

How to become a member of Canyon Hills

*There are only a few
requirements to become a
member of CHCC:*

1. The assurance of your salvation. Church membership is specifically for those who have entered into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. Be baptized by immersion.
3. Fill out a membership application.
4. Attend the Discover Canyon Hills membership seminar. These classes are offered at least 3 times each year.
5. Sign the Membership Covenant.
6. Connect to the church by attending a Life Group and/or serving in a ministry.

Questions

Can I transfer my membership from another church?

No. CHCC does not accept transfer memberships from other churches.

How old do you have to be to become a member?

The minimum age is 18.

Is baptism by sprinkling as an infant acceptable?

No. CHCC believes that biblical water baptism is by immersion.

Do I get a membership card or something to show that I am a member?

Yes. You will receive a certificate of membership.

Is membership required to serve at CHCC?

In some areas of service, membership is required. These are primarily in positions of leadership



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What God's Word says about Membership



*Making More and Better
Disciples of Jesus Christ*

The membership debate

Realizing that every Christian becomes a member of God's universal family at the time of salvation, the question is often asked, "Why become a member of the local church?" This is a good question about the subject of membership and is one



that has caused unnecessary tension and even division in some churches. Becoming a member of a local body of believers does not insure your salvation or have any effect on your eternal

rewards. But we need to remember that the local church is where our spirits are fed and our needs are shared. It is where we corporately come before Him in worship and gather for prayer. Finally, it is the place that God has chosen to be filled with talents and abilities to do His work through spiritual gifts that are given by the Holy Spirit for the building up of His kingdom.

The Bible refers to the church as the bride of Jesus Christ (Eph 5:25-33; Rev. 19:7,8; 21:9). As we consider the full range of responsibilities placed on the church to glorify Him and to be the organization that is responsible for the care and feeding of His people, the need for a pure and high level of commitment becomes very clear. This commitment is demonstrated by membership in the local church. Membership says, "You can count on me." It confirms that you are "part of the family." And it sends a clear message to the others that you want to invest in your spiritual growth by using your Spirit-given gifts to glorify Christ.

Biblical principles for membership:

Commitment to corporate worship...

Scripture is clear that followers of Jesus are more than just church

attenders, church shoppers, or church drifters. Becoming a member of a local church is a commitment to consistently worship God together with your fellow disciples (Hebrews 10:24-25). Membership moves the Christian from the category of attender to the category of committed.

Commitment to sound doctrine...

The New Testament constantly warns believers from falling prey to false teaching and false teachers. One of the purposes of the church is to faithfully hold firm to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that we can encourage others with sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it (Titus 1:9). This becomes increasingly impossible in isolation and inconsistent commitment to the local church.

Commitment to care...

As followers of Jesus we are commanded to love one another, encourage one another, pray for one another, to carry one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2), and to rescue one another from going astray (James 5:19-20). All of these are made possible when we make a mutual commitment to each other. Membership in the local church is an expression of this commitment.

Commitment to grow and mature...

God created the church to prepare his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 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. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men... (Ephesians 4:12-14). The church is God's intended training center for spiritual growth and maturity. Church membership is a commitment to continued spiritual maturity both personally and corporately. With this level of commitment, Christians can avoid perpetual spiritual infancy and deception which can lead to the potentially devastating lukewarm Christianity (Revelation 3:14-22).

Commitment to serve...

Just like a part of the human body, as a member of God's family, He has given each Christian a function to fulfill. This function, or set of assignments, is your ministry. It was given to you to serve the entire church and not to be kept solely for your own private use (Romans 12:3-11). Church membership is a commitment to serve the family of God that he has you in.



Commitment to unity...

Unity between believers is a powerful demonstration of the grace and mercy that God has poured into our lives. Ephesians 4:3 tells us to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There can be no real bond of peace and no real unity of the Spirit without a genuine commitment to and relationship with one another. Church membership is our bond to the unity of faith, doctrine, and love for one another. How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1.

Commitment to holy living and mutual accountability...

Scripture is clear that we have the loving responsibility to confront our fellow followers of Jesus who live in unrepentant sin and who stray from the path of righteousness (1Corinthians 5:1-13; Matthew 18:15-18; James 5:19-20). By avoiding commitment to one another through membership in the local church, it is too easy to spiritually and morally stray unnoticed. This often leads to the devastation of lives, families, churches, ministries, and testimonies.