



Candlelight Christian Fellowship

Voluntary Membership Form

Please Print

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Cell #: _____

Email: _____

Spouse's Last Name: _____

Spouse's First Name: _____

Spouse's Cell #: _____

Spouse's Email: _____

Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

| <u>Name</u> Children living in the home | <u>Birthdate</u> (please include year) | <u>M/F</u> | <u>Grade</u> |
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Being a member of this church is a declaration of commitment. It is a commitment to the beliefs, vision, direction, leadership and to the other members of the fellowship. As a member, you are declaring agreement with, dedication to, and active participation in the ministry life of the local church. As a member, you are a "Sanctioned Member" of the congregation.

It has long been our belief that the New Testament demonstrates a model for "church membership." Those who are born again believers and who participate in the local church are members. We as Christians are "members of the body of Christ." However, with a continuing decline in moral values, and a failure to provide accountability - both here at Candlelight, with other churches, and within the local and national community, we chose to develop a voluntary membership for those who attend Candlelight. Furthermore, with participants as members, we are better equipped to serve the body and provide networking, follow-up, assess needs in the church family, assist in meeting those needs and provide Biblical accountability.

Although the term "local church membership" as understood by this document is not specifically delineated in the Biblical text, it is the position of Candlelight Christian Fellowship that the idea of recognized membership is consistent with the Biblical model. Believers are called to participate in the life of a local church. (Acts 2:42-47; Heb. 10:25; Eph 4:7-16) It is here that the various gifts we exercise are used to assist growth and maturity in Christ. (1 Corinthians 12) Membership is the concept which upholds the importance of the body of Christ and helps to guard against the tendencies of independence and disunity the Bible warns against. By becoming a "member," of Candlelight Christian Fellowship, you are declaring your commitment to Christ, to our ministry leadership. It is also a declaration of intent to use your gifts for the edification of those who are part of the Candlelight Family and to maintain the bond of unity with the fellowship while awaiting the Lord's return.

"Membership" at Candlelight will serve us all because it allows us to know those who are committed to our ministry goals and those who share our vision to make devoted followers of Christ. We depend on our members to help shape the ministries we offer and provide insight and assistance in fulfilling our mission. As a member of Candlelight, we will share a greater awareness of each other's gifts and talents as well as needs or weakness. This will help us shape our ministries in a way that best edifies you and the other members of the congregation. It also helps us know whom we can depend on in fulfilling our long-term ministry goals. Because we are dedicated to you, it is vital that we maintain a good mailing list and accountability for this growing family of people. Our goal is to do our very best to serve you all in Jesus' name with excellence and love. Please note, we will not share our mailing list or any other personal information with any outside entity, organization, or person.

"Sanctioned Membership" and participation at Candlelight Christian Fellowship is non-exclusive but is limited by a lifestyle befitting Biblical principles, a willingness to regularly attend and support the gatherings of the fellowship, a commitment to financially support the fellowship, and the desire to maintain accountability with the church and its mission in life and conduct. Membership shall be subject to elder approval. Any member who is in open or persistent disagreement with or disregard the Philosophy of Ministry, Mission Statement, or Statement of Faith shall be subject to revocation. Those who desire removal from membership shall make the request in writing. Removal from membership shall then be acknowledged in writing to the requestor.

I (we) have read the attached document - "Why Should I Be a Member of a Local Church"

I (we) wish to be a member of Candlelight Christian Fellowship

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Spouse's Signature: _____

Date: _____