



THE TABERNACLE

MEMBERSHIP

Membership basics:

Thank you for being a valued part of The Tabernacle church family. We invite you to consider the opportunity of membership within our faith community. Membership is a vital part of participation in the church.

Membership is important for several reasons. First, only members can be eligible for formal church leadership (board, trustee, etc.). Secondly, only members can vote on the selection of our Lead Pastor and on any changes to our Constitution and Bylaws. Finally, becoming a member signifies a voluntary, but non-binding, commitment to our faith community. Please take time to look over the information provided in the following pages. The pastoral staff is available to answer any questions you might have about membership.

FAQ's:

Who can be a member?

- Confessed followers of Jesus Christ (only those over 16).
- Agree in principle to the Articles of Faith and Discipleship.
- Becoming a member is making a commitment to the local church body; it is not to be regarded as requirement/assurance of salvation. You can terminate your membership whenever you choose.

What do I have to do to become a member?

- Complete the simple membership application.
- Read through our Constitution and Bylaws (can be found at thetabchurch.com)
- Write a testimony of how you came to be a follower of Christ.
- Attend MERGE, our On-Ramp to The Tabernacle and share any concerns or questions.

Who decides who can become a member?

First, the pastoral staff team reviews the application of prospective members and submits eligible candidates to the Executive Board. Secondly, the Board votes on the candidates. The new members are acknowledged at a worship service.

What does the Bible say about membership?

It is clear the early church kept rolls and had forms of governance implying some form of membership. However, there are no specific instructions on how churches should govern themselves. It does teach that Jesus Christ is to be the ultimate head of the church.

What do I have to do to become a member?

- When you have completed your application, please seal it in an envelope, with a recent photo of yourself. You can also email a photo to us at buckleyoffice@thetabchurch.com
- Applications can be dropped off at THE HUB during weekend services or at The Tabernacle during office hours. (Mon.-Thur. 9am-1pm)
- Once your application is received, you will be contacted by a Tabernacle Board Member. Membership applications are reviewed during regularly scheduled Tabernacle Board Meetings.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 231-269-4190 or email us at buckleyoffice@thetabchurch.com

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

1. When did you start attending? (6 months)

What campus? _____

2. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God - That He lived, was crucified, and rose from the dead? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Do you believe that Jesus died in your place as a divine substitute for your sins? Do you trust in Him alone for forgiveness and new life? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Do you believe the Bible is the Word of God and is our only infallible rule for faith and practice? ☐ Yes ☐ No ,

5. Do you promise, with God's help, to continue growing as a faithful follower of Jesus Christ by active participation in the following ways?

☐ Yes ☐ No **Worship** regularly celebrating God's worth and work.

☐ Yes ☐ No **Studying** God's Holy Word and applying it to your life.

☐ Yes ☐ No **Praying** communicating in an intimate relationship with God.

☐ Yes ☐ No **Connecting** with fellow believers in an authentic Christian Community.

☐ Yes ☐ No **Giving** Cheerfully of your financial resources to build God's Kingdom.

☐ Yes ☐ No **Serving** others by sharing your spiritual gifts, talents and time.

☐ Yes ☐ No **Telling** others of the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

6. Do you promise, with God's help, to accept the spiritual guidance and discipline of this church; to walk in a spirit of Christian love with this congregation; and to seek those things that make for unity, purity, and peace? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Have you read the Bylaws and Constitution? ☐ Yes ☐ No

8. Do you agree with the statement of faith and discipleship as presented in the Constitution? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please state any specific objections:

9. Do you promise to make a reasonable attempt to attend the annual business meeting? ☐ Yes ☐ No

10. Have you been baptized? (not a membership requirement)
 ☐ Yes ☐ No; If yes, ☐ as an infant ☐ as an adult

11. Please write your testimony (a brief description of your spiritual journey to this point in your life) below. If needed, use the following pages.

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