

Why Church Membership?

There are as many various opinions among churches about membership as there are churches. Perhaps it would help for you to understand our view on “membership”.



First, let me say what membership at Calvary Chapel of Fullerton (CCF) isn't. Membership at CCF does not obligate you financially in any way. We believe that a person's financial giving is important, but it is a matter between them and the Lord (2Cor. 9:7). Membership at CCF does not obligate you to anything, other than saying to the rest of the church, “I want to be a part of this”. The Bible says that each believer in Christ is already a member of the Body of Christ (1Cor. 12:12-14), and being a member of CCF is simply a way of saying to the rest of us at CCF that you desire to be involved at this local fellowship.

In our modern society, some folks don't care to get too serious about their commitment to follow Jesus. They will attend several churches, never getting involved enough for others to get to know them and build relationships with them. Some folks have gone through personal tragedies or even a difficult situation at a former church. And for those folks, being anonymous in a crowd can be okay for awhile, allowing some of the wounds to heal. But there comes a point in your walk with Jesus where you will find that it can be of great value to have relationships with others who will love, support, and encourage you. That's where we see “membership” come in. It says to those who do call CCF their home that you too want to plug in and get to know others. Membership won't cause you to get to know others, but it makes a statement saying you are available.

We believe that God works through prayer, and we have a commitment as a church to pray for our members. Every week, several groups of people will pray through the directory, for each person, each child. Every year we take those in the directory and divide the group between the various elders of the church. Each elder is responsible to pray weekly for those in their “flock”, as well as getting to know those they pray for. They may even host an event where the folks in their “flock” could get to know each other. We hope that you would feel comfortable enough with your elder to be able to share prayer requests with him, or just call for encouragement. Then at the beginning of each year, we will change the groups so that you might have a chance to know others within the fellowship.



If you should choose to leave the church for one reason or another, that's okay. We will try our best to keep an eye out for those who may have fallen away and need a call to encourage them to come to church, but we aren't going to force anyone to come to church or stay at our church. We regularly review the directory with the elders, checking to see if folks are remaining active in the church and dropping those who have moved on for one reason or another. Would you like to become a member of Calvary Chapel of Fullerton? Then fill out the attached form and hand it to one of the pastors or elders and that's it! Welcome to the family!



Calvary Chapel of Fullerton

Family Membership Application

In order to be considered a member of Calvary Chapel of Fullerton, you must meet two qualifications. First, you must be born again (John 3). This means that you have accepted Jesus Christ into your heart as your personal Savior, and He in turn has made you a new person (2Cor.5:17). Secondly, you need to agree with our Statement of Faith, as described below. We ask that each adult wishing to consider themselves a member of Calvary Chapel of Fullerton fill out, sign the form, and hand it to one of the pastors or elders of the church.

Statement of Faith

In order to identify the church as conservative in theology, and evangelical in spirit, we set forth this general statement of fundamental beliefs:

- * **We believe** the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God and inerrant in the original writings.
- * **We believe** that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
- * **We believe** in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal return in power and glory.
- * **We believe** that the lost and sinful man must be saved, and that man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
- * **We believe** in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- * **We believe** in the resurrection of both the saved and the unsaved; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are unsaved unto the resurrection of damnation.
- * **We believe** in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

(These are the same beliefs as Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa, with whom we are affiliated.)

Statement of Acceptance

I, _____ have accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and have been born again. I also agree with the Statement of Faith, as described above.

Signature

Date

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Directory Information (Please print clearly!)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Children: _____

* Please pray for: _____