



MEMBERSHIP CLASS GUIDE

OUR MISSION

To create authentic, Christ-centered communities that love God wholeheartedly and reach out intentionally so that others experience new life in Jesus and a transforming life of discipleship.

OUR BELIEFS: Statement of Faith

1. The Scriptures, both the Old and the New Testament, are the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings. The Bible is the complete written revelation of God's will for the salvation of mankind and the divine and final authority for Christian faith and life. (*Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21*)
2. There is only one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing as three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (*Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 43:10; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30; John 15:26; 1 John 1:5*)
3. Jesus Christ is both truly God and truly man having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross, once for all, as a sacrifice for sin according to the Scriptures. Furthermore, he arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of God the Father, he is now our High Priest and Advocate. (*Matthew 1:20-21; Luke 24:51; Philippians 2:6-8; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Hebrews 4:15-16, 8:1; 1 John 2:1*)
4. The Holy Spirit, the spirit of truth, is sent from the Father to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, to convict people of sin and lead them to salvation. He indwells, seals, guides, comforts, instructs, and empowers believers in sanctification for godly living and service. (*John 16:8, 13-14, 17:17; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:13,16; 1 Corinthians 2:12; Ephesians 1:13-14; Philippians 2:12-13*)
5. Man was created in the image of God but chose to disobey and is therefore separated from God. All human beings are born with a sinful nature, which is revealed in what we think, say, and do. (*Genesis 1:27, 3:23; Isaiah 64:6; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:10-12, 5:12, 6:23*)
6. Salvation is God's free gift to all who believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus lived a perfect life, and willingly took our sins upon himself. Through his shed blood, death and resurrection, he provides us the way to eternal life and adoption into the family of God. (*Isaiah 53:5-6; John 3:16; Romans 8:15-16; 2 Cor. 5:12; Ephesians 1:7; Titus 3:5; John 1:12*)
7. Water baptism identifies the believer's union with the death and resurrection of Jesus. Communion is an active remembering of the death of Jesus until he returns. These ordinances are actively celebrated today but they are not a means of salvation. (*Matthew 28:1; Acts 8:12; Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*)



8. The Church of Jesus Christ is made up of all believers who have been given and accepted a new life by the Holy Spirit—which is a life of holiness, humility and service. The Church is the Body of Christ and Jesus is the head of that body. Every believer’s primary responsibility is to demonstrate the love, authority, and life-changing power of Jesus. (*Acts 1:8; Ephesians 3:10-11, 5:23, 26-27; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 1 Peter 3:15-16; Revelation 19:7*)
9. Jesus will return to the joy of all who believe. The hope and assurance of his return and judgment creates an urgency, passion, and purpose for every believer. (*Acts 1:10-11; Galatians 6:9-10; Ephesians 5:26-27; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Titus 2:11-13; Jude 1:14-15*)
10. All humanity will experience a bodily resurrection and a judgment that will determine their fate. Having rejected God, unbelievers will suffer eternal condemnation apart from him (Hell). Believers will be received into eternal communion with God (Heaven) and will be rewarded for faithful service to Jesus in this life. (*1 Corinthians 15:42-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:10b; Revelation 20:12,15*)

OUR PATHWAY

“Next Steps” in our process of discipleship and leadership development by which people become the church to help reach the world.

- *Belonging* by finding Christ-centered COMMUNITY.
- *Believing* by discovering and living out our IDENTITY in a New Life in Jesus.
- *Becoming* by finding our PURPOSE through a transforming life as disciple on the mission of Jesus in reaching the world.

OUR COMMITMENT THROUGH MEMBERSHIP

- Cultivate a vibrant relationship with Jesus through prayer and God's Word in practice.
- Commit to belonging to biblical community,
- Follow the commandment to love our neighbors, intentionally cultivating authentic relationships with those who don't know Jesus yet.
- Demonstrate love for both individuals and our local communities by serving both inside and outside the church.
- *Steward personal resources of time, talent/skills, and finances by investing in the work of the church in our community.*
- *Consistently participate in weekly corporate worship together.*