



## Church Member Information

Fill out and return the following information:

**I have received Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and Lord, and desire to become an active member and support the ministries of this church. Therefore I hereby declare membership.**

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_ Single \_\_\_ Married \_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_ Remarried \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary

Church previously attended\*(name of church & city/state): \_\_\_\_\_

\*If available or applicable

Family Members in Your Current Household	Relationship	Birth Date

Please write out your personal testimony of how you came to Christ on the back.

Have you been baptized (date)? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, do you wish to be? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

What way(s) do you desire to serve within our church family (based on interests, abilities, gifts, and time)?

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Would you like to sign up for any classes? (New members Class, Class 101, 201, etc...) \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

I have had access to copies of the Statement of Faith, Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws and am in full agreement with them in both word and spirit. As a member of this church, I will abide by these documents, and seek to fulfill the membership responsibilities to the best of my ability, and will endeavor to fulfill my responsibilities to the Lord and to his work.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please turn this form (and the next page with testimony) into the Church Office at 2658 Hwy 258 Jacksonville, NC 28540





## Church Membership Section

If you would like to become a member of this church, please read through this section and return the completed form to the church office.

### 1) Why become a member?

**“You are a member of God’s very own family... and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.” Eph. 2:19**

**Personal sense of belonging:** By choosing to become a member, you are making a conscious choice to identify with and become part of this church family.

**Personal voice and vote:** Someone once said that attending a church without becoming a member is like being a spiritual “foster child”. Foster children can participate in a family, but they are never a full voice and vote at all congregational meetings. Members participate in the decision making discussions and voting on new pastoral staff, church leadership appointment, new members, church finances and major decisions. Note: Non-members are welcome to freely participate in all congregational meetings, but only members can vote.

**Personal significance:** Becoming a member will open up new opportunities for you to serve in significant ministry roles within our church family.

**Personal relationships.** By actively identifying with our church, you will enter into new meaningful relationships you would not experience if you stay on the fringe of our church family.

**Personal development:** By committing yourself to becoming a member, you will have a greater focus to use and develop your gifts, abilities, and serving skills and leadership within our church family.

**Personal rewards:** Jesus Christ promises to reward us for our service to others. Your loving service within our church family will have eternal significance in your life and the lives of others. You will also experience the joy and reward of being part of what God is doing with and through our entire church family.

**Personal accountability:** by becoming a member of this church, you are committing yourself to a personal path of spiritual growth, Christian maturity and godly service. Through the relationships you choose to build, you will become more accountable to others in your spiritual journey.

### 2) Who can become a member?

**Eligibility:** This congregation receives into membership anyone who is born again through faith in Jesus Christ and professes Him before the world; who has reached eighteen years of age; who has a good reputation as to life and character; and accepts the Statement of Faith, Articles of Incorporation, and By-laws of this congregation.

### 3) What is expected of members?

We expect members to participate in fulfilling our vision statement, which is to:  
**“Bring help and hope and develop fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.”**  
**Members should seek to do so as they...**

**Confess with your mouth that you have received Jesus Christ** as your personal lord and Savior and that you have eternal life. *Rom. 10:9, John 1:12, John 5:11-13*

**Commune with God daily** through scripture reading, prayer & following Christ. *Matt. 22:37, Ps. 119:105, John 15:4-6*

**Celebrate God and hear the preaching of God’s Word** by participating in a weekly worship service. *Ps. 145:7, Heb. 10:25, Acts 2:42*

**Continue to grow spiritually** by learning God’s word and following God’s will. *Ps. 145:4, Prov. 13:20, Rom. 12:1-2 Ps.*

**Connect with others in loving relationships** by being part of a small group, class or ministry team. *Heb. 10:23-25, Num. 11:17, Acts 2:42-47, 1 Thess. 5:11, Gal. 6:2, 1 John 4:11-12*

**Consecrate yourself to Christian service** with your God-given time, abilities, gifts, and desires. *Eph. 2:10, Rom. 12:4-8, Gal. 5:13, 1 Cor. 12*

**Communicate the love of Christ** by word and deed to others. *Mt. 5:16, Job 11:18, col. 1:10, Mk. 1:17, 2 Cor. 5:19-21, Acts 26:17-18, Luke 6:27-31*

**Contribute your God-given resources** by generously and faithfully giving financially to God’s work at our church and beyond. *2 Cor. 9:7, Prov. 3:9-10, Mal. 3:8-10, Deut. 14:22, Acts 11:29*

#### Members should...

**Participate in Church Decisions** Members shall participate in all congregation decisions by participating in and voting during congregational business meetings. Members shall respect the church decisions, properly made and binding; and, as much as in them and where the conscience is not violated, assist in carrying out such decisions.

**Exercise Authority** Active members reserve the right to:  
Initiate requests at a Church council meeting. Requests so initiated must be acted upon by the council by, or at, the next council meeting.

Change any and all rules and/or decisions of the council, teams, and/or committees at a duly called congregational meeting in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws.

Nullify, by a majority vote, any and all rules and/or decisions of the council, teams, and/or committees at a duly called congregational meeting.