

THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE UP OUR SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY KNOW WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER THAN WE ARE ALONE.

• WE ARE STRONGER WITH COMMUNITY.

• WE ARE STRONGER THROUGH COOPERATION.

• WE ARE STRONGER IN CARE-GIVING.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS

1. I WILL GLORIFY THE LORD OF MY CHURCH BY SEEKING HIS FAME IN MY LIFE THROUGH WORSHIP AND OBEDIENCE.
2. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH
 - BY ACTING IN LOVE AND KINDNESS TOWARD OTHER MEMBERS,
 - BY REFUSING TO GOSSIP, AND
 - BY PARTNERING WITH THE LEADERS TO ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY.
3. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH
 - BY PRAYING FOR ITS GROWTH,
 - BY INVITING THE UNCHURCHED TO ATTEND,
4. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH
 - BY WARMLY WELCOMING THOSE WHO VISIT, AND
 - BY SEEKING TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS.
 - BY DISCOVERING WHERE GOD WANTS ME TO SERVE,
 - BY DISCOVERING MY GIFTS AND TALENTS,
 - BY BEING EQUIPPED TO SERVE BY MY PASTORS, AND BY DEVELOPING A SERVANT'S HEART.
5. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH
 - BY ATTENDING CONSISTENTLY,
 - BY LIVING A GODLY LIFE, AND
 - BY GIVING FAITHFULLY.

YOU CAN JOIN OUR CHURCH AND BECOME A MEMBER IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- Believer's baptism at Second.
- Letter of Recommendation from another Baptist church.
- Personal, verbal acknowledgement of your salvation and believer's baptism by immersion prior to coming to Second.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

- COME FORWARD DURING THE INVITATION AT OUR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES.
- REQUEST A MEETING WITH A PASTOR OR MINISTER.
- ATTEND A NEW MEMBER'S GATHERING AND INDICATE A DESIRE TO JOIN.

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SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
SPRINGFIELD, MO

WELCOME TO SECOND

If you have walked through our doors or gathered with us in worship services, no doubt you have heard those words. We say it often and we truly mean it. Our desire for everyone who enters our doors is to encounter Jesus and experience meaningful connections with our Second family. The people of Second Baptist are experiencing life together as a second family and we would like for you to be a part of it.

THE BIBLE REVEALS A COUPLE OF TRUTHS ABOUT THE CHURCH...

IT IS CALLED **THE BRIDE** OF CHRIST

Ephesians 5:25; Revelation 19, 21

This relates to our relationship to Jesus Christ. It expresses that the church is the object of Jesus' affection. Jesus loves His bride, the church, sacrificially. He loves the church completely.

IT IS CALLED **THE BODY** OF CHRIST

Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 12

This term relates to our relationship to one another as we follow Jesus together.

The Bible describes how we relate to one another as part of the church. It says that we, individually, are like the

different members that make up one body where Jesus is the head. Just as the human body is made up of different parts, but is connected as a whole, so is the church made up of different individuals joined together as one body.

The description of individual Christians as members of the same body is the origin of meaning when we talk about becoming a member at Second Baptist Church.

The local church is an expression of the larger church in a specific location. The larger church is represented by all believers of Jesus around the world. Since 1885, the Lord has used Second Baptist Church to be a visible presence of His church in Springfield and Southwest Missouri.

RESPONSE CARD

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

I am ready to become a member.

I have questions and would like to talk to a minister about becoming a member.

If you have any questions or would like to connect, contact us at connections@secondbaptist.org.