



Meaningful Membership

1 Thessalonians 5:12-14

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Three Biblical Truths

- Biblical Truth #1: Every Christian is to be under the watchful care and loving oversight of the elders of a particular local church.
- Biblical Truth #2: The elders of each particular local church will be held accountable before God for how well they watched over the souls of the particular Christians that God has entrusted to their care.
- Biblical Truth #3: Christians in each particular local church are mutually accountable to and responsible for one another's spiritual well-being.

The Meaning of Membership

- Membership is a formal way in which a Christian voluntarily places himself/herself under the watchful care and loving oversight of the elders of a particular local church.
- Membership is a formal way in which the elders of a particular local church identify and clarify which particular Christians they're responsible to watch over.
- Membership is a formal way in which a Christian enters into mutually accountable relationships with the Christians of a particular local church.

How Should the Reality of These Truths Affect Our Relationships With One Another?

- Elders should provide meaningful pastoral oversight to the members of our church.
- We should attend our Sunday morning Worship Gatherings and come ready to serve and invest in the lives of others.
- We should pursue and invest in meaningful relationships with each other throughout the week.
- We should live open and honest lives with each other.
- We should guard and protect each other from sin.
- We should pray for each other.
- We should disciple and spur each other on in following Jesus.
- We should serve and care for each other.
- We should attend and participate in our Members' Meetings.
- We should remember the glory of the gospel and our corporate identity.

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.

Members' Meeting

Sunday, March 15 / 4-5:30 p.m. / Indian Woods Middle School

Make plans to join us for our next Members' Meeting. Once a quarter the members of CFC meet to discuss business issues in the church. During our upcoming meeting, we will give a stewardship report, hear updates from ministry team leaders, and vote to affirm new members into our church family. This meeting is only for current members of Cross Fellowship Church. Childcare will be provided through 2nd grade.

New DC Equipping Meetings

Wednesdays, March 11, 18, and 25 / 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Emmanuel Baptist Church

Please block off these three evenings in March to gather together corporately in preparation for launching new DCs in April. These will be very important times together as the elders communicate the vision for the new DCs, equip DC members to participate in the new DCs, and form the new groups. More info is coming soon.

Sunday Lunch for Fusion Teams

We have the opportunity to serve the Fusion teams that attend CFC by providing lunch for them on Sundays after our Worship Gatherings. It's a great way to get to know them and hear about what they're learning and where they're going.

- Sign up to host Sydney's team: mealtrain.com/trains/gw7r2o
- Sign up to host Andrew's team: mealtrain.com/trains/y2m221
- Sign up to host Laura's team: mealtrain.com/trains/9lyqy6

The Gospel Coalition 2020 Women's Conference

June 10-13 / Indianapolis

We're excited to once again send a group of women from Cross Fellowship to the TGC Women's Conference. If you're interested in attending, talk to Amy Crawford. There is a group rate available if we have enough women participate. You can find more information at thegospelcoalition.org/tgcw20.

Email Newsletter

Have you signed up to receive our weekly email newsletter? If not, simply go to 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 room. Thank you!

Elders

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Discipleship Communities

In our discipleship communities, or small groups, we seek to live as disciples together who love God supremely, one another humbly, and the world sacrificially. Please join us!

Chasteen DC

Wednesday / 6 p.m.
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Conger DC

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