



# Berean Baptist Church

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. To 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 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. You must publically share your desire to unite with the church at the conclusion of a Sunday or Wednesday service. Please let any pastor know of your desire to present yourself at the beginning of the service so the service is not dismissed before you are presented.
4. You must schedule a membership interview with one of the pastors to hear your salvation testimony and review membership expectations and prohibitions. Typically, these are scheduled on Sundays and Wednesdays. Please call the church to schedule an interview with a pastor.
5. Complete First Class—Berean’s pre-membership class.

Once these steps are completed, your name and picture will be brought before the congregation during a church members meeting for approval. Once you are approved for church membership, you will receive a letter in the mail. If you know a membership meeting occurred and you did not get a letter in the mail, please call the church so we can determine if a clerical mistake or oversight occurred.

Please see any pastor for more information about membership or questions about these steps. You do NOT have to wait until you have finished First Class to present yourself or schedule a membership interview.

Proclaiming Christ,

Sean Harris  
Pastor