

# “Membership Matters”

FBCR REELTOWN

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# **“Membership Matters Pt 2 - Expectations”**

## **Sunday, May 24, 2026**

*Big Question: Does church membership really matter?*

Five primary factors for membership decline

- Individualism.
- Bureaucratic skepticism.
- Consumeristic society.
- Fear of accountability.
- Question its biblical roots.

Definition of a disciple - “A disciple is a person who has trusted Christ for salvation and has surrendered completely to him. He or she is *committed* to practicing the spiritual disciplines in *community* and developing to their full potential for Christ and his mission”.

Four Characteristics of every committed Disciple (and church member)

1) Committed to Christ

- Committed to Salvation in Christ Alone, Through Grace Alone, and Faith Alone (Acts 2:37-41, Ephesians 2:8-9)

- Committed to Jesus’ Will, Jesus’ Way (Luke 9:23-24, Acts 1:8)

2) Committed to Community (Acts 2:42-47)

- Committed to growing in God’s Word together
- Committed to worshipping together
- Committed to praying together
- Committed to fellowship together

3) Committed to Making & Multiplying Disciples (Matthew 28:18-20)

- Committed to rubbing off
- Committed to sending and being sent

4) Committed to the Greatest and Second Commandment (Mark 12:28-34)

BIG QUESTION:

**Does church  
membership  
really matter?**

# Five Primary Factors

- 1) INDIVIDUALISM
- 2) BUREAUCRATIC SKEPTICISM
- 3) CONSUMERISM
- 4) FEAR OF ACCOUNTABILITY
- 5) BIBLICAL?

# **Disciple Definition**

**“A DISCIPLE IS A PERSON WHO HAS TRUSTED CHRIST FOR SALVATION AND HAS SURRENDERED COMPLETELY TO HIM. HE OR SHE IS COMMITTED TO PRACTICING THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES IN COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPING TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL FOR CHRIST AND HIS MISSION”.**

# **Characteristics of every committed disciple**

## **1) COMMITTED TO CHRIST**

**- COMMITTED TO SALVATION IN CHRIST ALONE,  
THROUGH GRACE ALONE, AND FAITH ALONE  
(ACTS 2:37-41, EPHESIANS 2:8-9)**

**- COMMITTED TO JESUS' WILL, JESUS' WAY  
(LUKE 9:23-24, ACTS 1:8)**

# **Characteristics of every committed disciple**

## **2) COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY (ACTS 2:42-47)**

- COMMITTED TO GROWING IN GOD'S WORD  
TOGETHER**
- COMMITTED TO WORSHIPPING TOGETHER**
- COMMITTED TO PRAYING TOGETHER**
- COMMITTED TO FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER**

# **Characteristics of every committed disciple**

## **3) COMMITTED TO MAKING & MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES (MATTHEW 28:18-20)**

- COMMITTED TO RUBBING OFF
- COMMITTED TO SENDING AND BEING SENT

# **Characteristics of every committed disciple**

**4) COMMITTED TO THE GREATEST AND  
SECOND COMMANDMENT (MARK 12:28-34)**

# Vision/Mission

FBCR IS A GROUP OF SPIRIT-FILLED DISCIPLES WHO LONG TO EXPERIENCE **“REAL CHURCH,” “REAL COMMUNITY,” AND “REAL CHANGE”** (WE CALL THIS RC<sub>3</sub>).

RC<sub>3</sub> OCCURS WHEN WE **LOVE** (GOD AND OTHERS), **GROW** (EQUIP AND MULTIPLY DISCIPLES), **GIVE** (OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURES), AND **GO** (INTO ALL THE WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL).

WILL YOU JOIN US? WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 05.24.26

- IT'S VBS PREP WEEK! WE WILL DECORATE CLASSROOMS THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT, MAY 27TH AT 6:30. ALSO, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO REGISTER YOUR KIDS TO ATTEND IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY. YOU CAN FIND LINKS TO REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE OR THE CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE.
- WE WILL HAVE A PATRIOTIC CHOIR TO CELEBRATE OUR NATION'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY. SEE SUSIE IF YOU'D LIKE TO PARTICIPATE.
- MANLY MONDAY WILL BE AT VBS THIS MONTH. IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GUYS TO GATHER AND SERVE. HOWEVER, DON'T STOP WITH JUST MONDAY. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE ALL WEEK. YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED. SEE NIC STOCKDALE FOR DETAILS.
- CALLING THE GUYS! WE WILL BUILD A NEW PORCH AND WHEELCHAIR RAMP FOR A COMMUNITY MEMBER ON JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>. GATHER IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT AT 7 AM, WE WILL TRAVEL TOGETHER TO THE WORKSITE.
- WE ARE SO EXCITED ABOUT ALL THE "REEL LITTLES" WE ARE SEEING ON SUNDAY MORNING. AS WE GROW, WE CONTINUE TO BALANCE ATTENDANCE AND VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FOR BOTH THE NURSERY AND THE "REEL LITTLES" CLASS. AS SUCH, WE ASK THAT ALL THOSE COMING INTO THE "REEL LITTLES" CLASS BE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 2 AND 4 AND BE POTTY-TRAINED. IF YOUR LITTLE ONE IS STILL IN DIAPERS OR PULL-UPS, DON'T WORRY—OUR NURSERY TEAM IS READY AND WAITING TO GIVE THEM A FUN, CLEAN, AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT UNTIL THEY ARE READY TO MAKE THE JUMP TO THE REEL LITTLES! THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT.