

MEMBERSHIP

AT NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

When you place membership at Northside, you are expressing a commitment to partner with us in ministry and to commit wholeheartedly to the mission and core values of Northside.

- Northside's mission is to connect people to Christ and one another.
- Northside's core values are expressed through the 4 C's listed later in this document.

FIRST STEPS

Before placing your membership at Northside, we want to make sure you first believe in Jesus and have been baptized by immersion. Your connection to Christ comes before your connection to the church. We say baptized by immersion because, in order to have a good conscience, we want to follow every Biblical example of baptism, which was by immersion. Once you have made this most important decision in your life, you are ready to take the next step of membership!

COMMITMENTS

1. Declare that you buy into the mission of Northside Christian Church to “connect people to Christ and one another.

We know we are accomplishing our mission when:

- People are feeling loved and accepted.
- People are making commitments to Jesus Christ and being baptized.
- People are becoming increasingly involved in ministry.
- People are leading victorious lives.
- People are sharing their faith with friends.

2. Make public your commitment to the 4 C's, the core values of Northside.

Celebrate in worship: We will lift the name of Jesus above every name.

We challenge every believer to make it a priority to worship consistently - on a weekly basis with the faith family and a daily basis personally. Every worship service is intentionally and prayerfully planned to provide moments of life transformation.

*“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - And all the more as you see the day approaching.”
Hebrews 10:25*

Connect in a small group: We will live in community with the spirit of unity.

Christ never intended that we go it alone. We challenge every believer to place a high value on sharing life together. Ninety percent of people will stay connected if they can articulate their faith, belong to a small group and have four to eight close friendships in the church.

“Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped preaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.” Acts 5:42

Contribute in ministry: We will give all we have to gain all He has for us.

God expects every believer to use their spiritual gifts, personal style and God-given passion for the Kingdom. We challenge every believer to use their time, talent, treasure and testimony to make a significant impact for eternity.

“For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10

Commit wholeheartedly: We will lose ourselves completely to find ourselves complete in Him.

Many who call themselves Christians will one day stand confidently in front of Jesus only to hear him say, "I never knew you, away from me." Committed followers know there is both a moment of surrender and the practice of surrender. We've chosen to commit wholeheartedly! Is He your one of many or is He your one and only?

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23

3. Commit to the expectations we have for members of Northside.

Just as in the marriage relationship, you are making a commitment to the local body of believers "for better or for worse," promising to use your gifts for the welfare of the body. Ultimately, we expect that all our members will commit to at least four things and say:

I will protect the unity of my church

By acting in love toward other members.

By maintaining a spirit of peace.

By following its leaders.

I will share in the outreach of my church

By praying for its growth.

By inviting the "unchurched" to attend.

By sharing my testimony as opportunity arises.

I will serve in the ministry of my church

By discovering my spiritual gifts and talents.

By being equipped to serve in an effective manner.

By participating in a gift-related area of ministry.

I will participate in the community of my church

By attending church regularly.

By joining a small group and/or Sunday school class for fellowship and maturity.

By living an authentic, godly life.

By giving regularly and cheerfully of my time, treasures, talents and testimony.

4. Fulfill a legal commitment of membership that we, as a tax-exempt organization, are required to have.

Perhaps our relationship as members of Northside is best summarized by Romans 12:10 which says, "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves."

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

When you are ready to commit to this church family, please meet one of the staff during decision time following the sermon in the hallway to the side of the Worship Center. You will have an opportunity to reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ, your commitment to the 4 C's and voice your desire to partner with us in ministry at Northside. You will fill out the Decision Point Card and be introduced to the Northside family so others can connect with you, encourage you and pray for you.