

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: Lord, you are the God who speaks. In former days you spoke to us through the prophets and in these last days you have spoken to us through your Son. You have revealed yourself to all in creation and to us through your Word. You have shown us grace in the gospel.

Congregation: Instead of boldly proclaiming the gospel, we abandon it for the comfort of this life.

Pastor: Father we ask that you embolden our faith. Give us strength to stand in this evil day and give us repentance when we don't. Reveal to us the faith that was once and for all delivered to the saints.

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