

Church Membership

“So continuing daily with one accord...and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:46-47)

The membership of Bethlehem Baptist Church is composed of persons who confess Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, and who join by baptism, letter, Christian experience or watchcare.

Persons coming into the Church for the first time are received as candidates for **baptism**, upon the public profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives. Persons who come from a non-Christian church or religion must join Bethlehem by baptism.

A person who joins by **letter** comes to Bethlehem as a member in good standing with another Baptist church. We will typically notify the church where the person is currently a member of that person's intention to join Bethlehem. When a person joins by **Christian experience**, he or she comes to Bethlehem as a member of another church of the Christian faith. When a person joins by **watchcare**, he or she maintains membership with another church of Christian faith, while connecting with and adhering to Bethlehem's mission and doctrinal statement.

The most common way to indicate your desire to become a member of Bethlehem is to walk down the aisle during Sunday morning worship to make your request known to the Pastor. You may also speak with the Pastor, or any minister or deacon at any other time. We will gladly lead you as you accept Jesus as your Savior and Lord, and join with us in serving God and demonstrating His love to the world.