

"WHAT QUALIFIES ME FOR MEMBERSHIP AT BETHANY CHURCH?"

1. A born-again experience. (Having accepted Jesus Christ as Lord.)
2. Baptism in water after conversion, or be scheduled for the next available baptismal service.
3. Be filled with or be seeking the full Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, Acts 10:46, and Acts 19:6.
4. Be faithful to the church in prayer, attendance, and financial support.
5. Understand and approve the fundamental doctrines of our faith.
6. Seek to honor Christ and His people by your daily conduct.

"HOW DO I APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP"

It's simple! Just fill out an application form. They are available in the foyer, or ask an usher, a deacon, or the pastor.

"MUST I DO ANYTHING ELSE?"

Yes, Pastors meet with all those interested in membership in Bethany Church. The two one hour sessions are for describing the various aspects of church doctrine, government, relationships, opportunities and expectations. The meetings are informal dialogue sessions which are designed so that you might ask any question. Please be sure that you will receive an honest, straight forward answer to any question regarding the church and church life.

"WHAT HAPPENS TO MY APPLICATION AFTER I SUBMIT IT?"

"It goes before the deacons in session and they prayerfully decide to either approve or disapprove your application. (No application from any sincere Christian desiring to please Jesus has ever been rejected).

After acceptance by the deacons you will be introduced to the congregation in a public worship service.

"IS THERE ANY SPECIAL BENEFIT ATTACHED TO BEING A MEMBER OF BETHANY CHURCH?"

Absolutely!

You will have greater opportunities for ministry. As the church continues to grow, it is our sincere prayer that God will raise up leaders and pastors right from our own congregation. Also, as a committed member, the church will be better qualified to make recommendations for you to schools, employers and credentialing committees.

I'm sure there are more benefits to local church membership than you ever realized. I hope this little pamphlet has helped you understand the reason we have church membership. Thanks for taking the time to read it! Please prayerfully consider Bethany Church.