

FELLOWSHIP NOTES ~ Sunday, February 4th 2024



Church – “ekklesia” = “those who are called out”; “a called-out assembly”

What is a Local Church? (1 Cor. 1:1-2; 1 Thess. 1:1; Matt. 18:15-17; Heb. 13:17; Acts 20:28)

A church is a group of Christians, who assemble as an earthly embassy of Christ’s heavenly kingdom, to proclaim the good news of the gospel of Jesus and His commands, to affirm one another as his citizens through the ordinances, and to display God’s own holiness and love, through a unified and diverse people, in all the world, following the teaching and example of elders. ~ Pastor and Author Jonathan Leeman

Why Should I Join a Local Church?

1. Because membership reflects _____ – Heb. 10:24-25
2. Because membership recognizes the need for _____ – Heb. 10:24-25; Phil. 1:27
3. Because membership releases spiritual gifts for _____ – 1 Peter 4:10-11; Rom. 12; 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4
4. Because membership reminds us to live _____ – Luke 6:38; 2 Cor. 9:6; Acts 20:35
5. Because membership reprioritizes the _____ (baptism, communion) - Matt. 28:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26

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Rediscover Church: Why the Body of Christ Is Essential by Jonathan Leeman



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MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having been led as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as the body of Christ.

We unite together for the Holy purpose of building the house of God through His help and furthering His kingdom here on earth. This covenant is our pledge to build His church for the sole purpose of bringing glory to His name.

We promise by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to forsake the ways of flesh and sin and to walk together in Spirit emulating Christian love and righteousness. With this in view, we engage to strive together for both the peace and purity of this Church; to sustain its worship and steadfastly to cherish and hold its ordinances, disciplines and doctrines; to contribute, as faithful stewards, such time, talent and money, in the measure that God prospers each of us, that the responsibility for the work of the local church and the world-wide ministry of spreading the Gospel be faithfully and effectively discharged.

I will seek to fulfill the responsibilities of membership as outlined in the Bylaws through active participation in worship services, fellowship groups and serving in ministry.

I HAVE READ THE STATEMENT OF FAITH contained in the Bylaws of Fellowship Community Church and understand that agreement with both this statement and the above Covenant are a condition of membership at FCC. I hereby state that I agree with the Covenant and the Statement of Faith.

I acknowledge that I am an imperfect person who can only claim forgiveness of my sin by what Jesus Christ did on the cross of Calvary. My desire is to voluntarily join with the other followers of Christ at Fellowship Community Church and pursue the stated mission of this local body of believers. I will take seriously the responsibilities associated with membership, and I desire to be confronted in love if I participate in anything that is not beneficial for the edification of the saints and for the testimony of Christ.