

## ***Understanding the Church Body***

The most exciting organization in the world is the church. The church is the only organization in the world that is in the full-time business of transforming people's lives.

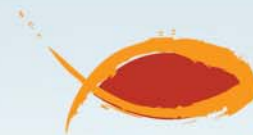
It is important for those who choose to become Christ-followers to become members of a church. The Bible outlines all kinds of benefits that become ours as a result of joining together with others in the body of Christ, the church.

### **Some of these benefits are:**

Encouragement	Spiritual Closeness
Help	Love
Service	Acceptance
Mission	

Formal members of Friendship Church have the privilege of being actively involved in decisions that affect the future of our church.

They are able to vote on finances, bylaws, board members, nominating committee, and other pertinent matters. Only members are able to be on the church board or nominating committees.



*Friendship Church*

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\*Service Times: Sunday 9:00 & 10:30am

[www.friendship-church.org](http://www.friendship-church.org)

# ***Membership***

*at Friendship Church*



**"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."**

*Acts 2:42*

**One Church**

**Two Campuses**

**Bible Based - Family Building**

# Our Mission

...to reach unchurched people and empower believers to become fully dedicated followers of Jesus Christ.



Prior Lake Campus



Shakopee Campus

## Membership Requirements

- A. A testimony of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and the desire to become His fully dedicated follower.
- B. A solid understanding of Christian beliefs experienced through taking the Alpha Course or previous training and knowledge of your spiritual gifts.
- C. Members are expected to:
  1. Continue to grow spiritually through faithful church attendance.
  2. Serve the Lord by volunteering in a ministry of Friendship Church.
  3. Give tithes and offerings generously to the Lord.
- D. Baptism by immersion following a testimony of faith.

## Friendship Membership Covenants

At Friendship Church, we take the responsibility of being a church member very seriously. Through church membership, our lives are spiritually connected with the lives of the other members. What happens to one member, affects the lives of all the other members.

*...“so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.” 1 Corinthians 12:25&26 (NIV)*

Because this is true, we ask people joining Friendship Church to sign a Membership Commitment stating their intention to be faithful members in regard to their:

- **Spiritual Growth**
- **Service**
- **Financial Stewardship**
- **Attendance at Church Business Meetings**

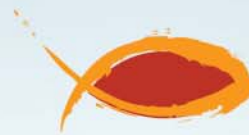
For more information about membership at Friendship Church, please call or visit our website at [www.friendship-church.org](http://www.friendship-church.org).

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