

2010 Membership Classes & Receptions

Spring

Saturday, March 27
Informational class: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Saturday, April 17
Interviews with Elders

Sunday, May 2
Reception of new members

Fall Class

Saturday, November 6
Informational class: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Saturday, November 20
Interviews with Elders

Sunday, November 28
Reception of new members



Membership at FMC



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*"Let us not give up meeting
together, as some are in the habit of
doing, but let us encourage one
another - and all the more as you see
the Day approaching."
Hebrews 10:25*

Why become a member?

Is it really necessary to formally join the church if you've accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, followed Christ's example in baptism and seek to follow His ways and obey his commands? Does the Bible actually teach that we should make a formal commitment to our local body of believers? These are good questions and they point out important issues.

Certainly, we don't need to be a member to be saved or even be a part of the body of Christ. At Fellowship we can serve and be a part of this family without the formal document. Membership basically says one thing to everyone involved, namely, "I am committed."

Can a person be committed without membership? Absolutely! But again, by identifying ourselves with a particular church, we let the pastors and others in our church know that we can be counted on to be committed in attendance, giving, prayer, and service. The degree of success for any organization depends upon this.

The Bible says Jesus committed himself to the Church by giving his life for her (Eph. 5:25). Membership shows our commitment to the Church of Jesus Christ through the local congregation. For the person who is personally committed to Jesus Christ, church membership can be a very positive "next step" in the living out of one's faith in Jesus Christ, much like receiving baptism or partaking in Communion, the Lord's Supper.

What are my duties as a member?

Fellowship's bylaws states the following:

As a Christian believer, a member shall:

- A. Covenant to participate in congregational worship, and celebrate the Lord's Supper as regularly as possible.
- B. Be committed to a life of spiritual growth through the principles of God's Word and by the aid of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Seek to minister to others in the love of Christ through sharing, prayer, and personal sacrifice, and through the gifts the Holy Spirit has given.
- D. Recognize that our mission in the world is to make disciples through faith in Jesus Christ and obedience to His Word.
- E. Contribute regularly to the support of the church as God prospers.
- F. Remain loyal to Fellowship Missionary Church, making every effort to build up the Body according to the instruction of Scripture.

How do I qualify to become a member?

Members of this church must be born again believers in Jesus Christ who are exhibiting genuine evidences of their salvation. They have been baptized by immersion upon their confession of faith. Candidates who have been baptized in another manner subsequent to conversion may be admitted to membership if they are willing to be immersed as the Lord may lead them.

What are my next steps?

Applicants are expected to attend an informational class, complete appropriate application forms, and be interviewed by members of the Elder Board and/or their representatives. The Elder Board approves new members. You can begin by filling out an application form which you will receive at the informational meeting and submitting it to the church office.