

Steps for Uniting with the Church

Dear Brother and Sister in Christ,

I assume the reason you are reading this document is because of your interest in church membership for which I want to commend you. I believe the Bible teaches that every Christian should be connected to a local church. In the New Testament, there was the church at Corinth or the church at Rome. These were local congregations with elders (pastors/overseers) and deacons. If you choose not to join Berean, you need to ask yourself: “Why am I not joining?” and determine if you have a valid reason for not uniting. To those whom the Lord has led to become part of the voting membership of Berean, the following things must be accomplished before your name will be presented before the church for admittance into the congregation.

1. You must be a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Lord Jesus Christ must be your personal Savior and Lord through faith in the gospel.
2. You must be baptized by immersion in water after the moment when you believe you were born again.
3. Complete First Class—Berean’s pre-membership class.
4. You must publicly share your desire to unite with the church during a Sunday morning or evening service. Please communicate with the office so that we know of your desire to present.
5. The office will schedule a membership interview for you with one of the elders to get to know each other and talk through your salvation testimony (which you should have typed out). They will also review membership expectations and prohibitions and answer any questions. Typically, these are scheduled on Sundays or Wednesdays prior to the evening service or activities. Please communicate with the church to schedule an interview.

Once these steps are completed, your name and picture will be brought before the congregation during a Members’ Meeting for approval. Once you are approved for church membership, you will receive a letter in the mail within a few days after the meeting.

Please contact the church office or see any pastor or elder for more information about membership or questions about these steps.

Proclaiming Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pastor [Name]', is written in a cursive style.