SERMON NOTES

Sunday, August 24, 2014

"<u>THE MEANING OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP</u>"

(Ephesians 5:22-30)

We believe in the value and importance of church membership. It is important for every believer to be a part of a local church family in order to grow and produce spiritual fruit as a member of God's family. Today we will explain church membership and provide opportunity for next step church commitments.

1. Why should you be a member?

- A _____ reason.
- A _____ reason.
- A _____ reason.
- A _____ reason.

2. What is expected of a member?

• To be involved in Bible study, care, and fellowship in a

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- To ______ the ministry of this church. That means that you will give to support the budgeted ministry of this church.
- To use your ______ in a ministry of this church.
- To ______ to God and the church and help in churchwide efforts to do the same.

3. What are the benefits of membership?

- _____ A place to call "home."
- _____ A place to grow.
- ______ You are a part of what is going on.
- _____ The shared experience.

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- 1. Why should you be a member?
 - A <u>biblical</u> reason.
 - A <u>cultural</u> reason.
 - A practical reason.
 - A <u>personal</u> reason.
- 2. What is expected of a member?
 - To be involved in Bible study, care, and fellowship in a <u>Bible Fellowship Group</u>.
 - To <u>financially support</u> the ministry of this church. That means that you will give to support the budgeted ministry of this church.
 - To use your <u>gifts and abilities</u> in a ministry of this church.

- To <u>invite others</u> to God and the church and help in churchwide efforts to do the same.
- 3. What are the benefits of membership?
 - <u>Fellowship</u> A place to call *"home.*"
 - <u>Discipleship</u> A place to grow.
 - <u>Ownership</u> You are a part of what is going on.
 - <u>Kinship</u> The shared experience.