)
2. Call to Worship
3. Praise
4. Prayer
5. Scripture Reading
6. Special Music
7. Sermon
8. Introduction and Report
9. Ordination vow

a. Announcement:

The board of elders wishes to appoint _____ to be the pastor of _____ church in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Scriptures said, "It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." (Eph 4:11-12)

Dear pastors, guests, brothers and sisters: According to the articles and by-laws of the Evangelical Formosan Church, _____ has been elected by The Evangelical Formosan Church of _____ (or organization) to serve as their pastor and been approved by the General Assembly. We are gathered to ordain (or appoint) him/her to be the pastor of this church and take up the duty the Lord has entrusted him/her with. Now, will _____ (the candidate for pastor) please come and stand in front to take a vow before both God and these people.

b. Pastor's Vow

Q: Do you believe that God has called you to receive this pastorate?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you believe that the New Testament and the Old Testament are the Word of God and are "the final authority for faith and life?"

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you accept the Apostle's Creed and the Confession of EFC as your

confession of faith?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you agree to be the pastor of the Evangelical Formosan Church of _____, to serve the church with loyalty, to honor Christ as the head of the Church, to lead elders, deacons, brothers and sisters to promote the church work together, to advance the Gospel of the Lord, and to glorify God?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you agree to do the Lord's work with prayer and to serve the Lord's church with your life?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: The goals of the Evangelical Formosan Church are to obey the will of God and to enthusiastically focus on evangelism. Do you agree to submit to and obey the by-laws and articles of the EFC?

A: Yes, I do

10. Vow for Church Members: (Members of candidate's church stand.)

Q: You have elected _____ to be your pastor. Do you honestly and willingly accept him/her for this position?

A: Yes, we do.

Q: Do you agree to obey his/her leadership and management of the church according to the bylaws?

A: Yes, we do.

Q: You should respect him/her, be kind to him/her, and pray for him/her. He/she works hard for your faith, so you may be saved. You should assist him, so he/she may do his/her pastoral duties. Do you willingly commit to do these things?

A: Yes, we do.

Q: In regard to maintaining peace and unity in the church, if you and the deacons make a mistake, have an argument, or commit some wrong doing, you should report it to the board of elders to solve the problem. You may not spread gossip outside the church to negatively influence its reputation. Do you agree to do these things?

A: Yes, we do.

11. Laying on of Hands

(The pastoral candidate kneels. The pastors of the ordaining body will lay their hands on the candidate's head and pray. The pastor leading the service will then invite the candidate to pray a prayer of dedication.)

12. Present the candidate with a clerical robe: (Previously Ordained pastors being

appointed can omit this item.)

13. Pronouncement

In the name of Jesus Christ and on the authority of the EFC General Assembly, I ordain (appoint) you, _____ (name of candidate), as the pastor of _____ church (or organization), and charge you to carry out the duties of this position according to the regulations. Take care of the sheep of God's Church and be their example to the glory of God. Since you are now appointed by the Holy Spirit as the pastor of this church, I also announce it to the congregation. Amen.

14. Encouragement

1. To New Pastor: (Pastor in Charge)
2. To Church members: (Moderator)

15. New Pastor's Address

16. Words and Songs of Blessing

17. Offering

18. Welcome and Announcements

19. Doxology

20. Benediction

21. Postlude

B. Minister's Appointment Service

(Should the General Assembly send a minister to any local church, then the church and the acting pastor should choose a Sunday after the sermon to celebrate the Minister's Ordination according the order listed below.)

1. Announcement/Instruction

Now the Church has gathered here to appoint _____ to be the minister of _____ church in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In the Old Testament, there were elders, priests, and Levites to take care of the congregation. In the New Testament, there were pastors, evangelists, teachers, elders, and deacons to take care His Church. The duty of ministers is to assist the pastor in managing the church, to cooperate with elders, deacons, and co-workers to advance the gospel, to lead the worship service, to educate believers, to serve the church and society, to visit the sick, to encourage the faint-hearted, to teach the youth, to nourish seekers, to confirm the faith of the members, to be an example to the believers, and to lead the whole congregation to serve the Lord in a godly manner.

Now I appoint _____ to be a minister of this church, according to the order established by the Evangelical Formosan Church, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities the Lord has given him/her as a minister of this

church. So _____, please come and stand in front to take a vow before God and men.

2. Vow for Minister:

Q: Do you believe that God has called you to receive the position of minister at this church?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you believe that the New Testament and the Old Testament are the Word of God, and “are the final authority for faith and life?”

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you accept the Apostle’s Creed and the Confession of the Evangelical Formosan Church as your confession of faith?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you agree to be a minister of this church, to honor Christ as the head of the Church, to assist the pastor in managing the church, to cooperate with elders, deacons, and co-workers, to serve the church loyally, and to glorify God?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you agree to do the Lord’s work with prayer and to serve the Lord’s church with your life?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: The goals of the Evangelical Formosan Church are to obey the will of God and to enthusiastically practice evangelism. Do you agree to submit to and obey the by-laws and articles of the Evangelical Formosan Church?

A: Yes, I do.

3. Laying on of Hands

(The new minister kneels and the pastor leading the service lays his hands on the minister’s head and prays. The pastor will then invite the new minister pray a prayer of dedication.)

4. Pronouncement

In the name of Jesus Christ and on the authority of the Evangelical Formosan Church General Assembly, I appoint you, _____ (name of candidate), as a minister of _____ church (or organization), and charge you to carry out the duties of this position according to the regulations. Take care of the sheep of God’s Church and be their example to the glory of God. Since you are now appointed by the Holy Spirit as a minister of this church, I also announce it to the congregation. Amen.

