



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

A Church that is Building Relationships so that we can Share Christ so that we can Grow Together

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Why is Membership important?

Church membership is important for several reasons:

1. We believe membership is Biblical. While the term 'church member' isn't used in the Bible, the imagery and concept of 'membership' (or belonging to a specific local church fellowship) is implicit throughout the New Testament.

While every Christian is a POSITIONAL member of God's church (1 Cor. 12:12-13), the Bible also urges positional members to grow in their faith in the context of a local church body—or to become PARTICIPATING MEMBERS (Rom. 12:4-8; Eph. 2:19-21). To be a Christian and not belong to a specific local church fellowship is like a football player saying "I want to play football, but don't want to play on a specific team." There are over thirty instructions in the New Testament that you cannot obey unless you are a part of a local church family (ie: Heb. 10:24).

2. Membership is valuable in that it identifies those who truly comprise the flock of our church—those who are in agreement with the doctrines and direction of our church, are people of integrity and moral purity and can be counted on to build and sustain the ministries of the church. This also helps the leaders of the church as they seek to fulfill their God-given task of caring for the flock.

What am I committing to if I become a member?

You are committing to grow in your walk with Christ and be part of the community of Fulton Alliance Church. In addition, you are saying that you agree with the vision, values and direction the church is taking and that you will use your gifts in ministry and money to help accomplish the vision.

Specifically, you are committing to the following statements:

- To protect the unity of my church
- To share in the responsibility of my church
- To use my gifts to serve the ministry of my church
- To generously donate money to advance the ministry of my church
- To support the testimony of my church
- To become a committed member of one of our connect or small groups

How do I become a member?

The process for membership is a simple one. The following steps are requested in order to be received into membership.

- Make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and be baptized.
- Be a 'regular attender' for at least 3 months and begin to use your gifts to serve in the church.
- Attend a Membership Class.
- Complete the Membership Application packet.
- Be interviewed by a member(s) of the Elder Board through whom your application receives approval.
- Be received into membership at a Sunday Morning Service.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Fulton Alliance Church

Once your membership application is complete and you have handed it in to us, you will be contacted by one of the Elders to arrange a suitable interview time.

We are pleased that you desire to become a part of our church family. In order that we may know your purpose and be assured that you are ready to be received into the membership of Fulton Alliance, we ask you to respond to the following questions (use additional paper where necessary):

PART A

1. Have you committed your life to Jesus Christ and trusted Him for salvation?

Yes No

2. Have you been baptized as a believer? Yes No If no, when do you intend to be baptized?

If yes, please give details of when, where and mode of baptism: _____

3. Our Membership class is a prerequisite to membership. Have you attended this class? Yes No
When? _____ If not, **please pre-register** with the church office (315-593-6842).

4. Are you familiar with and committed to Fulton Alliance's Vision of Building Relationships so that we can Share Christ so that we can Grow Together? Yes No

5. How long have you been attending Fulton Alliance Church? _____
Would you say your attendance has been regular or sporadic ? (If you are new to Fulton Alliance or attend sporadically, we request that you attend regularly for at least 3 months before you seek membership.)

6. Who is your connect group leader at Fulton Alliance? _____. If not in a connect group, are you willing to join one? Yes No

7. What ministry are you involved in? _____. If not presently using your gifts in service, are you willing to do so? Yes No

PART B

1. Describe your current walk with the Lord.

2. Do you regard the Bible as God's final authority in all areas of the Christian life and do you desire to be wholly obedient to it? Yes No Please explain any reservations you have:

3. What does **church membership** mean to you? Why do you want to become a member?
4. What is your understanding of the VISION and STRATEGY of Fulton Alliance Church? What about this excites or inspires you?
5. How do you believe you can contribute to the vision of our church?
6. What do you believe to be your spiritual gifts?
7. How are you using these gifts in ministry to build up the body of Christ?
- Would you like to schedule an appointment with a church leader to help you in the process of discovering your gift mix (Spiritual Gift, Passion, and Personal Style)? Yes No
8. What are your expectations of the church?
9. Do you have any questions about Fulton Alliance Church? (Make a note of them and they can be discussed at the membership orientation.)

APPENDIX A

My Testimony: Please write a short description of your life before receiving Christ, how you received Jesus as your Saviour (be specific), and describe what has happened in your life since you became a Christian.

What does it mean to you to be a Christian (please explain)?

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

(Please return your completed application to the church office)