



Mt. Carmel

MEMBERSHIP CLASS



SESSION 2: AN INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Church = ekklesia = “called out ones”

God’s people saved by God’s power for God’s purpose.

The Church is a BODY

Romans 12:4-5, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 15-19

The Church is a FAMILY

Romans 8:15-16, 2 Corinthians 6:18

The Church is a BRIDE

Ephesians 5:25-27, 31-32

The Church is a FLOCK

John 10:14, Hebrews 13:17-20, Acts 20:28, 1 Peter 5:23



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What thoughts come to mind when you hear the word *membership*?

W I I F M: What's in it for me?

A Biblical Reason

Our relationship with Jesus is not a solo endeavor.

Matthew 4:4, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Acts 2:41-46, Ephesians 4:15-16, Matthew 18:15-17

A Cultural Reason

Church membership is an unselfish decision.

A Practical Reason

Church membership defines who can be counted on.

A Personal Reason

Church membership should produce spiritual growth.

W I I F G G: What's in it for God's glory?

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What does it look like to be an “all in” follower of Christ with Mt. Carmel?
The church is not where we go, the church is who we are called to be.

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SCHEDULED
GATHERINGS, BOTH LARGE AND SMALL

Acts 2:46, Hebrews 10:24-25

GENEROUS SHARING OF WHAT GOD HAS
GIVEN TO US TO MEET ONE ANOTHER'S NEEDS

Acts 4:34-35, Galatians 6:10, 1 Peter 4:10

CAREFULLY GUARDING THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH

Romans 15:5, Romans 14, Matthew 18:15-17, Hebrews 13:17-18

COURAGEOUS AND COMPASSIONATE SPREADING
OF THE GOSPEL IN WORD AND DEED

Matthew 28:18-20, Matthew 5:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 1:8



THE MT. CARMEL CHURCH COVENANT

*"Then they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul."
- II Chronicles 15:12*

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 solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We promise, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to forsake the paths of sin and to walk in the ways of holiness all the days of our lives. With this view, we engage to strive together for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church and the relief of the poor and the spread of the gospel throughout all nations.

We also engage to maintain regular daily devotions, to educate religiously our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings; faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage and to be zealous in all our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to walk together in Christian love and watchfulness, giving and receiving admonition with meekness and affection to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy of speech; to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place to a place where we cannot attend and keep an active interest in Mt. Carmel, we will as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the Spirit of this covenant and the principle of God's Word.