(Pastor, Elders, Deacons and co-workers shake hands with him to

show their acceptance.)

5. Encouragement: (To congregation and new minister)
6. New Minister's Address
7. Words and Songs of Blessing
8. Offering
9. Welcome and Announcements
10. Doxology
11. Benediction
12. Postlude

C. Elder Installation (or Ordination)

(If the local church has elected elders according to the by-laws of EFC, then they may choose a Sunday after the sermon to celebrate their installation according the order listed below.)

1. Announcement/Instruction

The church has gathered here to install (or ordain)_____ as the elder(s) of _____ church in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In the Old Testament, there were elders, priests, and Levites to take care of the congregation. In the New Testament, there were pastors and elders to take care His Church.

The duty of an elder is to manage the church with the pastor, to advance the gospel, to lead the worship service, to serve the church and society, to visit the sick, to encourage the faint-hearted, to teach the youth, to nourish seekers, to confirm the faith of the members, to be an example to the believers, and to lead the whole congregation to serve the Lord in a godly manner.

2. Vow for the Elder(s)

Q: Do you believe that God has called you to receive this elder's position?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you believe that the New Testament and the Old Testament are the Word of God, and "are the final authority for faith and life?"

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you accept the Apostle's Creed and the Confession of the Evangelical Formosan Church as your confession of faith?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you agree to be an elder of this church, to honor Christ as the head of the Church, to assist the pastor to manage the church, and to serve the church with loyalty to the glory of God?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: The goals of the Evangelical Formosan Church are to obey the will of God and to enthusiastically participate in evangelism. Do you agree to submit to and obey the by-laws and articles of the Evangelical Formosan Church?

A: Yes, I do.

3. Vow for Church members

Q: You have elected _____ to be your elder(s). Do you honestly and willingly accept them (or him/her)?

A: Yes, We do.

Q: You should respect them (him/her), be kind to them, and pray for them. They (He/She) work(s) hard for your faith, so you may be saved. You should assist them, so they may do their duty as elders. Do you agree to do these things?

A: Yes, We do.

Q: In regard to maintaining peace and unity in the church, if you or the deacons make a mistake, or have an argument, or commit some wrongdoing, you should report it to the board of elders to resolve the problem. You may not gossip outside the church to have a negative influence on the reputation of the church. Do you agree to do these things?

A: Yes, We do.

4. Laying on Hands:

(Candidates for elder kneel down and have the pastor pray for them individually. You may omit this step for those have been prayed for previously. Then have the pastor invite them to pray dedication prayers individually.)

5. Pronouncement

In the name of Jesus Christ and on the authority of the Evangelical Formosan Church General Assembly, I appoint you, _____ (name of candidates), as elders of _____ church, and charge you to carry out the duties of this position according to the regulations. Take care of the sheep of God's church and be their example to the glory of God. Since you are now appointed by the Holy Spirit as elders of this church, I also announce it to the congregation. Amen.

6. Acceptance: (Pastor shakes hands with elders)

D. Deacon Installation:

(This procedure is also suitable for the co-worker's installation ceremony in a new church's fellowship, pioneer, and organization periods.)

1. Announcement

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we gather together here to install the deacons of this church. In the apostolic age, the church appointed seven persons to be deacons to care for the church's business. We also choose people to help pastors and elders, so they may give their attention to prayer, the ministry of the word, and shepherding the sheep.

2. Vow of Deacon:

Q: Do you believe that God has called you to receive this deacon's position?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you agree to be a deacon of ____ church, to do your duty loyally, to help the pastors and elders, to share in the partnership of the gospel, to glorify God, and to serve His Church?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: The head of the Church is Jesus Christ. He is the only Lord in the Church so when you deal with every church affair, you should depend on Him. Do you agree to obey in this way?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you willingly submit to and obey the by-laws and articles of Evangelical Formosan Church?

A: Yes, I do.

3. Vow of Church members:

Q: You have elected _____ to be your deacon(s). Do you honestly and willingly accept them (or him/her)?

A: Yes, We do.

Q: They (or he/she) will deal with church business for you. You should respect them (or him/her), be kind to them, and assist them. Do you agree to do these things?

A: Yes, We do.

Q: In regard to maintaining peace and unity in the church, if you or the deacons make a mistake, have an argument, or commit some wrong

doing, you should report it to the board of elders to solve the problem. You may not gossip outside the church to negatively influence the reputation of the church. Do you agree to do these things?

A: Yes, We do.

4. Laying on Hands

(The candidates for deacon kneel, the pastor lays his/her hand on their (or his/her) head(s) and prays. The pastor then invites them (or him/her) to pray a prayer of dedication.)

5. Pronouncement: (Pastor raises his right hand.)

In the holy name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the board of elders of the Evangelical Formosan Church of _____, I appoint you as the deacon(s) of this church, and announce it to the members of this church. I entrust you with this position according to the regulations of the Evangelical Formosan Church. Assist the pastor(s) and elders to serve the Lord as a team and conduct the church's business with a clean heart so that God's people will be built up daily, the gospel will be preached, and the holy name of God will be glorified. Amen.

6. Acceptance

(Pastor and elders shake hands with the new deacons or co-workers as a sign of acceptance.)

E. Co-worker Installation (For church a church in the organization period)

1. Vow

Q: Do you believe that God has called you to receive this position?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you agree to depend on the head of the Church, Jesus Christ, to honor his lordship in everything, and to do your duty?

A: Yes, I do.

