

MEMBERSHIP



Whether membership in a church is formal or informal, there is a difference between “attenders” and “members” that can be summed up in one word: _____. Making a definite commitment to be part of a local church is important for the following reasons:

I. FIVE REASONS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IS _____:

1. It is the perfect Biblical _____.
1 Corinthians 12: 27 “Now you are the **body** of Christ, and individual **members** of it.”
2. A member is made for _____.
Galatians 6:10 “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”
3. A member is made for _____.
Ephesians 4:16 “From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”
4. A member is made for _____.
Ephesians 4:13 “...until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”
5. A member is made for _____.
1 Corinthians 12:25 “So there would be no division in the body, but the members would have the same concern for each other.”

II. THREE REASONS MEMBERSHIP IS _____:

1. A Cultural Reason: It is an antidote to our _____.
Membership swims against the current of America’s noncommittal “consumer religion.” It is an unselfish decision. Commitment always builds character.
2. A Practical Reason: It _____ who can be counted on.
Every team must have a roster. Every school must have an enrollment. Every business has a payroll. Every army has an enlistment. Even our country takes a census and requires voter registration. Membership & commitment identifies our family.
3. A Personal Reason: It _____ spiritual growth.
The New Testament places a major emphasis on the need for Christians to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth. You cannot be accountable when you’re not committed to any specific church family.

III. WHY _____ THE ROCK CHURCH?

1. Our _____...
 - We are a Great Commission Church (See www.gccweb.org)
 - Planted The Rock Church in Sandy: October 17, 1999.
 - Downtown: October 4, 2003!
 - Provo: Sept 17, 2007! (Goal: 20 services by 2020)
 - West: January 19, 2015

2. Our _____ & mission...
 - Vision Statement: "One life at a time, one world in our lifetime."
 - Mission Statement: "WIN the lost, BUILD the believer, SEND the sanctified."

3. Our _____ of ministry...
 - We are a "Non denominational, Bible-based evangelical church."
 - We are Non-charismatic (but very excited!)
 - We believe in the Great Commission
 - We believe every member is a Minister-serving! (Eph 4)

4. Our _____ group emphasis...
 - SG's are the Heartbeat our church - not an appendage, not really in church if not on SG.
 - We practice the Ephesians 4, "One -Another " verses; community, not just Bible study.

5. Our _____ style...
 - CHARACTER based (1 Timothy 3 & Titus 1 qualifications) - Not degree on wall.
 - We practice In - House apprentice training (One on one, leadership meetings, both men & women).
 - We believe in the Plurality of Elders/Pastors.
 - We are "Elder Led" in our church polity.

IV. THE ROCK MEMBERSHIP _____.

At The Rock we would never ask our members to do more than the BIBLE clearly teaches. We only expect our members to do what the Bible expects every Christian to do. These responsibilities are spelled out in *The Rock Church Membership Covenant (On separate page)*.