



CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

Becoming a Part of Christ Covenant Church

When the New Testament talks about the local church it uses several vivid metaphors: Body (1 Cor. 12:27-28), Temple (Eph. 2:21; 1 Pet. 2:5), Household (1 Tim. 3:15), and flock (Acts 20:28) Each of these have as a key characteristic the idea of separate individuals joined together into a single entity. The reality is, if you are born again, you are a part of God's family. The question is: How are you making your identity visible?

God intends you to be surrounded and joined together with others who are walking with you, encouraging you, picking you up, and helping you along. That's what joining a church is all about.

At Christ Covenant Church we believe that belonging to a family of believers is vital to our spiritual health and growth. Without being joined together with other believers, we will lack the strength and nourishment that each member, including ourselves, is to supply.

If the Bible is central to understanding God's design for the church, then membership is the cement that holds us all together. Both Jesus Christ (Matthew 18) and the Apostle Paul (Ephesians 2) pointed us toward membership for our encouragement, our protection, and our instruction. We seek to carry out this vision by the way that we welcome newcomers and seek to help them enter into the life of our church.

Membership Matters Class

This is a pastor-led discussion time for prospective members designed to help you understand: What is God Doing in the World? What is a Church Anyway? What Does This Church Believe? How Does this Church Seek to Live Out What God is Doing? These discussion times are held periodically throughout the semester. Email dblakeprice@gmail.com to find out about the next opportunity.

In addition to the Membership Matters class individuals who desire to pursue membership have the chance to visit individually with the Senior Pastor in order to ask any questions or seek clarification on any matters regarding membership in the local church. These appointments are made throughout the week with the Senior Pastor following the Membership Matters Class. Contact Bradley at bradleyaucoin@yahoo.com for more

information. Membership at Christ Covenant Church is a way that we are seeking to fit in to what God is doing in the world.

How Do We at CCC Fit into What God is Doing?

First, we fit into God's greater purposes by being a church which seeks to promote the ultimate goal of the glory of God by bringing all that we are and all that we do under the overarching practice of worship. The picture painted in Revelation is of a people who find their greatest fulfillment in bringing honor and glory to God. Ultimately, this is what we want to do at Christ Covenant Church. We want to work toward that end and relate all that we do back to this central purpose for our existence.

Second, we fit into God's greater purposes by being a church which promotes the glory of God by nurturing, strengthening and raising up worshipers. God's Word, the Sacraments (Baptism and Lord's Table), prayer and fellowship are the fundamental means by which God feeds and nurtures His children so that we become more like Christ and are equipped for every good work He has called us to do.

Third, we fit into God's greater purposes by being a church which promotes the Glory of God by seeking to multiply worshipers. Another way to describe this goal is to say that we want to be a church which engages and practices evangelism and missions as a lifestyle so that, in all that we do, we reflect God's initiating and outward movement of love toward the lost. The goal of incarnating the gospel in both word and deed is not numerical church growth, per se, but to spread the glory of God by multiplying worshipers of God and bring more and more people into the White Hot Worship of God. As we see it, our worship (see #1 above), then, serves as both the fuel of our evangelism/missions and the goal of it.