



Membership Expectations @ Chaffee Crossing Baptist Church

As church members in covenant to one another, we are responsible to serve, care, and build up one another for the glory of God (**Acts 2:42-47**). Scripture uses metaphors of a building (**1 Cor. 3:9**), a temple (**Eph. 2:19-22**), a body (**1 Cor. 12**), a flock (**Acts 20:28**), and a family (**Gal. 6:10; 1 Tim. 3:15**) to help us understand the corporate nature of our faith together as believers. As you commit yourself to the life of this local church, keep in mind the following priorities:

(1.) Be constant in your attendance both on Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings.

As of today, we meet every Sunday at 10:00 AM, and we currently have Sunday PM services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. These gatherings are the primary means for you to get to know others and be known by them. Such participation will root you in the growth and development of our church.

(2.) Pray for our church daily.

The community of faith God is building here will be strengthened by intercessory prayer – prayer for our worship gatherings, witness, evangelism, and spiritual maturity. We suggest you pray through the church membership directory, as a way to both care for other members but also to become familiar with everyone's name.

(3.) Give proportionally and cheerfully.

Jesus said, “*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*” (**Matthew 6:21**). In this context, Jesus makes it clear that our hearts typically follow where we invest and spend our money. One of the ways we can guard our hearts from stinginess and worldliness is by stewarding the resources God has given us to invest in the work of gospel ministry. Beyond caring for our own families (**1 Tim. 5:8**), we should prayerfully consider how to support the ministry of the local church through the financial means God has supplied us. Currently, the two ways you can give are through the black offering boxes on the wall in our building, or through the online giving portal. May Paul’s words from **2 Corinthians** be a source of encouragement and motivation for you:

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” -2 Cor. 9:7-8

(4.) Make it a priority of being present and prepared to partake of the Lord’s Supper with us each month.

Our present custom is to partake of the Lord’s Supper once a month, with the majority of the time taking place in the Sunday PM gathering. This is a spiritually enriching time as we examine ourselves, verbally renew our covenant with one another, treasure the gospel, and proclaim the Lord’s death together as we eagerly anticipate the day of Christ’s return (**1 Cor. 10 - 11**).

(5.) Do your best to be present for our Members Meetings that take place 6 times a year.

Our regularly scheduled members meetings currently occur on the odd month, on the third week of that month, at 5:00 PM on that Sunday evening. Members meetings are one of the clearest and most helpful ways to understand what is going on in the life of our church. It is also one of the most practical ways members exercise their responsibility from Jesus to guard the gospel and our gospel witness through receiving new members, recognizing elders and deacons, voting on the church budget, and learning about the various ministries of the church.

(6.) Serve the members of the church.

Serving our congregation can take place through discipling relationships, small groups, service teams, or whatever biblical ways that build up the saints and support the overall direction and leadership of the church. Our current practice at CCBC is to inform all new members to refrain from joining any official CCBC Service Teams ***until you've been a member for at least 3 months***. We want this to be a time where you sit and receive the Word through preaching and teaching, and continue to get acclimated to the overall culture of our church and our ministry philosophies. We encourage new members simply to get to know other members of the congregation, and form relationships centered on the gospel and our mutual commitment to love one another through the vows we've made through the Church Covenant. You have freedom to form friendships in whatever ways make sense for your present season of life and family. Some basic ideas could be:

- *Opening up your home to others*
- *Getting together for coffee/lunch/dinner*
- *Lingering after the Sunday worship gatherings and Wednesday Equipping Classes for conversation and fellowship*

As we come together and pray, as we give and obey, as we deliberate and decide, we have the opportunity and responsibility to show God's glory to this community and beyond!

"I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth." -1 Timothy 3:14-15

Today counts for eternity,

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