



Membership

Membership represents a step of commitment to the church community. Taking this step expresses an individual's commitment to the life, health, outreach and ministries of this community and of its individual members. While membership is voluntary, and not a condition for participating fully in the life of the church, it is the hope and purpose of the leadership of the church that membership be considered seriously as a step of commitment to the members of this body.

Any person confessing faith in Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord of life and giving evidence of regeneration, and who accepts the view of faith and practice held by this church may be a candidate for membership. There are a number of steps involved in becoming a member.

Persons interested in becoming a member of the church should contact a pastor or one of the members of the Church Council.

Candidates for membership shall complete either a membership class, or personal instruction by the pastor/assistant pastor, or a faith foundations class. The purpose of this instruction is to familiarize the candidates with the meaning of membership and the Baptist roots of the church. Following this, the candidates shall give testimony of their personal faith in Christ before the Church Council or a subcommittee appointed by the Church Council.

Names of candidates for membership shall be presented at a regular meeting of the Church Council by a pastor or a member of the Church Council. The Church Council will vote on the candidates.

The candidates shall be welcomed into the membership of the church by the hand of fellowship extended by the pastor

Membership Requirements were affirmed in the original Emmaus Constitution and reaffirmed when the Emmaus Constitution was revised in 2008.