

Church Membership – BOLD Course

“Why Join the Church” week 1

Membership is the church’s affirmation that you are a citizen of Christ’s kingdom and therefore a passport-carrying, Jesus representative, before the nations. And you want your representation to be authorized. Jonathan Leeman

- 1) Membership is a Biblical word: 1 Corinthians 12:12
- 2) There are always clear lines of demarcation between God’s people and those outside.
- 3) Membership must be assumed to understand some instructions to the church.

Matthew 18:17
2 Corinthians 2:6
1 Corinthians 5:12

- 4) Membership provides the Biblically prescribed place to love one another.

Hebrews 10:24-25

- 5) Christian leaders are made responsible for specific sheep.

1 Peter 5:2-3
Acts 20:28
Hebrews 13:17
1 Timothy 5:17-18

- 6) Membership in the local church is the Biblically prescribed place for the work of the ministry.

Ephesians 4:11-13

Membership policy – (from our constitution) ...

Article VI: Membership

Members are those who support the congregation by prayer, regular fellowship, financial giving, and faithful service when called up. There is no formal membership paperwork or public reception unless the Board of Elders deems this to be necessary in the future.

A. Qualifications for Membership

Membership at Bread of Life Fellowship is based upon membership in the body of Christ. Any baptized born-again believer who is following Christ as Lord and Savior, regularly attending Lord’s Day services, a home church and/or other weekly meeting for a period of at least one year, and familiar with the assembly’s Statement of Faith, and faithfully endeavoring by the grace of God to make his life conform to the Word of God, shall be considered a member of this assembly. New-Comers and those considering making this assembly their home fellowship shall be encouraged to examine the Statement of Faith and Constitution and discuss with an elder or designated deacon, any matter requiring clarification. An individual who does not want to be considered a “member” but is willing to adhere to the standards and direction of the elders, may do so by letting the elders know in writing.

A Biblical Church Member is cheerfully submitted to the membership of the church which is manifested in the following areas:

Humbly submissive to the leadership of the church ([Heb. 13:17](#))

Consistent attendance at the services of the church ([Heb. 10:24-25](#))

Vigorously engaged in the worship of the church ([John 4:23-24](#), [Eph. 5:19](#))

Faithfully observe the ordinances of the church ([Mt. 28:19](#), [Luke 22:19](#))

Sacrificially involved in the ministries of the church ([1 Pet. 4:8-11](#))

Actively participate in the fellowship of the church ([Acts 2:42-47](#))

Hopefully concur with the discipline of the church ([Mt. 18:15-20](#), [1 Cor. 5](#))

Passionately burdened for the mission of the church ([Psalm 67](#))

Joyfully support the finances of the church ([2 Cor. 9:7](#))

Eagerly seeks the unity of the church ([Eph. 4:1-6](#))