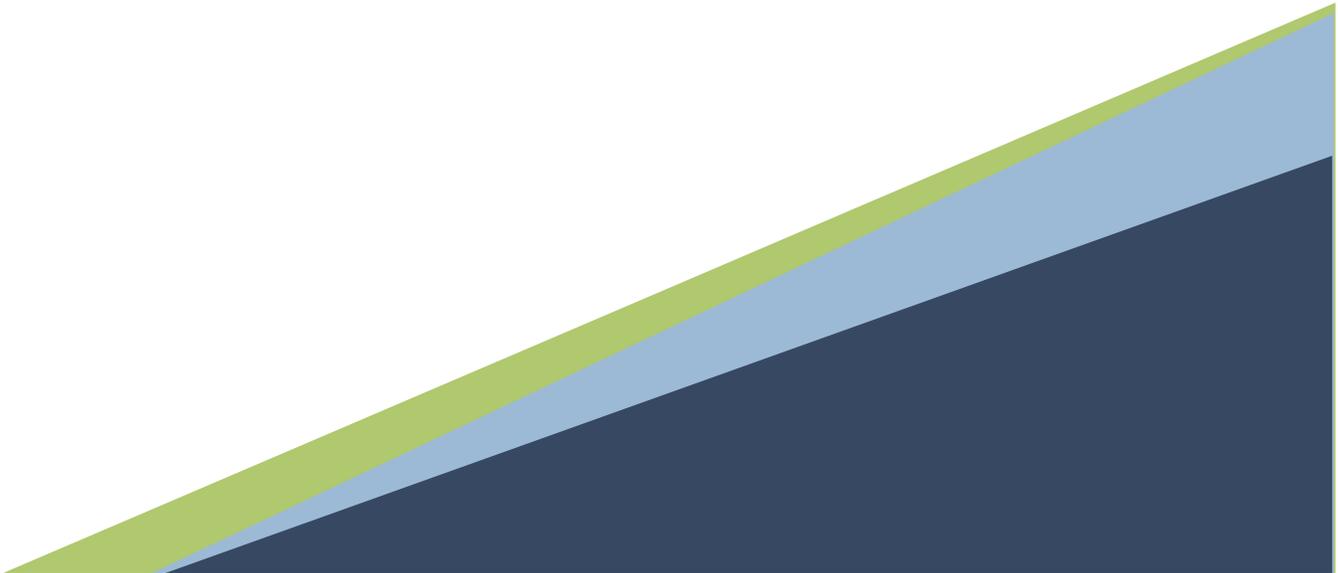


FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Membership
and
Church Covenant



“Every person should be a member of two churches!”

Let me explain.

The first is Jesus’ *universal* Church. A capital “C” is used to represent it. There is only one of these, and all people in the world are invited to be a member of it. Every person, everywhere and at all times, who has put his/her faith in Jesus’ identity (God, the Son; fully human, fully divine, and perfectly righteous) and Jesus’ work (my sins paid for by His substitute death) belongs to this Church. In modern language, these people are Christians, and all of them are Church members.

The second is the *local* church. A little “c” is used to represent it. There have been and are currently many of these, as long as they affirm the same truths mentioned above. The *local* church is a subset of Jesus’ *universal* Church. In other words, members of Jesus’ *universal* Church should also belong to a *local* church.

Membership to both of these churches means dependence and commitment. In the case of Jesus’ *universal* Church, we are fully dependent on God’s grace, through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, being applied to us by the Holy Spirit, and God has fully committed Himself to our ultimate salvation and sanctification (“becoming like Christ”), as well as making us one, new body (“church”), active and effective on earth.

In the *local* church, we observe additional matters of dependence and commitment. In this case, we require mutual dependence and commitment with one another. We depend on and commit to each other encouragement and correction, all in a spirit of love and grace. We also commit to an abiding relationship with Jesus Christ, so that we might be obedient to His Command and His Commission.



“What does it mean to be a member of THIS local church?”

*Find, Grow, and Multiply
those who love God and love others*

The above mission statement is our attempt at Faith Christian Fellowship to capture in simple language...

...Jesus’ Great Commandment (Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbors as you love yourselves—Matthew 22:34-40), and

...Jesus’ Great Commission (Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching—Matthew 28:19-20)

Becoming a member of Faith Christian Fellowship (FCF) means a couple of things. First, it means you agree with this mission in principle. It means you agree that it accurately represents what Jesus has said His followers, and therefore His Church, should be doing while on earth. Second, it means you are committed to this mission in practice. We depend on each other, through mutual encouragement, to be active participants in this mission.

If you are a member of Jesus’ *universal* Church (in agreement with those membership requirements), you are not a member of another *local church* (or in unresolved conflict with that church), and in agreement with our membership covenant (insert, top) we are happy to welcome you as a member of FCF.

Please fill out the information on the membership form (insert, bottom) and return the form to the FCF office. If you still have questions about becoming a member, please contact the office.

