

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

When an individual is saved, he becomes a member of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13). Because he is united to Christ and other members of the body in this way, he is therefore qualified to become a member of a local expression of that body.

To become a member of Upwards Church is to formally commit oneself to an identifiable local body of believers who have joined together for specific, divinely ordained purposes. These purposes include receiving instruction from God's Word (1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 4:2), serving and edifying one another through the proper use of spiritual gifts (Romans 12:3-8; 1 Peter 4:10-11; 1 Corinthians 12:4-31), participating in the ordinances (Luke 22:19; Acts 2:38-42), and proclaiming the gospel to those who are lost (Matthew 24:18-20). In addition, when one becomes a member, he submits him/herself to the care and the authority of the biblically qualified elders that God has placed in that assembly.

Living out a commitment to the church involves many responsibilities: exemplifying a godly lifestyle in the community, exercising one's spiritual gifts in a diligent service, contributing financially to the work of the ministry, giving and receiving admonishment with meekness and in love, and faithfully participating in corporate worship. Much is expected, but much is at stake. For only when every believer is faithful to this kind of commitment is the church able to live up to her calling as Christ's representative here on earth. To put it simply, membership matters and expresses love and obedience to Jesus.

BIBLICAL COMMITMENTS

Making the decision to follow Christ is the most important decision anyone can make! We hope that you have begun your spiritual journey or will begin today. There are biblical spiritual qualifications that must be met for membership, please indicate the steps that you have fulfilled in your journey on our Membership Agreement Card that is located in the connection center.

Accepted Christ

Have you confessed that you are a sinner, turning from your sins and have you asked Jesus to be your Lord & Savior?
(Romans 3:23, 5:8, 6:23, 10:9-10)

Been Baptized

Have you been baptized as a believer in Christ by immersion? (Acts 2:41; Romans 6:4)

Committed To God's Word

Have you accepted the authority of God's word in all matters above what society, culture, or anyone else says? (John 8:31)

Responsibilities As A Member

As a church member, there are biblical obligations and responsibilities. It is important for members to commit to:

Attending worship services regularly
(Hebrews 10:25)

Bringing tithes and offerings (Malachi 3:10)

Get connected in a connect group and/or ministry team (John 13:34-35, 15:8; Mark 10:43, 45)

SUPPORT OUR MISSION

Our Purpose:

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE & SHARE JESUS!

Our Passion:

EQUIP FAMILIES FOR LIFE!



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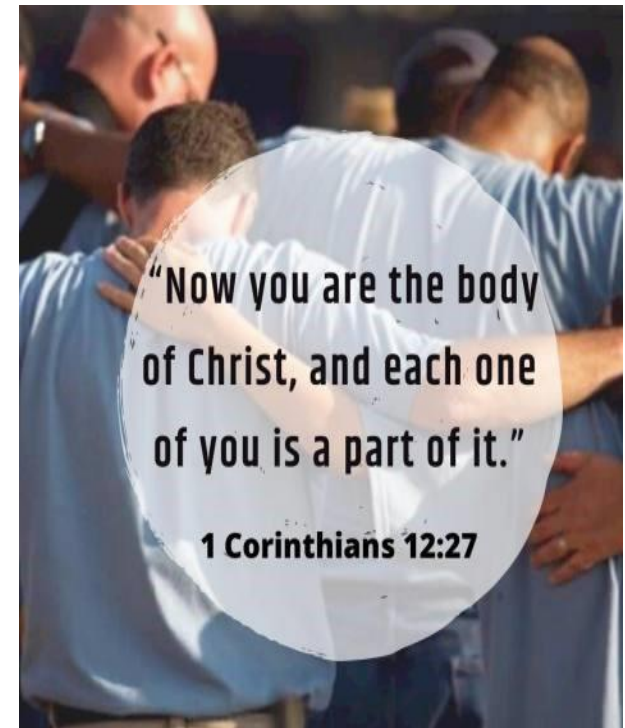
Attend our Sunday Services at one of our campus locations, Jarrell & Leander, Texas. For more information, go to our website at <https://upwards.church/> or use the QR Code.

Join a connect group at Upwards Church to study the Bible, grow relationships, and follow Christ more closely.

Join a ministry team at Upwards Church and begin sharing God's love to others.



MEMBERSHIP



**Serving God
By Serving Others**