



MEMBERSHIP CLASS

VISION

- **Attending Services**
 - Attend Sunday services and events as consistently as possible
- **Belonging**
 - Belong to a Home Group
- **Contributing**
 - Give faithfully + consistently
- **Serving**
 - Serve faithfully on the Home Team and churchwide events

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

MEMBERSHIP

- **A commitment to belong** to a local church family where you are known, cared for, and spiritually supported.
 - Access to pastors, staff, and leaders is provided thoughtfully, based on availability and the needs of each situation.
- **Access to additional pastoral care** during significant seasons such as crisis, illness, loss, or major life transitions.
 - Immediate or exclusive availability is not guaranteed from specific pastors, staff, and leaders.
- **An invitation into deeper discipleship**, accountability, and spiritual growth within the church.
 - This is meant to complement personal responsibility, professional counseling, and outside support when needed.
- **A pathway to serve and lead**, which includes serving on a Home Team and leadership development.
 - Participate in community and share in serving and supporting one another.
- **A mutual covenant**, where members commit to the church and the church commits to care for its members.
 - Engage within healthy boundaries, policies, and processes that protect members, leaders, and the church.



→ **A way to be shepherded intentionally**, with clear leadership, guidance, and support.

- Receive care that is personalized, specific, and shaped by each situation and set of circumstances.

→ **A step of ownership** in the mission, vision, and future of Home Church.

- Grow influence and authority through relational trust and demonstrated faithfulness.

COMMITMENT

Because we have experienced the grace of a life transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ, we desire to reflect the character of Christ in both our attitudes and actions. Scripture calls this living by the Spirit (Romans 8). The Expectations of Membership are not meant to add requirements beyond what Scripture already calls believers to live out. Instead, they serve as a clear and accessible guide, though not exhaustive, of how faith in Jesus shapes the way we live, love, and follow Him together.

As a member of Home Church, I commit to the following:

Scripture and Spiritual Formation

- Submit to the authority of Scripture as the final guide for faith and life (*Psalm 119; 2 Timothy 3:14–17; 2 Peter 1:19–21*).
- Pursue a growing relationship with Jesus through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and the practice of spiritual disciplines (*Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; 1 Corinthians 9:24–27; Ephesians 5:1–21; 1 Thessalonians 5:12–22*).

Ordinances of the Church

- Follow the example and command of Jesus by participating in the ordinances of the Church.
- Be baptized after placing faith in Christ.
- Regularly remember and celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus through communion.

Life at Home Church

- Actively participate in the life of Home Church by attending weekly worship services.
- Engage in gospel centered community.
- Serve both within the church and beyond its walls (*Acts 2:42–47; Hebrews 10:23–25; Titus 3:14*).



Stewardship and Generosity

- Faithfully steward the resources God has entrusted to me, including time, talents, spiritual gifts, and finances.
- Practice sacrificial, joyful, and voluntary generosity through consistent giving, serving, and participation in community (*Matthew 25:14–30; Romans 12:1–2; 2 Corinthians 8–9; 1 Peter 4:10–11*).

Holiness and Obedience

- By God's grace and through the power of the Holy Spirit, pursue holiness in every area of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ (*1 Peter 1:13–16; 4:1–3*).
- Seek to put to death attitudes and actions that do not honor Christ, while encouraging love and good works through the Spirit.
- Refrain from activities Scripture describes as unwise or harmful (*Romans 14:14–23*).
- Take seriously the responsibility of Christian freedom, choosing actions that build up others and do not become a stumbling block (*1 Corinthians 8:1–13*).

Church Discipline and Restoration

- Submit to God's loving discipline through the Holy Spirit by following biblical processes when addressing sin in the life of another believer, with the goal of repentance and restoration.
- Humbly receive loving and biblical correction when approached in truth and grace (*Psalms 141:5; Matthew 18:15–20; 1 Corinthians 5:9–13; Hebrews 12:5–11*).

