

What Does Church Membership Mean?



Ask: What did you do when you came forward in our church? You walked down the aisle, shook the pastor's hand, told him that you had asked Jesus into your heart or that you wanted to ask Jesus into your heart, and you joined the church. Remind them that we voted to receive them into the membership of our church.

Ask: What is a church? A church is a group of baptized believers who have chosen to do God's work together. The church is the people, not a building or a meeting.

Ask: How do people become church members?

They become a Christian

They decide they want to work with other Christians

They get baptized

Christians should always be a member of a local church. That means if you move to another place, you need to find a church to attend and join that church. You do not need to be baptized again when you join another church.

Church members have a covenant relationship. That means that when you join a church, the church promises to do certain things for you and you promise to do certain things for the church.

Here is a sample list of things the church does for you and a list of things you do for the church.

Church does for you

Helps you grow as a Christian

Provides Christian friends

Teaches you to worship

Teaches you about the Bible

Lets you use talents to honor God

Combines your money with others

You do for the church

Listen and take part in worship

Pray for the staff

Pray for each other

Invite others to attend

Give money

Use your talents to honor God

Conduct the church's business