2. Prayer

3. Pronouncement

I appoint you as co-workers of the Evangelical Formosan Church of _____ (church under organization) in the name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the board of elders of the Evangelical Formosan Church of _____ (founding church). You should be prudent in your behavior, careful in your official duties, do your best for the work of the Lord, and glorify the holy name of the Lord. Amen.

IV. Inaugural and Transition Services for Churches

A. Inaugural Service for a Church in the Fellowship Period

1. Prelude
2. Call to Worship
3. Praise and Worship
4. Prayer
5. Responsive Reading (may be omitted)
6. Hymn
7. Scripture Reading
8. Special Music
9. Sermon
10. Hymn
11. Report for Church planting preparation
12. 使命交託：
 - i. 開拓牧師或傳道就任（See III-A or B）
 - ii. 同工設立（See III-D）
13. Pronouncement

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and by the authority of the Evangelical Formosan Church General Assembly, I proclaim _____(name of new church) to be a church of our denomination in the fellowship period. It is to be a lighthouse for the gospel, proclaiming the redeeming grace of Jesus Christ, worshiping God, following the teachings of Jesus Christ, fellowshiping together in the Holy Spirit, and administering the ordinances of the church. May the one true God through this holy community redeem many lost souls, heal many broken hearts, and equip God's people to participate in the work of the gospel. May all the saints serve the Lord and build up the Body of Christ. May the glory be to the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

14. Moderator's Encouragement
15. Words and Songs of Blessing
16. Offering
17. Welcome and Announcement
18. Doxology
19. Benediction
20. Postlude

B. Thanksgiving Service for a Church Upgrading to the Independence

Period (or Pioneer or Organization Period)

(In general, arrange the items below after the sermon)

1. Hymn
2. Report on the progress of the church toward independence
3. Independence Vow (or upgrade vow): (members stand)

Today our church is going to be independent (upgraded). Before announcing our church's independence (upgrade), all members of this church need to make a vow before the Lord.

Q: Do you confess that Jesus Christ is the head of the Church, and commit yourselves to follow His teaching to deal with all church matters?

A: Yes, we do.

Q: Do you agree to pray for our church and to offer your tithe to support the church's needs?

A: Yes, we do.

Q: Do you gladly agree to receive training to be able serve in the church so that it will be build up?

A: Yes, we will.

4. Pronouncement: (All stand up.)

In the name of the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, and by the authority of the General Assembly of the Evangelical Formosan Church I proclaim that _____ (name of church) is an independent church (or pioneer church, or organizational church) of our denomination. May our hearts be filled with fire for the proclamation of God's love and truth to the ends of the earth. May this church continue to grow under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and in cooperation with the General Assembly and the other Evangelical Formosan Churches. Together may we enlarge the Kingdom of God both here and throughout the earth. We give all the glory to God. Amen.

5. Encouragement

(Moderator or representative of the EFC General Assembly)

V. Church Dedication Service

Introduction:

At the entrance to the church: first make an announcement, then sing, have a Scripture reading, pray, and 主禮人 open the door; then enter in this order: the presider or service leader, choir, guests, and congregation.

1. Prelude:
2. Call to Worship:
3. Praise:
4. Prayer:
5. Scripture Reading:
6. Special Music: (choir)
7. Sermon:
8. Church Building Report
9. 獻堂禮文

Presider: May glory, honor, and praise be to God, our Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ our Savior and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

Congregation: We respectfully dedicate this church to God.

Presider: Thank God for his mercy and grace.

Congregation: We respectfully dedicate this church to God.

Presider: We respectfully dedicate this church for praying, worshiping, praising God, proclaiming God's truth, administering the ordinances of the church, and fellowship.

Congregation: We respectfully dedicate this church to God.

Presider: We respectfully dedicate this church for preparing the saints for works of service to build up the body of Christ.

Congregation: We respectfully dedicate this church to God.

Presider: Today we hold this ceremony. May the Lord accept our dedication. May the Holy Spirit help us to offer ourselves so that we may become a living temple. May the Lord live in our hearts so that we may shine forth the glory of the Lord and receive Biblical truth and fulfillment from the Holy Spirit, being soldiers of Christ, and glorifying the holy name of the Lord.

Together: Amen.

10. Prayer for Church Dedication:

We dedicate this church and ourselves. May this church be a temple of prayer. May people be blessed by it. May it bring glory to God. In the holy name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

11. Pronouncement:

I dedicate this church in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy

Spirit, and also on behalf of the General Assembly of EFC that this church shall be a location for evangelism, worshiping God, practicing the church ordinances, following Jesus' teaching, fellowship of the Holy Spirit and saints, and social service. May glory be given to the true God. May our hearts be filled with fire for this church and for evangelism and proclaiming God's love to the ends of the earth. Amen.

12. Offering:

13. Words and Songs of Blessing:

14. Thanksgiving and Announcements

15. Doxology:

16. Benediction:

17. Postlude:

VI. Occasions for Joy

A. Engagement

Introduction:

The principle of Christian engagement should follow the Biblical teaching. The engagement service should be simple, sincere, and impressive. The order of the engagement service sees below. Seating: fiancé and fiancée sit beside their parents and face to 主禮人, 男方右邊, 女方左邊。訂婚戒指先交給主禮人, 屆時由主禮人指導互相交換。

1. Prelude:

2. Hymn:

3. Prayer:

4. Scriptures:

Gen 24:10-28, 32-53; Ps 121:1-8; Prov 31:10-13, 23-31; 1Jn 4:7-17, 15:12-17; 1Cor 13, 13:4-8; 2Cor 1:18-22; 1 Pet 1:13-23, 2:11-12

5. Messages:

6. Encouragement:

Dear two family members, guests and relatives: Today, _____ and _____ are going to engage with their pure love. We pray the Holy Spirit guide us. Heavenly Father blesses today's ceremony.

