

How do I know if I am a Member of the Local Church?



The first Measurement of Church Membership is SALVATION:

- **Only You can Answer the Question: Are you Saved?** If you have privately and publicly professed your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior as the Only Way to Experience Heaven and Eternal Life you have taken the First Step to be a Church Member.

The second Measurement of Church Membership is BAPTISM:

- **Have you been biblically baptized by Immersion?** (meaning under the water and raised up) Immersion Baptism is a picture of the Death & the Burial & the Resurrection of Jesus?
 - Along with the Question, “Have you been baptized?” also consider these things:
 - Biblical Baptism in the Baptist Church is NOT sprinkling, or baptism as an infant or being touched with “holy water” – *Baptism is your individual choice made to be baptized by immersion in any body of water.* The water is not what saves a person – but what saves a person is the decision of faith in the heart.
 - Also, consider if you have been biblically baptized; *Is your baptism on the right side of your personal salvation experience?* – Many people get baptized at a young age, and only later in life make a Profession of Faith in Jesus and thus we often say “their baptism is on the wrong side of their salvation.” It is important for you to have this in the right order for your own discipleship commitment.

The third Measurement of Church Membership is OFFICIALLY JOINING:

- At times people assume that because they attend regularly that they are automatically made members of the local Church.
 - **We encourage everyone who desires to be a member of FBC to take personal action in 2 Ways;**
 - Attend 1 Session of the Discover FBC Class
 - Make your desire to Join FBC Known to a Staff Person or a FBC Member during or after your participation in Discover FBC.