



MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

We are glad that you are considering becoming a part of the Calvary family.

Our desire for you as an individual is you would have a personal faith in Christ that is growing and a growing faith that is being expressed by serving. Our desire for this fellowship of believers is that we would come together in the unity of our faith to worship God, experience authentic community and then go forth into the world on mission with God.

The purpose of this brochure is to explain the process of becoming a member of this church. Put simply, we want to know that you have accepted Christ as your personal Savior, you have been baptized as a believer by immersion, and we ask that you attend a Starting Point membership orientation class where we will provide you with additional information about our church.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Connections Office at one of the phone numbers on the back panel.

MEMBERSHIP PROCESS ADULTS

1. Personal Decision Record

The membership process begins when an individual completes Calvary's Personal Decision Record and indicates a desire for church membership. Individuals are then received into Calvary's membership in one of three ways:

By Transfer of Membership if they are currently a member of another Baptist church,

By Statement of Faith and Baptism if they have previously accepted Christ as Savior and have been baptized by immersion but are not currently members of another Baptist church, or

By Baptism if they have placed their faith in Christ for salvation and are now ready to follow the Lord in believer's baptism by immersion.

Once an individual has indicated their desire to join the church, someone from our Connections Office will contact the person to schedule their attendance at a Starting Point class and be baptized (if needed).

2. Starting Point Membership Orientation Class

Since 1993, Calvary has also required that individuals joining the church complete a Starting Point membership orientation class or its equivalent prior to being voted into membership.

3. Baptism

Follow through with believer's baptism if needed.



MEMBERSHIP PROCESS STUDENTS/KIDS

The membership requirements and process for children and youth are much the same as for adults except that:

Children in the 1st – 5th grades are required to attend the **First Steps** class and meet with one of our Children's Ministry staff prior to baptism and church membership. This is in lieu of attending the adult Starting Point membership orientation class.

Students in the 6th – 12th grades may meet with one of our student ministry staff in lieu of attending the adult Starting Point membership orientation class.

Additional information

Calvary asks that those requesting church membership complete the membership process before the next quarterly church conference.

If necessary, this time may be extended at the discretion of one of the pastors.

At each quarterly church family conference, the names of all persons who have completed the requirements for church membership will be presented to the church for a vote into church membership.

NEXT STEPS >>>

This brochure contains a lot of information and you may want to discuss parts of it with someone. When you are ready to take the next step, we will guide you through the process.

The first step that begins the membership process is completing Calvary's **Personal Decision Record**. This form is available in a number of locations:

- from one of our pastors following each of the worship services
- from a Connections team member in any of our lobbies
- from the teacher in your Bible Fellowship class
- at our Dinners with the Pastor and Starting Point membership orientation classes
- from the Connections Office
- from our website at www.calvarynow.com/new
- contact our office and ask to speak with one of our pastors

We encourage you to continue praying for the Lord to show you if this is the church fellowship He wants you to join. If it is, we look forward to guiding you through this process.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CALVARY

We offer regularly scheduled **Dinners with the Pastor** for our guests and those considering membership where you can learn more about our church. While this is not required for church membership it is a great way to meet the Pastor and get to know our church a little better.

We offer regularly scheduled **Starting Point** membership orientation classes for those pursuing church membership as well as anyone else who would like to learn more about our church.

We offer a number of **Bible Fellowship** classes where you can grow in your faith by being in community with other believers. While some individuals may have joined a Bible Fellowship class before pursuing church membership, we expect that every member at Calvary will become involved in one of our Bible Fellowship classes.



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