Marriage is God's plan for mankind. Therefore, you should believe that your engagement is under the providence of God. From now on, you should prepare your heart, urgently seek and follow God's teaching, trust God's promise, so you may complete this marriage, glory to God and getting His blessing.

The Scriptures said, "Marriage should be honored by all." (Heb 13:4) The engagement is not marriage. It may not mix together, because God is holy. You should keep this teaching, respect each other, keep pure, and prepare getting marriage.

From now on, your behavior should follow the God's teaching in the Bible, loving each other, praying each other, and encouraging each other. Honor the Lord in all and to built up your noble characters together and to prepare your wedding before God and men in future, being a wonderful witness.

7. Prayer:

Our Heavenly Father: We thank you taking care them. Now they have grown up. We hold this engagement ceremony for them. May Heavenly Father bless them, and built up their faith and character, and to glorify your name. In the name of the Lord we pray. Amen.

8. Hymn:

9. Benediction:

B. Wedding Ceremony

Introduction:

Marriage is a big thing for a man and a woman. The Bible said, “Marriage should be honored by all.” (Heb 13:4) The principle of Christian wedding ceremony should follow the Biblical teaching. The wedding service should be simple, sincere, and follow the Church’s tradition, and obey God’s teaching. So bride and groom will understand God’s teaching, obligation of husband and wife, remember the vow they made in front of God, love each other, and support each other according to the vow.

1. Prelude: (Bride and groom enter the place. All stand up.)

Pastor ask Father of Bride:

Pastor: Who permit this marriage? Who lead the bride here?

Father of Bride: I do. (or “Her mother and I,” “My wife and I”)

Pastor: Please be seated.

Welcome: Thanks God gives us this wonderful day to join _____ and _____
‘s wedding.

Call to Wedding: The Bible said, “Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. We get help by the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth” (Ps 127:1a, 121:2)
Dear brothers and sisters: we gather together here to be witnesses for _____ and _____ getting marry in front of God, and building a wonderful family. Marriage comes from God’s setting. A happy family is a God’s gift. If anyone fear the Lord and follow His teaching, he will be blessed. Therefore, only holy hearts and an official wedding service can build a happy, harmony, wonderful family.

2. Hymn:

3. Prayer:

4. Scriptures:

Gen 2:18, 21-25; Ps 67:1-7; Mk 10:6-9; 1Cor 13, 13:4-8; Eph 5:21-33;
Col 3:18-19; 1Pet 3:1-7; 1Jn 4:7-21

5. Hymn:

6. Message:

7. Encouragement:

Now we gather here to wed _____ and _____ in front of God and man

according to the teaching of the Bible. In a wedding, God is the Lord; and the ritual should follow His teaching, so bride and groom will get blessing from Him. We should not mix heresy, superstition and things do please God into the ritual of wedding. Please bride, groom, and congregation pay attention on the teachings of marriage and the duty of husband and wife.

Marriage is a holy system after God made a man and a woman. (Gen 1:27; 2:18, 21-24) At that time, God only created a man, then made a woman to help him. Through this union, God bless human beings. Marriage is arranged by God. Husband and wife are matched by God, so we should accept this God's gift in a respected heart.

Marriage is a covenant of one man and one woman. (Mt 19:5; Eph 5:31) God made Adam and Eve in the beginning of this world. A man and a woman form a family as our good example. Therefore, when a man still live, his wife does not allow to wed another man; when a woman still live, her husband does not allow to wed another woman.

Marriage is a whole life covenant. You should remember devil broke God's creation from family, so you should keep the vow you made. In five human ethical relationships, husband and wife are the most intimate relationship. The Bible said, "A man will be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. A wife must not separate from her husband; a husband must not divorce his wife." Jesus said, "What God has joined together, let man not separate." (Mt 19:6)

You should love each other, as yourselves. (Eph 5:28-33; 1Pet 3:8-9) God set husband is the head of wife, so husband should take care of his wife as Christ love His Church. Wife submit to your husband as the church submits to Christ. The couple living together should be completely humble, gentle, patient, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace to glorify God the Father.

8. Wedding Vow:

Now _____ and _____ both of you heard the biblical teaching about marriage. If you willing get marry, please using your right hand holding each other to make a vow.

(Bride and groom are Christians, using A or B)

A.

a. Ask groom:

Q: _____, do you believe this marriage is arranged by God, willing to accept _____ to be your wife?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: God make you live in this world. You should love your wife gently, respect her, live with her only, and build a Christian family. You should respect her family as your family, do your husband's duty in your life. Do you willing to do that in front of God and congregation?

A: Yes, I will.

b. Ask bride:

Q: _____, do you believe this marriage is arranged by God, willing to accept _____ to be your husband?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: God make you live in this world. You should love your husband gently, help him, live with him only, and build a Christian family. You should respect his family as your family, do your wife's duty in your life. Do you willing to do that in front of God and congregation?

A: Yes, I will.

B.

a. (Groom kneel down and follow 主禮人 read the words below)

I, _____, willing to admit and accept _____ to be my wedded wife in the heart of fearing Christ. I will honestly obey God's commandants to live with you in whatever situation. I willing to love you, care you, comfort you, respect you, protect you, share bliss and adversity together, fear Christ, obey the truth each other until seeing the face of the Lord.

b. (Bride kneel down and follow 主禮人 read the words below)

I, _____, willing to admit and accept _____ to be my wedded husband in the heart of fearing Christ. I will honestly obey God's commandants to live with you in whatever situation. I willing to love you, care you, comfort you, respect you, protect you, share bliss and adversity together, fear Christ, obey the truth each other until seeing the face of the Lord.

