

## Membership at the First Baptist Church of Christ

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First Baptist Church is a family of faith. We are a family of pilgrims who look to Jesus Christ as the light of life. We welcome all persons to join us as brothers or sisters in the journey.

Individuals can become members of the First Baptist Church of Christ in three ways:

1. **Through profession of faith and baptism**, a believer confesses Jesus as Lord and Savior and commits to following him in the way of discipleship. Baptists signify such a confession through believer's baptism by immersion, and this mode of baptism is our congregation's practice.
2. **Through transfer of letter**, a believer expresses the desire to transfer his or her membership from a sister Baptist church.
3. **Through statement of Christian experience and baptism**, a believer indicates that he or she has professed faith in Christ as Lord and Savior and experienced baptism, but no church letter is available. We accept baptisms from other Christian traditions.

Generally, one's desire to unite with the church is made public during the final hymn of a service of worship. The new member is presented to the church at that time. Those choosing not to join in this public way may speak to a minister about their desire for membership, fill out a membership card, and be presented for membership before the church in conference.

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Any and all persons considering membership in First Baptist Church of Christ are encouraged to speak with the pastor or one of the other ministers. We welcome the opportunity to explore how we can grow together in the service of our Lord.