



Theresa Baptist Church

What is Church Membership?

Church membership is a formal relationship between a local church and a Christian characterized by the church's affirmation and oversight of a Christian's discipleship and the Christian's submission to living out his or her discipleship in the care of the church.¹

TBC Membership Values

1 - Weekly Corporate Worship (Heb. 10:25)

- As members of the Lord's Church, we gather weekly on the Lord's Day for corporate worship through Word, prayer, and song. Members are, therefore, expected to regularly join with the saints for worship.

2 - Personal Discipleship (Mt. 28:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:1; Eph. 4:12; Col. 3:16-17)

- We value the Lord's command to grow in our knowledge and understanding of His Word and the Christian life, and we seek to practice this Sunday school, in small groups. Bible study, and personal devotion.

3 - Private and Public Holiness (1 Pt. 1:16)

- Through the transformation of our Lord's Gospel, we recognize that His Spirit brings new life from heaven (Jn. 3:1-15). And we also recognize that our Lord calls us to lives of holiness, both in public and private.

4 - Submission to Pastoral Oversight (Heb. 13:17)

- As a member of the Lord's Church, you are under the watchcare of biblical qualified Elders. Members are thus expected to honor, follow, and submit to sound, biblical Elder leadership.

5 - Support and Giving (2 Cor. 9:6-7; 1 Tim. 5)

- The Lord calls His people to support the work of the local Church through the regular giving of tithes and by joining in the work through exercising their own spiritual giftings (Eph. 4:12).

¹ Jonathan Leeman, *Church Membership* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012), 64.

Members should eagerly support the work and mission of the Church through regular financial giving and active serving in the ministries of the Church.

Membership values that we hold to be most important for every person in our Church:

1. **Corporate Worship.**
2. **Grow.**
3. **Serve.**

We want these three values to be present in every member, and to form the heart of our church: Every member gathering in corporate worship, every member being disciplined and growing, and every member serving to build up the body of Christ and His kingdom of earth.

Here's how you can make sure that all three are present in your life and participation in the Church.

1. Corporate Worship: Each Sunday morning, we have 2 corporate worship services: 8:30 and 11:00. We want you to make attending one of these services your **priority**, because when the Bible tells us not to neglect gathering (Heb. 10:24-25), it's referring to corporate worship as the body of Christ.

This is where we gather to sing together, pray, practice the ordinances of baptism and the Communion, and receive the authoritative Word as taught by our Elders. This is the **most important** hour of our Church week.

2. Grow: We desire that every member of our church be in a growing and lively relationship with the Lord Jesus. And to facilitate that, we have several different options where our members can be involved.

- 1 - Sunday School: These groups meet from 9:45-10:45 every Sunday morning for prayer and Bible study.
- 2 - Wednesday night discipleship classes: These groups will be kicking off this fall and will meet from 7:00-8:00pm with a fellowship and prayer time in the sanctuary from 6:45-7:00.
- 3 - Bible studies throughout the Week: There are usually mens' and womens' groups that meet at various times throughout the week for Bible study and prayer.

We ask that you pick **1**, **maybe 2**, of these options where you can fellowship, pray, and study with other believers, being encouraged in your walk with Christ.

3. Serve: The ministries of Theresa Baptist Church will not succeed without the members doing the work (Eph. 4:12). There are lots of places to serve, be it on Sunday morning, Wednesday nights, or throughout the week.

- Sunday mornings opportunities: Nursery, children's Sunday school, Children's Church, Sunday school teachers, Welcome team, choir, and more.
- Wednesday nights: Serve with Awanas and nursery.
- Missions and Outreach, and other opportunities...