C. (Bride or groom is not Christian may use this style.)

a. A vow for non-Christian groom: (Christian groom may use A style)

Q: _____, do you admit and accept _____ to be your wedded wife?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you willing to obey the Lord Jesus' teaching of one husband and one wife in what ever situation, to love her, to be humble each

other, to respect her Christian faith, to build a happy family together, to respect her family as your family, to do your husband's duty in your life?

A: Yes, I do.

b. A vow for non-Christian bride: (Christian bride may use A style)

Q: _____, do you admit and accept _____ to be your wedded husband?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: Do you willing to obey the Lord Jesus' teaching of one husband and one wife in what ever situation, to love her, to be humble each other, to respect her Christian faith, to build a happy family together, to respect her family as your family, to do your wife's duty in your life?

A: Yes, I do.

9. Exchange Favors:

Encouragement and Pray: May the Lord bless both of your hearts. When you see these rings, you remember the vow you made today in front of God and man. You should treasure your relationship of husband and wife. May you love each other by the Lord. "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace." (Eph 4:2-3) You become one flesh in your whole life, and manage your happy marriage life every day. Amen.

10. Announcement: (主禮人 raise right hand)

Now you have made this important vow before God and Man. You should treat each other as the vow you made, so you may be blessed and for people's good. I announce you are husband and wife in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God has joined together, let man not separate. May the Lord bless and protect you. May the face of the Lord shine upon you. May the Lord watch over you, and give you peace. Amen.

11. Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father: We thank that You give us a wonderful family system. In Your good will, this pair of new couple made a marriage vow before you, being a husband and a wife. May your spirit support and guide them. From now on, they help each other, love each other. We pray you give them godly offspring, so they may build a happy Christian family. We also pray you give them the wisdom and strength from the above, so they may obey your will to serve your kingdom, to help people, and to glorify

your name. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

12. Light the Candle: (點同心燭後，揭紗、祝歌、Tribute 等可酌情安排)

13. Doxology:

14. Benediction:

15. 答禮：向主禮人、男方主婚人、女方主婚人、Congregation.

16. Postlude: (Bride and Groom leave. Congregation does not spread confetti.)

C. Wedding Anniversary

D. Birthday

VII. Funeral

A. Encoffin Service

1. Hymn: (choose an appropriate hymn for a funeral)

2. Prayer:

Merciful God in heaven, you are the comfort for all sorrow. You are the Help for all weak. We pray to you now to help and support us. Give us your mercy so our faith will not be shaken. At this moment we are only close to you. Let us accept your great love again.

Dear heavenly Father! We thank you that because of Jesus' resurrection we may not lose hope, but be filled with joy. Lord! You promised us, "I live, you also will live." (Jn 14:19) We believe that the soul that rests with the Lord will also rest in heaven forever. Therefore, we pray for you to support us in our sorrow, so that we may be strong and courageous because of our eternal hope in you. In the name of the eternal God we pray. Amen.

3. Scriptures:

Jn 14:16; 1Th 4:13-18; Ps 39:1-13; Rev 7:13-17, 14:13, 21:3-4

4. Message:

Dear relatives, family, brothers and sisters, today, we see the fact that a man lives one time and dies one time. This brother (sister) passes the river of death now. The power of darkness of this world will no longer have any influence on him (her). The bitterness of life will not bother him (her) anymore. Although we will not see him (her) anymore in this life, he (she) rests with God in the heaven.

In our human nature, we feel sorrow for him (her), but we will also pass the in same way one day, and be reunited with him (her) in Heaven. The life and death of man proves that God is the sovereign Creator. He guides human beings that chose to seek eternal life. Man can only get guidance through Him. We can live meaningfully in this life and we have hope for another life after this one.

5. Encoffin: (All stand up. The family member and helpers put the remains into the coffin.)

6. Doxology:

7. Benediction:

B. Funeral Service

1. Introduction:

The Christian funeral service should not be confused by combining cults and superstition with our faith. Do not pray to the dead. Do not burn

incense and kneel to the dead. Wearing hemp cloth and lament is permitted. Bowing shows respecting the deceased. Do not offer sacrifices to the dead, but using a wreath instead of, using a floral cross is the best. Do not celebrate a funeral banquet. Do not indulge in luxury and waste. Be serious to memorialize the deceased. The most important thing is to encourage the survivors of the family, guests, and friends.

2. Prelude:

3. Call to Worship:

At this serious moment, we should not forget that we receive help by depending upon the name of the Lord, the Creator of the heavens and earth. The Lord said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (Jn 11:25-26; Deut 30:27; Ps 27:1; 2Cor 5:1)

4. Hymn: (choose a hymn appropriate for a funeral.)

5. Prayer:

Almighty God, we thank you, because you are our source of life and power. You are our refuge and our help in trouble. Now we come close to you, because you call our brother (sister), _____, to rest and to leave this material world. So we hold this funeral here. Lord! We pray for you to guide us through this funeral so that we can be closer to you. May you comfort the family members of the deceased. May the relatives of the deceased get encouragement from you. Heavenly Father who created us, we thank you for your salvation by giving your only beloved son Jesus Christ. He brings the hope of eternal hope to us through His death and resurrection. We want to return to You, because heaven is our eternal home.

