

# How to Become A Member

Are you interested in formalizing your ties to the church to enable you to more effectively serve God? Then consider becoming a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Gambrills. See below for how to join and the expectations of members. It is important to note, you don't have to be a member to join in the fellowship and worship of the church. In addition there are many places of service within the church that do not require membership.

## **So how would one become a member if they were interested?**

First complete a Membership Registration Form available from the pastor. You need to also meet the following criteria depending on your circumstances:

### **For the new Christian:**

Demonstrate your acceptance of Jesus' claims in a public Baptism by immersion (see [What is a Baptist](#), and [Why Are Believers Baptized](#) on the **Baptists** page of the **About Us** tab).

### **For the un-Baptized Christian:**

Demonstrate your acceptance of Jesus' claims in a public Baptism by immersion (see [What is a Baptist](#), and [Why Are Believers Baptized](#) on the **Baptists** page of the **About Us** tab).

### **For Membership Transfer from another Southern Baptist Church:**

You must have previously made a public profession of faith by baptism by immersion.

### **Other:**

By your statement of faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior and that you have already been previously baptized by immersion

You are also encouraged to make your decision known publicly during the **Worship Response Hymn** near the end of a Sunday morning worship service using the form in the worship bulletin.

The church will vote on the request at it's next monthly Regular Business Meeting.