

Why Church Membership?

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Hebrews 13:17

Consider these biblical truths:

- The Church is God's Work
- God's Vision for the Church is Glorious
- Membership in the Church is a biblical idea
- Church Membership is an implicit requirement of the Christian life

Church membership is for our **encouragement**, our **protection** and our **instruction**.

When you commit to Church membership, you are called to a higher degree of responsibility, service, and sacrifice to one another.

"Do not go where it is all fine music and grand talk and beautiful architecture; those things will neither fill anybody's stomach, nor feed his soul. Go where the gospel is preached, the gospel that really feeds your soul, and go often."

- Charles Spurgeon

Gathered Confession

Pastor: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you made all things, and you call everyone to account. You have called your children out of darkness and into the light, yet we often turn back to the dark.

Congregation: With shame we admit that we have sinned against you in what we have thought, said, and done, and we deserve your judgment. We turn from our sins and are truly sorry for them.

Pastor: Have mercy on us, most merciful Father. Because of the cross of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us. Enable us to serve and please you in new life, to your honor and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon:

"And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life." **1 John 5:11-13**

From that time Jesus began to preach saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." - Matthew 4:17