



6 REASONS TO JOIN A CHURCH

Many attend but never join; here's the case for making things official!

1. Membership says, “I belong here,” and God says that believers belong together (*Hebrews 10:23-25*). You sense that God wants you here with the people of FBC Blanchard at this time in your Christian life, and you want to make a public declaration that you are committed to God's work through this church.

2. Membership says, “We share the same ministry goals,” and God says that believers are to be committed to one another for the sake of spiritual impact (*Ephesians 4:16*). You believe that Jesus has a work to do in our community, and around the world, and you are willing to join with others to see that it gets done.

3. Membership says, “I accept responsibility for a group of fellow believers in the family of God,” and that is God's plan as well (*Galatians 6:1-2, 10*). You want to be part of a caring network of people, sharing one another's joys and sorrows, and helping one another grow through:

The Gospel - Corporate Worship, Biblical Community - Fellowship & Bible Study,
Spiritual Growth – Discipleship, Missional Living – Evangelism & Ministry.

4. Membership says, “I am accountable to mature brothers and sisters in Christ for my walk with God,” and God warns against spiritual autonomy (*Hebrews 13:17; Matthew 18:15-20*). You do not want to go at it alone in standing for Jesus Christ, and want to receive the guidance, equipping, and assistance necessary to remain on target.

5. Membership says, “I accept responsibility for accomplishing the mission,” and God says that is how it should be (*1 Corinthians 12:20-27*). Members elect deacons, church officers, approve an annual ministry budget, as well as call pastors to serve as our spiritual leaders. Every member has a say in shaping our church's direction and ministry goals.

6. Membership keeps us legal (*1 Peter 2:13-17*). The state of Louisiana recognizes churches if they have a credible membership and organization structure. Obedience to these laws affirms that we are responsible citizens with a desire to serve.