



Membership Packet



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Welcome
To Our Fellowship

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOU

We know there are many good churches in our area to choose from, so we are especially honored that you are considering membership in our fellowship. Please carefully and prayerfully examine the contents of this packet, including:

- Our Statement of Faith
- Our Church Government
- Our Church Finances
- Our Membership Commitments

Let us know if you like who we are and what we believe—and if you would like to declare membership in our congregation.

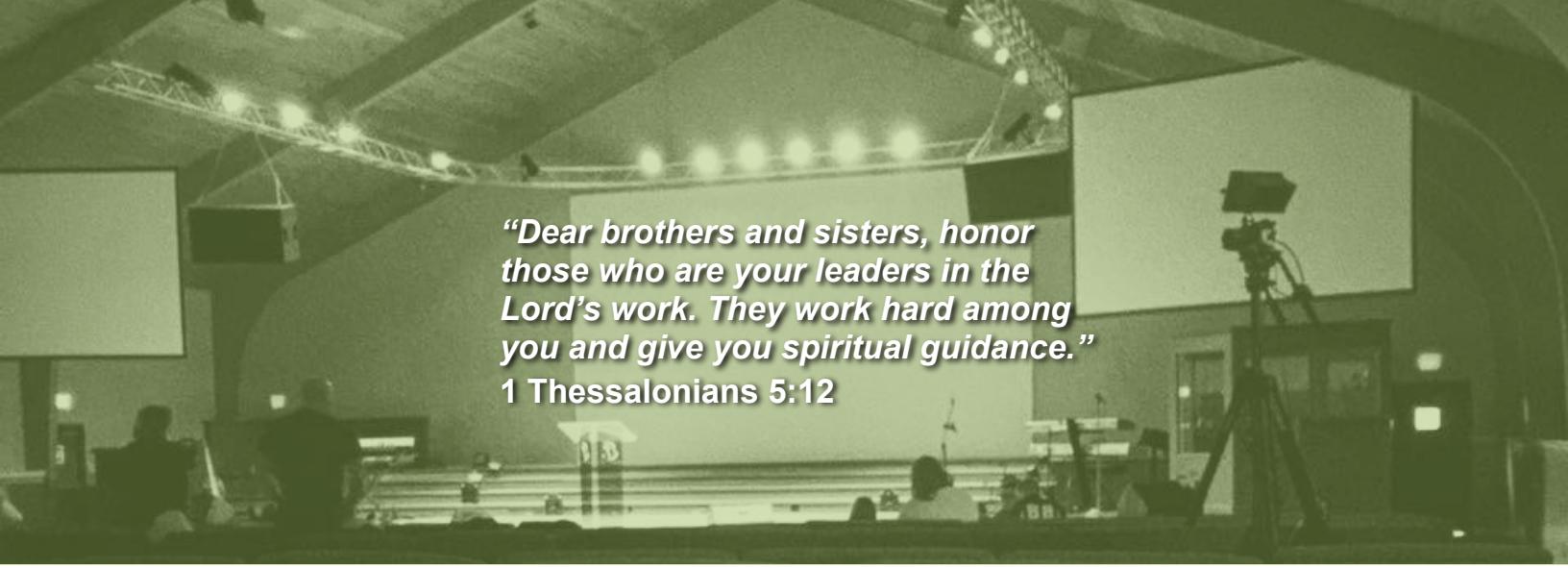
NOTE: Voting **Membership** is available for everyone 18 and older.
Non-voting **Jr. Membership** is available for ages 12-17.

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

Here are some vital *New Testament* themes that will help give you an idea of, “...those things which are most surely believed among us...” (*Luke 1:1 KJV*). We certainly do not claim to be without error in our interpretations. We welcome loving biblical dialog on matters where we may differ from your perspectives, “...until we all reach unity in the faith...” (*Ephesians 4:13*). According to our current understanding of the Scriptures...

We believe in:

- ...the Bible, inspired by God, as the absolute and final authority for truth and salvation.
- ...the one true and living God, manifested as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- ...the virgin birth, miracle-performing life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- ...the sinfulness of mankind inherited through the disobedience of the first man, Adam.
- ...the love of God shown by Christ dying in our place, on the cross, to pay for our sins.
- ...salvation by grace through faith and not of works, but faith that shows itself by works.
- ...receiving Jesus Christ as Savior, and calling on the name of the Lord, to be saved.
- ...confessing the Lord Jesus, believing God miraculously raised Him from the dead.
- ...repentance, as shown by a completely changed mind and life.
- ...water baptism (immersion), in the name of Jesus Christ, for all repentant believers.
- ...being filled with the Holy Spirit, and speaking with other tongues, as the Spirit enables.
- ...all the gifts of the Spirit actively functioning, as God wills, in the Christian church today.
- ...the active work of the Spirit producing spiritual fruit—and continual growth—in Christ.
- ...the commands of Christ and His Apostles to love, forgive, and care for one another.
- ...the sanctity of scriptural marriage: with loving husbands cherishing respectful wives.
- ...children respecting and obeying parents—and parents nurturing children in the Lord.
- ...practicing genuine Christianity by serving God, and people, in meaningful ways.
- ...in holiness, in actions and attitudes, by separating ourselves from evil unto the Lord.
- ...confessing our sins to God, as imperfect Christians, for forgiveness and cleansing.
- ...merciful discipline by the church in correcting and restoring wayward Christians.
- ...the local and universal church, regardless of ethnicity, united as the Body of Christ.
- ...the gathering of people for heartfelt prayer, expressive praise and biblical instruction.
- ...the sharing of bread and wine in Communion to remember Christ’s body and blood.
- ...supporting ministers and ministries with appreciation, respect, tithes and offerings.
- ...the restoration of authentic Christianity, spreading the Gospel to the entire world.
- ...the return of Jesus, when the dead and living in Christ will rise to meet Him in the air.
- ...the final judgment, when all people shall receive their just reward in Heaven or Hell.
- ...the ultimate triumph of righteousness, when faithful believers shall inherit eternal life.



“Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord’s work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance.”

1 Thessalonians 5:12

OUR CHURCH GOVERNMENT

Believers who invest their hearts, time, families and finances in the building of a local church deserve to have confidence in church leadership. People are looking for leaders who conduct themselves with wisdom when making decisions that affect their spiritual lives. There is safety in many counselors! ([Proverbs 11:14](#))

Our Three Groups of Elders:

1. We are guided by Pastors.

Our *Core Leadership Team* is led by the *Lead Pastor*. Our *Executive Pastor* oversees the *Core Leadership Team*. He supervises day-to-day ministry and operations of the church under the direction of the *Lead Pastor*. *Core Leaders* serve the congregation in various areas of ministry and are responsible for the development of the spiritual life of the church.

2. We are protected by Trustees.

The *Trustees* are four members appointed by the *Lead Pastor* and ratified by the current *Trustees* to oversee the finances and direct the provisioning of facilities and equipment needed by the church. They provide counsel to the *Lead Pastor* regarding major financial commitments of the church. *Trustees* serve a two-year term.

3. We are strengthened by Overseers.

The *Overseers* are at least two ministers with respected ministries who know and love Believers Church and its *Lead Pastor*. They are willing to provide spiritual protection to the church. They may be called upon to help in accountability matters relating to the *Lead Pastor* if requested to do so by the *Core Leaders* or *Trustees*.

OUR CHURCH FINANCES

We consider money that is contributed to our church a sacred trust. It is to be handled reverently in the fear of God and with the utmost integrity.

- We practice bringing tithes and giving offerings.

“A tithe [tenth] of everything...belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.” And, Jesus said to religious leaders, “...You are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens... You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.”

Leviticus 27:30 and Matthew 23:23 NLT

“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.”

1 Corinthians 16:2

Tithes and offerings are considered worship to God and an expression of the relationship between the individual giver and the Lord. That is why we do not use pressure or gimmicks in giving. But rather, ask people to pray and walk in obedience to God’s Word. Funds are not given as business transactions, but a showing of gratitude to God.

- We practice financial integrity and good stewardship.

“...Provide things honest in the sight of all men.”

Romans 12:17

Christians love to give to God, but need to have confidence in the methods and purposes used by the organizations to which they give. They are willing to give generously when they are able to see honesty, integrity and genuine spiritual values reflected in the handling of finances by church leaders. Therefore, we take great care in managing contributions given by the members of Believers Church.

OUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENTS:

I COMMIT before the Lord, and His People, to:

- follow the **TEACHING** of Jesus Christ and His Apostles and agree with those listed from the Bible in the Believers Church *Statement of Faith*.
- maintain a **TESTIMONY** worthy of Christ's name by living a life consistent with Christian behavior, morals, and sobriety as taught in the *New Testament*.
- give my **TIME** to faithfully attend Sunday worship services, as well as participate in various opportunities for fellowship.
- use my **TALENT** to serve the Lord and His People with excellence with my natural abilities and spiritual gifts.
- contribute my **TREASURE** to the ministers and ministries of our church by consistently bringing my tithes and regularly giving freewill offerings.

I WILL, with the help of God:

- love the Lord and His people with all my heart, mind, soul and strength.
- accept all that is taught in the *New Testament* of the Holy Bible.
- acknowledge I am a sinner...and sincerely repent of my sins.
- believe God's grace provided His Son as the only payment for my sin.
- proclaim Jesus died, was buried, and rose again for me to be set free.
- confess Jesus Christ as Son of God and call on His name to be saved.
- receive Jesus as Lord of my life—intending to obey Him in all things.
- be baptized, by immersion in water, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- seek God sincerely to be filled with, walk in, and live in the Holy Spirit.
- display the fruit of the Spirit and live in scriptural separation unto God.
- serve God—and others—with my spiritual gifts and natural talents.
- be faithful to Christ's Body, the church, by gathering, giving, and, "going."
- continue to learn from Him—and of Him—all the days of my life.

SIGNATURE:

I have thoroughly read, completely understand, and wholeheartedly agree to abide by these **Membership Commitments**. Please sign and keep. Thanks!

Name: _____ Age: _____ Date: _____