

## What to do next...



*“Every believer should participate in a local fellowship because Jesus died for the church. Should we not be willing to give ourselves to that for which Jesus sacrificed?”*

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### Church Membership



### Ephesians 4:11-13 NIV

**<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.**

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## Becoming a Part of the Body of Christ



1. Acts 2:41-47 tells us that individuals were added to the Church. They were aligning themselves with a group of people who came to be called “Christians”.
2. In order to have the privilege and responsibility to vote and hold office.
3. There is accountability that is a part of church membership.
4. There is a deeper level of commitment to each other and to fulfilling our mission through membership.
5. Membership is for our spiritual maturity. Ephesians 4 tells us that we do not grow in Christ all by ourselves.
6. It is a commitment to be part of the “team” serving God, each other, and the non-Christian world together.

### What is My Commitment?

#### 1. I will protect the unity of my church:

- By acting in love toward other members,
- By refusing to gossip and resolving conflicts using Matthew 18:15-17.

“Live in complete harmony with each other—each with the attitude of Christ toward each other.” Romans 15:5 LB

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs...” Ephesians 4:29

#### 2. I will share the responsibility of my church:

- By praying for its growth,
- By inviting the unchurched to attend,
- By warmly welcoming those who visit.

“Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in, so that My House will be full.” Luke 14:23 LB

#### 3. I will support the testimony of my church:

- By attending faithfully,
- By living a growing and Godly life,
- By giving regularly.

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse.” Malachi 3:10

“But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ.” Philippians 1:27

#### 4. I will serve the ministry of my church:

- By discovering my gifts and talents,
- By being equipped to serve by my pastors,
- By developing a servant’s heart.

“God gave...some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God’s people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up...” Ephesians 4:11-12