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**MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

## MEMBERSHIP VISION

Membership at Home Church is not about adding your name to a list, it's about joining a family.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

### **Ephesians 2:19 (ESV)**

At Home Church, membership is a commitment to belong to a church family where you are known, cared for, and spiritually supported. It means choosing to grow in your relationship with Jesus alongside others through worship, community, and serving together. Membership is a mutual covenant. You commit to spiritual growth, faithful living, generosity, and participation in the life of Home Church, and the church commits to care for you through community, discipleship, and pastoral leadership.

### **The local church is:**

- God's primary instrument for making disciples (Matthew 28:18–20)
- A covenant community, not a consumer service (Acts 2:42–47)
- Elder-led, Spirit-empowered, and mission-focused (Acts 20:28; Ephesians 4:11–16)
- Marked by truth, love, discipline, and restoration (Ephesians 4:15; Matthew 18:15–20)

### **Church membership exists so that:**

- Pastors know who they are responsible to shepherd (Acts 20:28)
- Members know who they are called to walk with and submit to (Ephesians 5:21)
- The gospel is clearly displayed through a faithful, unified body (John 13:34–35)



## THE MEANING OF MEMBERSHIP

*Because we have experienced the transforming grace of the gospel of Jesus Christ, we seek to reflect the character of Christ in our attitudes and actions.*

*The Membership Commitment does not add new requirements beyond Scripture, but provides a clear, though not exhaustive, guide for how our faith in Jesus shapes the way we live, love, and follow Him together.*

### **Members commit to:**

- Faithful participation in the life of Home Church
- Submitting to biblical leadership and spiritual care
- Protecting unity and doctrine
- Living a life worthy of the gospel
- Following the command of Jesus by being baptized and regularly participating in communion
- Participating in correction, restoration, and reconciliation when needed
- Staying connected to the body of Christ
  - If you transition from being a member of Home Church, we ask that you:
    - Share your transition with our leadership team so we can care for you.
    - Commit to joining another local church to live out your biblical responsibilities as a follower of Jesus.

### **The Church commits to:**

- Faithful preaching of God's Word
- Prayerful, loving pastoral care
- Biblical leadership and accountability
- Protecting the health, doctrine, and mission of the church
- Shepherding members toward spiritual maturity

*You can contact our leadership team by emailing [info@myhomechurch.live](mailto:info@myhomechurch.live).*



## MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS

*These practices do not earn God's favor but are the ordinary fruit of a life changed by the gospel and committed to Christ's church.*

- **A**ttending Services
  - Gather consistently for Sunday services and events.
- **B**elonging
  - Participate in a Home Group, where real discipleship, care, and accountability happen.
- **C**ontributing
  - Give proportionately, cheerfully, and consistently, using the biblical tithe (10%) as a guiding principle.
- **S**erving
  - Serve faithfully on the Home Team and churchwide events using your gifts to build up the body and advance the mission.

*If you're walking through a particularly busy, challenging, or unexpected season, let us know by emailing our team at [info@myhomechurch.live](mailto:info@myhomechurch.live). Our team will follow up to stay connected and provide care and support.*

## LEADERSHIP OVERSIGHT + ACCOUNTABILITY

*At Home Church, accountability is a shared biblical responsibility rooted in love, humility, and a commitment to spiritual health. This structure exists to protect the church, clarify responsibility, and guard integrity.*

### Church Structure

- Guided by Pastors
- Protected by Elders
- Strengthened by Overseers

### Function of Leadership

- Elders oversee doctrine, direction, and discipline.
- Elders are accountable to one another and to the Lead Pastor.
- The Lead Pastor is accountable to an external Overseer Board.
- Leaders submit to scripture, prayer, and collective wisdom.



## THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP

*Church membership is not about control, it's about commitment.*

### **Membership provides:**

- Spiritual covering and pastoral care
  - Care Requests can be submitted at <https://myhomechurch.live/prayerandcare>
- Clear accountability and discipleship
  - Study Home Groups: For those wanting to grow deeper in their faith and knowledge of Scripture.
  - Rooted Groups: For new believers looking to establish the foundation needed to live as a disciple of Jesus that makes disciples.
- A place to belong, serve, and grow
  - Community Home Groups: For those looking to connect, build deeper relationships, and do life together.
  - Home Team: For those wanting to use their God-given gifts to further His mission.
- Shared mission and connection bigger than yourself
  - Directory: Optional access to a private member directory designed to help you connect with other members and build meaningful relationships beyond Sunday services.
  - Quarterly Worship Night: Relaxed, meaningful nights of extended worship, prayer, and communion. We'll celebrate new members, pray over families, and create space to Encounter Christ and connect with one another.



## FAQs

### **I am a college student, what does this mean for me?**

We recognize that college students often live in seasonal or transitional contexts that affect their long-term church involvement. Students here for a limited season are not required to leave the church they currently call home in order to pursue membership at Home Church, but may enter into membership for this season with a genuine commitment to the life, leadership, and care of Home Church while they are present. Members in this season are encouraged to communicate their student status clearly so the church can shepherd them appropriately, with the expectation that they will join another biblically faithful local church when they relocate or when this season concludes.

### **Who is membership for?**

Membership is for believers 18+ years old who have repented of sin, trusted in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, and publicly identified with Him through believer's baptism. While membership is held by adults, the care, shepherding, and pastoral oversight of the church extend to their children as part of the family unit. Students 16+ years old are encouraged to serve alongside the church, and when a child reaches 18, they will be encouraged to pursue membership as a personal step of faith and commitment to the local church.

### **Is voting a responsibility of church membership?**

At Home Church, membership is not centered on voting, but on belonging, trust, and shared mission. The church is prayerfully led by pastors, strengthened by elders, and protected by spiritual overseers who seek God's wisdom on behalf of the church. While members do not vote on church decisions, they are valued, informed, and meaningfully connected to the direction and life of the church, and are invited to move forward together in unity and purpose under biblically faithful leadership.

### **Can membership be revoked?**

Yes, in some situations membership may be revoked if there is ongoing misalignment with core doctrine, persistent gossip or slander, lifestyle choices that conflict with Scripture, or a failure to comply with the membership ABCs listed above. Our desire in every situation is restoration, clarity, and the health of both the individual and the church family.



**Is there a required amount I have to give?**

There is no required amount of giving for membership. However, members should give regularly, sacrificially, and cheerfully as an act of worship to God. The tithe of 10% of one's income is taught as a biblical and helpful guideline for faithful giving, while recognizing that generosity ultimately flows from the heart and is shaped by obedience, faith, and trust in the Lord.



## NEXT STEPS



*Thank you for attending the Membership Class and learning more about membership at Home Church. We are passionate about progress. We recognize that we're all at different stages on our journey and the next step looks different for everyone. As you consider your next step, please scan the QR code to review Home Church's Theological + Cultural Beliefs and our Membership Lifestyle Commitment.*

### **3 Ways To Connect After Completing The Membership Class:**

#### **1. I want to continue attending before taking a Next Step.**

→ We're excited to worship with you on Sunday mornings! If you ever decide to take a next step, our Next Steps team is always here for you.

#### **2. I'm interested in membership, but still have some questions.**

→ We're so glad you're interested in membership and totally understand having questions along the way. We'd love to help and make sure you feel confident about next steps! Please email [info@myhomechurch.live](mailto:info@myhomechurch.live), and our team will connect with you to answer any questions you have.

#### **3. I'm ready to become a member.**

→ We're so excited for you to find belonging as you take the step toward membership!

→ Please complete the following steps to become a member:

1. Review Home Church's **Theological and Cultural Beliefs**.
2. Review the **Membership Lifestyle Commitment**.
3. Complete the **Membership Application**.

→ Once you've submitted the application, you'll hear from our team to share your next steps and get you connected on the **Home Team**.

*If you have any questions along the way, our Next Steps team is always here for you at [info@myhomechurch.live](mailto:info@myhomechurch.live).*