When I Sin

- Confess my sin to God and to trusted believers.
- Repent and seek help to turn away from sin and pursue freedom and healing (*Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5; James 5:16; 1 John 1:6–10*).

Leadership, Unity, and Peace

- Submit to the leadership God has placed within the church and diligently pursue unity and peace within the body (*Ephesians 4:1–3; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5*).



If I Leave Home Church

- Communicate with Home Church leadership by emailing info@myhomechurch.live.
- Commit to joining another local church where I can continue living out my biblical responsibilities as a follower of Jesus.

CARE

- As a member, our elders will help shepherd and care for our church family. You will be given a clear way to connect with them when care or guidance is needed.
- Members have access to pastoral care and support in key life moments, including:
 - Child Dedication
 - Baptism
 - Marriage counseling and premarital counseling
 - Mentorship and spiritual guidance
 - Wedding
 - Funerals
- Care is provided in a way that is personalized, specific, and shaped by each situation and set of circumstances, while honoring healthy boundaries and the capacity of our leaders.

CONNECTION

- Directory
 - Optional access to a private member directory designed to help you connect with other members and build meaningful relationships beyond Sunday services.
- Newsletter
 - Monthly updates filled with stories, important updates, and upcoming events—keeping you informed and connected to the ongoing life of Home Church.
- Quarterly Gatherings
 - In-person gatherings where members can connect with church leadership, worship together, participate in communion, and hear directly from Pastor Chaz about the vision, direction, and future of Home Church.



BELIEFS

→ Holy Bible

- The Holy Bible, and only the Bible, is the authoritative Word of God.

→ Trinity

- There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three are coequal and co-eternal.

→ The Father

- God is great: He is all-powerful, all-knowing, ever-present, unchanging, completely worthy of our trust, and holy.

→ The Son

- Jesus Christ is God the Son. On earth, Jesus was 100% God and 100% man.

→ The Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit assures believers of salvation and guides, teaches, comforts, convicts, and empowers Christ followers. The gifts of the Holy Spirit always operate in harmony with Scripture and should never be used in violation of Biblical parameters.

→ Salvation

- We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ: His death, burial, and resurrection.

→ Repentance

- Repentance is the commitment to turn away from sin in every area of our lives and to follow Christ, which allows us to receive His redemption and to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit.

→ Marriage

- We believe marriage is defined in the Bible as a covenant - a sacred bond - between one man and one woman, instituted by and publicly entered into before God.

For a more in-depth look at our beliefs, visit

<https://myhomechurch.live/beliefs>.



FAQs

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

As a college student, we understand that where you call home may change throughout the year. If you are here part-time, you are not required to leave the church you currently call home in order to become a member. You are welcome to become a member with us during this season and remain a member until you are able to join full-time after graduating or until you move back home or relocate. Please indicate this on your membership application so we can properly care for you.

Who is membership for?

Membership is for individuals 18 years of age and older. However, membership applies to the entire family unit. While adults hold membership, care, support, and pastoral oversight extend to their children as part of the family. Those 16+ are encouraged to serve on the Home Team. When a child turns 18, they will be encouraged to become a member.

Is voting a responsibility of church membership?

At Home Church, membership is not centered on voting, but on belonging, trust, and shared mission. Our church is prayerfully led by pastors, strengthened by a leadership team, 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 deeply valued, fully informed, and closely connected to the heart and direction of Home Church. Members are the first to hear what God is doing and are invited to move forward together in unity and purpose..

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's no set amount for giving, but we encourage members to give cheerfully, sacrificially, and consistently, using the tithe of 10% of gross income as a helpful guide.



NEXT STEPS



Thank you for joining us for the Membership Class and taking the time to learn more about becoming a member 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.

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, 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 Membership Application. Once you've submitted the form, our Next Steps team will follow up and help connect you with our eldership team. From there, you'll have the opportunity to share your testimony and get connected serving on the Home Team.

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