

## New Members Class

### Frequently Asked Questions

**1. Do I need to register ahead of time?**

Yes, please sign up online or contact Betsy Palk to register. This helps us plan and prepare enough food for the dinner and enough notebooks for the classes.

**2. Do I have to attend the dinner and all three classes?**

Yes, the dinner is included in the new member series and we ask that you try your best to attend the dinner, as well as, the three Sunday morning classes. Each one provides very important information that is beneficial to your placing membership. If you have to miss for some reason, we ask that you not miss more than one class or else we ask you to try and make them up during the next new member's class.

**3. What do I need to bring to the dinner?**

The dinner is a covered-dish dinner. We'll provide the meat and drinks, but we ask each family attending to participate by bringing the following dishes. Individuals can choose one of the dishes listed below to bring.

If your last name begins with:

A-H – vegetable and salad

I-P – salad and dessert

Q-Z – dessert and vegetable

**4. What should I expect at the Session meeting?**

At the Session meeting, everyone joining will be asked to give a brief (1 min) testimony and take their vows of membership. Following the meeting, there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall to provide you the opportunity to meet some of our Elders and their wives.

**5. What if I can't attend the Session meeting on the assigned date?**

We strongly encourage everyone to try their best to attend the Session meeting on the scheduled date. However, we do understand this isn't always possible. We will provide one makeup meeting for each New Member Series.

**6. What if I'm not there on the Sunday we are introduced to the Congregation?**

Again, we strongly encourage everyone to attend one of the worship services on the Sunday your New Member class is introduced. You will not be introduced individually, but we will have everyone stand wherever they are in the Sanctuary.

**7. Is there anything else required for membership?**

After you attend the classes and fill out the New Member information forms, you will meet with an Elder for an interview. This is a time for you to get to know someone in leadership and for someone in leadership to get to know each new

member. The meeting will be scheduled at a time and place that is convenient for you and the Elder doing the interview. This must be completed before you attend the Session meeting.

**8. Do I need to contact my previous church and ask for a letter of transfer?**

No, if you are joining by Letter of Transfer, we will send a letter to your previous church requesting a letter of transfer.