

ARTICLE V — MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Qualifications

Any person who shall have confessed that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and is committed to Him as Savior and Lord, and who shall have submitted to the authority of the Bible as the complete, final, inerrant and inspired revelation of the Triune God to man, and who shall have testified to personal faith through baptism in the Name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and who shall have participated in membership orientation and consented to the covenants and provisions of these by-laws, may formally become a member of this church.

Section 2. Duties.

Members are expected to actively pursue growth as a disciple of Jesus, faithfully attend Sunday morning services, serve this body, give to it generously, meaningfully engage in its community, and participate in congregational meetings and decisions.

Section 3. Privileges.

1. Only those members in good standing, fifteen years of age and older, are eligible to vote in all business sessions.
2. Any member who feels dissatisfaction with the general procedure of any department of this church shall make known his case to the Pastor or the Board of Elder-Overseers in writing. No verbal complaints shall be entertained before the Board of Elder-Overseers.

Section 4. Withdrawal.

A member's name may be dropped from the roll upon written request of the member involved, followed by communication from the elders.

Section 5. Dismissal.

1. Should a member fail to perform their duties as outlined in Section 2, Article V, and due efforts by the proper officials of the church have failed to encourage their interest, and after this condition has prevailed for one (1) year, their name may be dropped from the membership by action of the Board of Elders.
2. If any member of this church be opposed to any of the Biblical doctrines as accepted and practiced by this church, or if any member is found guilty of unscriptural conduct or the constant and deliberate disrupting of the peace and unity of the church, he or she may be dismissed from membership, following the discipline process of Matthew 18. All such cases shall first be investigated by the Board of Elders, who shall then make recommendation to the congregation of the church.
3. A two-thirds vote, by written ballot, of all members present at any regularly authorized business meeting shall be necessary for dismissal due to the above mentioned reasons under paragraph 2.
4. All members, by applying for membership, agree to submit themselves to the discipline of the Church as set forth in this section.