Father! We for pray the Holy Spirit to help us at this moment, so peace may be in our hearts. May the Holy Spirit open our spiritual eyes, so we may see clearly all things: from this world to the next world, from darkness to glory, from the temporal to the eternal. May we receive your protection in all kinds of situations and receive enough strength to finish our pilgrimage from the cradle to the grave to Your side. We pray in the name of Jesus of Christ. Amen.

6. Scriptures:

Gen 23:1-4; Ps 23, 27, 39, 90:1-17, 121; Ecc 7:1-4; Lk 16:19-31; Jn 14:1-6; 1Cor 15:20-28, 50-58; 2Cor 5:1-10; 1Th 6:7-8, 11-12; Rev 7:9-17, 22:1-5

7. Message:

Death is a serious fact that everyone needs to face. We who believe in the Lord never lose hope when we meet with death. A man, who trusts the Lord Jesus, even though his body dies, his soul will dwell with the Lord and he has the hope of the resurrection.

8. Prayer:

The Lord of Love: When you stayed in this world, you wept before the tomb of Lazarus so we know you understand our weakness and sorrow. You promised us that you would never leave us alone. May your promise be fulfilled today so that people will know that though we are in sorrow, we are still in your grace.

Lord! You told us, "I am the resurrection and the life." (Jn 11:25) We pray to You Lord to help us through Your Word to trust you with our whole heart and to be full of faith and hope for the future until we see Your Face. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

9. Hymn: (Choose the favorite hymn of the deceased)

10. Brief history of the deceased:

11. Word of Comfort: (If there is no proper person to do this, then it can be skipped.)

12. Silent Meditation: (All rise. The service leader may pray for the family member of the deceased.)

13. Give heart-felt thanks:

14. Doxology:

15. Benediction:

16. Final Respects: (Have the family members stand beside the coffin and shake hands with congregation. After the service, a pastor may pray with the family members around the coffin.)

"Dear Lord! Now we are going to seal the coffin. We will not see him (her) anymore until we meet again in heaven. We pray for you to send the Holy Spirit to give us strength, so we may continue our lives here on earth. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen."

(Seal the coffin, then leave in this order: pastor, person who holds the last picture of the deceased, coffin, family members, friends. Go to the graveyard to prepare for the burial.)

C. Graveside Service

1. Introduction:

(A pastor should be the first one in a funeral procession. When the coffin is put in the sepulcher, the pastor should stand at the upside (or north side)

of the sepulcher.)

2. Hymn: (choose a hymn appropriate for a funeral.)

3. Scriptures: Ps 90:1-2, 103:13; Jn 14:1-3; 1Th 4:13-14

Jn 6:37 “All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.”

Rom 8:11 “And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.”

Ps 16:11 “You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.”

Dear brothers and sisters, we have already put _____’s soul into the hand of the Lord. We bury his remains here, so dust will return to dust. We have a firm faith that believers will be part of the resurrection and enjoy the blessing of eternal life.

4. Message:

This is the good decision of our Heavenly Father in accordance with His Wisdom and Will, that we send our dear brother (sister) _____ to His face. Therefore, we bury his remains here. May dust return to dust. But we look to the great blessing in heaven and wait for His glorious appearance, because “Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.” (Phil 3:20-21)

5. Prayer:

Our God and Heavenly Father, we thank You, because you sent your only holy Son into this world to save us so we may have abundant life. Dear Lord! We believe that he who believes in you dies, but you have already prepared a place for him in heaven, so he may rest in You. Lord! At this time, we bury our beloved brother’s (sister’s) remains here. We pray for the Lord to protect us, so we may continue our pilgrimage. We also hope we will see each other in heaven. Merciful heavenly Father, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

6. Public Prayer: (All rise. Recite the Lord’s prayer.)

7. Benediction:

D. Non-Christian Funeral

(It is our desire that those non-Christian families and friends in attendance may receive salvation in Jesus Christ through this funeral service.)

Scriptures: Ecc 3:1-15, 7:1-4; Ps 39,90,139; Jn 14:1-7

1. Hymn: (Chose an appropriate hymn.)
2. Scriptures: Ps 34:18, 139:1-6, 147:3,5, Prov 3:5-6
3. Prayer:

Almighty God, merciful Heavenly Father, we come to you in our sorrow. We sincerely need your comfort. We deeply know that you are our only hope. You are the Savior. We pray for you to help us to see past this world full of sorrow, bitterness and depression with eyes of faith to have hope in Christ. We pray that you would comfort our broken hearts. Remove the burden from our hearts. We pray you would remind us of your victory on the cross to help us forget the sorrow of loss and death so that we could remember our hope of eternal life. You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life of the world. We trust you with our whole heart. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

4. Teaching from the Bible:
5. Brief history of the deceased:
6. Benediction:
7. Postlude:

E. Children's Funeral

(Service order see VII-B Funeral Service)

Introduction:

Our Lord, since You have accepted our beloved child's soul back to heaven Your love is more than we can measure. All things are in your wonderful will and arrangement. Today, we bury his (her) body in this ground. We also have the same true hope as him (her). We hope he (she) will be resurrected on the Day of our Lord's Second Coming.

Scriptures:

2Sam 12:16-23; Isa 40:11; Jer 31:15-17; Job 1:21; Ps 103:13-14, 139:13-16;
Mt 18:1-5, 10-14; Job 14:1-3

F. Memorial Service

1. Introduction:

The purpose of the memorial service is for people to fear God, to remember the deceased, to learn from the good example of the deceased, and to honor his family. Therefore, during the service, families, relatives and friends may encourage each other by sharing about the deceased's good behavior. If there are some pictures, a portrait of the deceased, or notes in the genealogy of the family tree, these materials may be shared with relatives, friends, and descendants. Do not confuse the Christian faith by combining heresy, superstition, or kneeling to the portrait of the deceased.

