

## 2 FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES...

- Contact a Pastor, or check the appropriate box on a Guest Registration Card and place in an offering plate, leave with an usher or at the office.
- Attend an multi-week Seekers Discovery class.
  - This class is offered at intervals each year, or upon need, usually on a Sunday during class hour or other.
  - For Children or Young Teens, the class is offered for 4-5 weeks.
  - Depending on circumstances, individual preparation may be arranged.
- Complete and return membership papers.
  - Membership Application
  - Spiritual Gifts Profile
  - Membership Questionnaire\*
  - CE Service Application\*

*\* Optional*

- Meet with the Pastor and two Deacons to review your application, answer questions, and identify possible areas of ministry involvement.
- Share testimony of faith in Christ with the congregation. (including Baptism for those not previously immersed)

## The Priorities of our Life and Fellowship:



celebrating our new life in Christ  
utilizing our personal growth in Christ  
aring for each other in Christ  
ommunicating the gospel of Christ.

# Acts 2:42-47

*Intersection of Hope...  
...Haven of Love*



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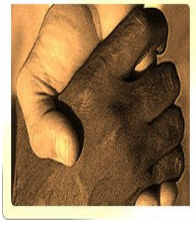
FYI Series...  
For your information

*Welcome to the Family!*

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Membership provides a spiritual family to support and encourage believers in their walk with Christ.

*Joining  
the Team...*



*Becoming a  
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# Joining the Team...Becoming A Member...

*We endeavor to Magnify the Lord by bringing people to Jesus Christ and Membership in His family, seeking to develop them to Christ-like Maturity, equipping them for their Ministry in the Church...and their life Mission in the world!*



## Why Should I Consider "joining hands" with a local church like First Baptist?

### IT IS IMPORTANT TO GOD!

## 1 THE CHURCH IS CHRIST'S WORK

Jesus is building it and is Himself the chief corner-stone (Mt 16.18; Eph 2.20) It is pictured as His body, through which He ministers in the world (Eph 4.1-16). And it is the bride of Christ—to whom He is committed and for whom He gave His own life (Eph 5:25)

## 2 THE LOCAL CHURCH IS THE NEW TESTAMENT'S FOCUS.

The Apostle Paul's ministry and various letters are *local* church oriented. A local church, like FBC, is a visible part of Christ's body, a group of professing believers from an area who join together to worship and to do Christ's work.



## What are the advantages and benefits of joining a local church like FBC?

- 1 It helps to identify a person as a genuine believer in Jesus Christ.
- 2 Membership helps us grow spiritually by making life commitments.
- 3 It provides a place of community and network of support and encouragement.
- 4 We share in a deeper way the ministry of worship, fellowship and outreach.
- 5 The local church is the place designed for the discovery and exercise of spiritual gifts.
- 6 It provides a person the spiritual protection of godly leaders.
- 7 It facilitates spiritual growth by enhancing one's accountability.
- 8 It enables us to help each other to effectively reach friends for Christ.
- 9 We participate in the teamwork of advancing the gospel globally.
- 10 It requires commitment which fosters ownership.
- 11 It increases the partnership of corporate prayer.
- 12 It offers a variety of ministries directed to different life stages and personal needs.
- 13 The local church is the context to observe, with the church family, the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- 14 The local church is the visible expression of the universal church.



## What should I do to pursue membership with the people and fellowship of First Baptist Church?

## 1 EVALUATE THE CONDITIONS...

- Profession and evidence of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. (John 3:3; Romans 10:9-10)
- Baptism by immersion after becoming a believer. (Matt 28:19; Acts 2:41)
- Agreement with FBC's Statement of Faith, commitment to keep the FBC Membership Covenant and to abide by the FBC Constitution, By-laws and Policies. (Philippians 2:2)

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Eph. 2:19; Heb 10:24-25; Gal 6:1-10; Acts 2:42-47; 1Cor 12; Eph 4:11-16; Heb 13:17; Eph 5:21; Col 1:2-10; 1Thess 1:6-10; Mt 28:19-20; 1Thess 5:17-18; Jc 5:16; 1Cor 11:23-25; 1Tim 3