

Membership and Church Covenant

Here are the basic steps to joining the body at Cornerstone Baptist Church Bentonville. If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact our ministerial staff.

Membership

Step 1: Indicate Interest to Pursue Membership - A candidate for membership may express interest in joining Cornerstone Baptist Church by calling the church office.

Step 2: Attend a Prospective New Member Class - Our membership class is offered periodically on Sunday mornings at (8:30-9:30 am) or on a Tuesday night session. [7-8pm, one must attend all 7 sessions]. Many topics are covered to convey Cornerstone Baptist Church's history, core beliefs, responsibilities for members, and vision.

Step 3: Participate in a Prospective Membership Interview - This is an opportunity for one of the Pastors or staff to get to know you better, hear about your conversion, baptism, and walk with Christ, as well as answer any questions you may have about Cornerstone Baptist Church.

Step 4: Sign the Church Covenant - New Member candidates will be asked to introduce themselves to the church body at the next New Member Sunday and sign our church covenant and Constitution.

Step 5: Receive Congregational Affirmation - New Member candidates will be presented to the congregation at the Members' Meeting, The first Sunday morning of the month, at which time the congregation will be asked to officially vote to approve the candidates as members of Cornerstone Baptist Church.

Cornerstone Baptist Church Covenant

Having been led as we believe by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, and On the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, We do now in the presence of God and this assembly most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; To strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; To promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, doctrines, and discipline; To give it sacred preeminence over all institutions of human origin; To contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; To use our influence to combat and to abstain from the sale of and use of drugs, alcohol, and pornography and other practices which lead to moral and spiritual decay; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; To remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; To be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

I pledge to abide by this church covenant and the constitution/ by-laws of Cornerstone Baptist Church.

X _____ Date _____

Pastor

Witness

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