Be serious. Do not secularize the service through luxury or waste. The date for the memorial service should be on the anniversary of the death, before/ after the anniversary or before/ after Easter. It would be better to clean the tomb on that day. Service leaders include: the pastor, church elders, and elders of the family.

2. Hymn:

3. Prayer:

4. Scriptures:

Gen 49:28-33; Deut 5:16; Ps 103; Prov 6:20-23; Job 14:15-24; 2Cor 5:1-10; Heb 11:1-6; Rev 7:9-17

5. Sermon:

6. Hymn:

7. Brief history of the deceased and last will:

(Elders of the family may share a brief history of the deceased and his good works.)

8. Words of Remembrance:

(Relatives of the family and friends of the deceased may share the good character and works of the deceased.)

9. Silent prayer: (pray for the survivors of the deceased)

10. Doxology:

11. Benediction:

VIII. Appendix

A. Scriptures for the Benediction

1. "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." (Num 6:24-26)
2. "May the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Psa 134:3, Eph 3:21)
3. "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)
4. "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom 15:5-6)
5. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Rom 15:13)
6. "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you." (Rom 16:20)
7. "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor 1:3)
8. "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (2 Cor 13:14)
9. "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:7)
10. "May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Th 5:23)
11. "To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord." (1 Tim 1:2)
12. "The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you." (2 Tim 4:22)
13. "May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." (Heb 13:20-21)
14. "And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast." (1 Pet 5:10)
 15. "To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen." (Jude 25)

16. "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father--to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen." (Rev 1:5-6)

B. Scriptures for all kinds of ceremonies

Scriptures for New Year

1. "May the LORD, the God of your fathers, increase you a thousand times and bless you as he has promised! But how can I bear your problems and your burdens and your disputes all by myself?" (Deu 11:11-12)
2. "Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope." (1 Chr 29:15)
3. "You gave me life and showed me kindness, and in your providence watched over my spirit." (Job 10:12)
4. "Show me, O LORD, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life." (Psa 39:4)
5. "My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music." (Psa 57:7)
6. "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psa 90:12)
7. "But you remain the same, and your years will never end." (Psa 102:27)
8. "But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children." (Psa 103:17)
9. "The LORD watches over you-- the LORD is your shade at your right hand." (Psa 121:5)
10. "Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever." (Eccl 1:4)
11. "However many years a man may live, let him enjoy them all. But let him remember the days of darkness, for they will be many. Everything to come is meaningless." (Eccl 11:8)
12. "He changes times and seasons." (Dan 2:21)
13. "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" (Mat 6:27)
14. "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear." (Luke 12:22)
15. "Sir, leave it alone for one more year." (Luke 13:8)
16. "For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'" (Acts 17:28)
17. "With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day." (2 Pet 3:8)

Scriptures for Easter

1. "He brought them out of darkness and the deepest gloom and broke away their chains." (Psa 107:14)
2. "He will swallow up death forever." (Isa 25:8)
3. "Your dead will live; their bodies will rise." (Isa 26:19)
4. "I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them." (Ezek 37:12)
5. "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death." (Hosea 13:14)
6. "They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what "rising from the dead" meant." (Mark 9:10)
7. "He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." (Luke 24:46)
8. "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." (John 2:19)
9. "Those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned." (John 5:29)
10. "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:40)
11. "No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again." (John 10:18)
12. "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"(John 11:25-26)
13. "Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live." (John 14:19)
14. "God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact."(Acts 2:32; 3:15; 5:30-31; 13:37-39)
15. "He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification." (Rom 4:25)
16. "And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you." (Rom 8:11)
17. "That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Rom 10:9)
18. "By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also." (1 Cor 6:14)
19. "If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." (1 Cor 15:13-14)

20. "Because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence." (2 Cor 4:14)
21. "And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again." (2 Cor 5:15)
22. "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God." (Col 3:1)
23. "But it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." (2 Tim 1:10)
24. "Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him;" (2 Tim 2:11)
25. "When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades." (Rev 1:17-18)
26. "He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death." (Rev 2:11)

Scriptures for Mother's Day

1. "Each of you must respect his mother and father." (Lev 19:3)
2. "Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the LORD." (Lev 19:32)
3. "Cursed is the man who dishonors his father or his mother." (Deu 27:16)
4. "He settles the barren woman in her home as a happy mother of children. Praise the LORD." (Psa 113:9)
5. "My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching." (Prov 6:20)
6. "Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old." (Prov 23:22)
7. "The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself disgraces his mother." (Prov 29:15)
8. "There are those who curse their fathers and do not bless their mothers." (Prov 30:11)
9. "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised." (Prov 31:30)
10. "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem." (Isa 66:13)
11. "Who is my mother?" (Mat 12:48)
12. "Isn't his mother's name Mary?" (Mat 13:55)
13. "Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of

- Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.” (John 19:25)
14. “Here is your mother.” (John 19:27)
 15. “Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too.” (Rom 16:13)
 16. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother'--which is the first commandment with a promise." (Eph 6:1-2)

Scriptures for Christmas

1. "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." (Psa 2:7)
2. "This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psa 118:24)
3. "The Son of Man came to save what was lost." (Mat 18:11)
4. "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." (Luke 9:58)
5. "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." (John 6:51)
6. "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)
7. "I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." (John 12:46)
8. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." (2 Cor 8:9)
9. "But made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness." (Phil 2:7)
10. "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Phil 4:4)
11. "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him." (1 John 4:9)
12. "And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world." (1 John 4:14)

