

Membership

What does
Evangelical Free mean?

Evangelical

*means a strong commitment to tell everyone about their need know to Jesus Christ as their Savior

*means that we believe the Bible to be the literal Word of God

Free

*means each local congregation is free to make decisions on their own

*means that we agree on a statement of faith, but there is a certain degree of freedom of faith in areas not mentioned in the statement of faith

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***Glorifying God. Loving People. Serving the World.
Getting Connected.***

Membership is your way of saying that you will allow this church to be a major source of spiritual growth. You are also committing yourself to helping spread the Good News of Jesus Christ by sharing your God given abilities and your resources.

Anyone who knows Jesus Christ as their Savior may apply for membership. They must be at least sixteen years of age.

Seven steps towards membership:

Step One

If possible, attend a Membership Class.

- Membership Night** - This three hour seminar reviews the core beliefs and values of our church, it's history, and organizational structure.
- Discovering Membership** - a four week Sunday morning seminar studying God's blueprint for church

Step Two

Examine your relationship with God. Trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior if you have not already done so.

- You may consider visiting with a pastor or attending " *First Steps With Jesus* " or " *Fresh Start* " to help you learn about how to begin or refresh a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Step Three

Determine what ministry in which you will serve.

- Discover how God has uniquely gifted you for service to the body of Christ. Begin serving.

Step Four

Complete and submit a Membership Request Form which will be reviewed by the Board of Elders

- Forms are available from the church office and at www.giefc.org.

Step Five

Often a member of our leadership team will visit with you to allow us all to become better acquainted.

Step Six

The Board of Elders will review and approve your request for membership.

Step Seven

A brief biography and photo will appear in the next church newsletter to allow the church family to come to know you. As defined by our Constitution, following a 30 day comment period you will be welcomed as a church member in a Sunday morning worship service.

As a Church Member

- You agree to share in the responsibility of the church by praying for its growth, inviting the unchurched to attend, and by warmly welcoming those who visit.

Warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you.
Romans 15:7 (Living Bible)

- You agree to attend church faithfully, to live a godly life, and to financially support the ministries of the church.

You must live in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ, as citizens of heaven.
Philippians 1:27b (New Living Translation)

- You may vote and participate in discussions at congregational meetings.

So see to it that you really do love each other intensely with all your hearts.
1 Peter 1:22b (New Living Translation)

- You agree to serve the church by using your spiritual gifts. This may include being asked to consider serving on church ministry committees.

God has given each of you special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings.
1 Peter 4:10 (Living Bible)