



**Membership in the  
Life of the Church**  
*Hebrews 13:17*  
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## What Does It Mean to Be a Member of a Church?

- Church membership is not explicitly \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture, but is a proper \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture.
  - Biblical Truth #1: Every Christian is to be under the watchful care and oversight of a plurality of \_\_\_\_\_ in a local church. (Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 5:12; Acts 20:28)
  - Personal Application:
    - Church membership is a formal way of \_\_\_\_\_ yourself under the watchful care and oversight of a plurality of elders in a particular local church.
    - Church membership is a formal way for the elders of a particular local church to say, "I \_\_\_\_\_ to watch over you."
  - Biblical Truth #2: Every Christian is to belong to a local church in which they are mutually \_\_\_\_\_ to and mutually \_\_\_\_\_ for one another. (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5:1-10)
  - Personal Application:
    - Church membership is a formal way to \_\_\_\_\_ who belongs to which local congregation and therefore who is mutually accountable and mutually responsible for whom.
    - Church membership is a formal way for Christians of the same local church to say to one another, "I am accountable to and responsible for \_\_\_\_\_" and, "You are accountable to and responsible for \_\_\_\_\_."

## What Are the Practical Implications on Our Lives?

- \_\_\_\_\_ a church which understands and practices meaningful and biblical church membership.
- Do all that you can to \_\_\_\_\_ together regularly for Sunday morning worship.
- Do all that you can to \_\_\_\_\_ in the lives of other members throughout the week.
- Open up your \_\_\_\_\_ to the elders and other members.
- Gladly \_\_\_\_\_ new members and take responsibility for them.
- As you face major life \_\_\_\_\_, consider the effects of those decisions on your commitments and responsibilities to the church.
- Remember the glory of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the beauty of the \_\_\_\_\_.

# Welcome to Cross Fellowship Church!

We are grateful that you have come to worship with us today and pray that you feel welcome. If you have any questions about our church, the service, sermon or anything else, we would love to talk to you! Stop by the Welcome Table in the lobby or talk to one of the elders. We'd also encourage you to complete a Visitor Information Card, which is located at the Welcome Table.

## Elder Nominations

As a church, we have begun a process for adding additional elders. If you are a member of Cross Fellowship and believe there are certain men within our church who meet the biblical qualifications and responsibilities of an elder, please complete an Elder Nomination Form and submit it to the current elders by June 14. You can find an Elder Nomination Form at the Welcome Table or in the weekly email newsletter.

## Summer Location Change

Just a reminder that we will be meeting at Indian Woods Middle School (9700 Woodson Drive, Overland Park) for our corporate worship gatherings throughout the summer. Spread the word!

## Email Newsletter

Have you signed up to receive our weekly email newsletter? If not, simply go to [crossfellowshipchurch.org](http://crossfellowshipchurch.org), click the "Sign Up" button near the top of the page, and fill in the form. This is the best way to stay up to date on what's going on at Cross Fellowship Church.

## Sunday Morning Offering

Unlike most churches, we do not pass a collection plate each Sunday to collect your financial gifts and offerings. Instead, if you would like to financially contribute toward our church-related ministries, you can do so in the offering box located in the back of the gym. Thank you!

## Elders

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## Discipleship Communities

Our discipleship communities, or small groups, are the primary place in which we seek to live as disciples together who love God supremely, one another humbly, and the world sacrificially. Please join us!

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