C. Scriptures for Pastoral Counseling

1. Addiction: a. (Gal 5:1) b. (Jn 8:32) c. (Pr 20:1)
2. Aging: a. (Pr 9:11) b. (Eccl 11:10) c. (Pr 10:27)
3. Anger: a. (1Pet 2:23) b. (Eph 4:26-27) c. (1Th 5:9)
4. Anxiety: a. (Jn 14:27) b. (Eph 4:6-8) c. (Ps 46:1-3)
5. Backsliding: a. (Pr 28:13) b. (Ps 51:10-12) c. (Jn 6:37)
6. Bereavement: a. (1Cor 15:54-57) b. (Isa 25:8) c. (1Th 4:13-14)
7. Bitterness: a. (Eph 4:31) b. (Heb 12:15) c. (Jam 3:14-15)

8. Carnality: a. (Rom 6:6-9) b. (Eph 4:22-24) c. (2Cor 4:16)
9. Condemnation: a. (Rom 8:1) b. (Rom 3:10-12) c. (Isa 64:6-8)
10. Confusion: a. (Isa 26:3) b. (1Cor 14:33) c. (Isa 55:8-9)
11. Death: a. (Rom 14:7-8) b. (Job 19:25-27) c. (Isa 25:8)
12. Depression: a. (Ne 8:10) b. (Phil 4:8) c. (Rom 8:28)
13. Dissatisfaction: a. (Pr 27:20) b. (Heb 13:5-6) c. (1Tim 6:6-8)
14. Doubt: a. (Jam 4:8) b. (Rom 10:17) c. (Heb 10:32, 35-39)
15. Failure: a. (Pr 24:16-18) b. (Ps 145:14-16) c. (2Cor 3:5)
16. Fear: a. (2Tim 1:7) b. (Phi 4:13) c. (Rev 1:17-18)
17. Finances: a. (Mt 6:31-34) b. (Ps 37:25-26) c. (Phil 4:19)
18. Illness: a. (Jam 5:14) b. (Ps 23:2-4) c. (Ps 43:5)
19. Insecurity: a. (2Th 3:30) b. (Ps 91:3-7) c. (2Cor 3:4-5)
20. Judging: a. (1Cor 4:5) b. (Mt 7:3-5) c. (Jn 5:22)
21. Loneliness: a. (Jn 14:18) b. (Ps 147:3) c. (Ps 27:10)
22. Lust: a. (2Pet 2:9) b. (Mt 18:8-9) c. (Pr 6:25-26)
23. Marriage: a. (2Cor 6:14-17) b. (1Cor 7:10-17) c. (Heb 13:4)
24. Pride: a. (Mt 18:2-4) b. (Pr 27:1-2) c. (Lk 18:11-14)
25. Satan: a. (Eph 6:10-17) b. (1Jn 4:1-3) c. (Lk 10:18-19)
26. Suffering: a. (Heb 5:8-9) b. (2Cor 4:8-10) c. (1Pet 4:19)
27. Temptation: a. (Jam 1:12) b. (2Pet 2:9) c. (Jam 1:2-4)
28. Trials: a. (2Tim 2:3) b. (1Pet 4:12-13) c. (Ps 34:17)
29. Weakness: a. (2Cor 12:9) b. (Mt 11:28-30) c. (Ps 121:2-3)
30. Worldliness: a. (Mk 4:18-20) b. (1Jn 5:5) c. (1Jn 2:15-17)

D. The Notes for visiting the sick

1. It is an important part of the pastor's role to visit the sick. A pastor should take the opportunity to do a sequence of visitations before and after the patient is healed. This is a good opportunity to express concern and to proclaim the Gospel message.

2. A pastor should have a sincere attitude in visit the sick. The Word of God is the best tool to express the love of God. The length and amount of these kinds of Scriptures should be appropriate, not too long and not too many. When the patient cannot read, a pastor should read to the patient and help him (her) to memorize the Scriptures for spiritual help. Remember, the message should not contain any blame.

3. Bringing some spiritual books, flowers...etc. when visiting the patient help to comfort, show care, and express love.

4. Don't forget pray for the sick person before leaving. This can make their faith stronger and their health better.

5. A successful visitation will make the patient's faith grow and possibly help even

his whole family to receive Christ.

6. Don't bother the seriously ill. It is appropriate to pray in silence or kneel down in front of the bed.

7. When a male pastor is not available to visit a female patient, a female pastor, a female minister, or pastor's wife may visit instead of a male pastor.

E. Visitation before surgery (See Don Damsteegt)

1. Denial: Many patients may deny the seriousness of their situation. Denial will cause them pain. They may even refuse to accept that they are going to have surgery. A pastor should not correct the patient's attitude, but walk with him and understand his fear through communication and try to help him (her) to understand that God is with him (her).

2. The sick person may remember fears from childhood, such as when their parent's punished them. They are afraid to be isolated from people, so they are also afraid to express their real negative feelings, such as anger or fear. Therefore, they will try to please people.

3. Trying to confession his sins: In most patients' subconscious mind, they desire to receive God's forgiveness through confession of their sins to an authority. At this time, the pastor can be their listener, and guarantee God's care and forgiveness through continual care.

4. Seeking the positive meaning and satisfaction through the surgery. Those suffering often desire to know that their pain was for a worthy cause. The pastor should help them to understand the positive meaning of the surgery through counseling, so they may have a new attitude to face the surgery.

F. The Notes visiting a Cancer Patient