



After the Altar Call... What's Next? is dedicated to individuals who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and who need to understand the process of getting established in the church.

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It is necessary to address questions new members may have and assist them in getting established in the congregation.



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others and are edified. Many churches meet during the week as well as on Sundays. The services that are held during the week usually consist of prayer meeting and Bible Study. Praying with other believers is important because you will be strengthened. During Bible Study, you will be able to get answers to your questions. Sunday School is another important service that is geared to enriching you spiritually. Sunday School is another opportunity for you to ask questions and to study with other believers. You can get Sunday School materials from the Sunday School Superintendent or the Sunday School Teacher.

It is important that you get involved with various departments. You can get involved with the various choirs, usher board, and other ministries.

Contribute to the Financial Growth of the Church



God requires us to contribute some of our finances to assist in the financial needs of the church. Tithing is a practice of giving 10% of our earning. You are encouraged to become a tither and to give a portion of your income.

Understand What You Have To Offer

Everyone has a spiritual gift and something to offer to promote the church. Do you like to sing? Do you like to encourage others? Are you good with planning activities? Are you a leader? Take the “gift inventory test” and understand what you can offer. The Scripture tells us, whatsoever our hands find to do, do it whole heartily as unto the Lord.



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Now that you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, it is important that you engage in Christian Fellowship. The Church is here to assist you in your spiritual journey. The following tips will assist you in your spiritual endeavors.

1. Make a Commitment to Become a Member of the Church
2. Understand the Meaning of Membership and Why It is Important
3. Get a Bible and Study Materials
4. Develop a Prayer Life; include fasting
5. Participate in the Church's Orientation Process
6. Attend various Church services and Get Involved
Sunday School/Church School
Bible Study
Prayer Meeting
7. Contribute to the Financial Growth of the Church
8. Understand What You Have to Offer
9. Get a Spiritual Mentor

Make a Commitment to Become a Member of the Church

Becoming a member of a Bible Teaching Church is important. Talk with the Pastor and express an interest in becoming a member. The pastor will give you information about joining the congregation.

What Does Membership Mean And Why Do You Need A Spiritual Family?

Why do you need a spiritual family?

1. You Need Healthy Relationships.

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.
—Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NLT

2. You Need A Place Where You Can Use Your Gifts And Talents.

Do not neglect the gift that is in you . . . —1 Timothy 4:14
God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. —1 Peter 4:10

3. You Need A Place Where You Can Grow.

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals, and to prayer. —Acts 2:42 NLT

4. You Need To Belong To An Organization.

For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. —Romans 12:4-5.

Get a Bible and Study Materials



Obtain a study Bible and a concordance. You will also need a Bible Dictionary. If you cannot get these materials, ask your pastor to supply you with them. It is important that you have the necessary tools to enhance your spiritual growth. The Scripture tells us to study God's Word (2Tim 2:15).

God's Word is a spiritual light that guides your daily walk (Ps. 119:105) and a spiritual weapon of defense against Satan's attacks (St. Mat. 4:3-11. The Word also facilitates faith (Romans 10:17). Jesus said, 'search the scriptures...they testify of me' (John 5:39).

Develop a Prayer Life



Prayer is a vital part of the Christian Experience. Jesus taught his disciples to pray (St. Mat. 6: 5-15). We must always communicate with the Father and cast our cares upon Him because He cares for us. Our concerns are His and we should share them with Him. The Scripture tells us to always pray. It would be very helpful to also have a prayer partner. Jesus said where two or three are gathered with agreement, He will be in the midst. Set aside time for fasting (lack of food for a period of time) when you pray.

Participate in the Church's Orientation Process

Participating in the Church's orientation process will assist you in understanding your role as a new member and will also provide you information about the church's culture, membership, and leadership. You will meet other new members and get a feel for the church's culture, requirements, and responsibilities. You will understand the importance of developing a relationship, participating in fellowship, and members' obligations.

Attend various Church services



During the orientation, you should receive a schedule of church activities and services. As a new Christian and new member, it is important to attend church services and fellowship with other believers regularly. The Scripture says we should assemble ourselves because we can experience the various gifts of

Welcome to Our Church

But his delight is in the Law of the Lord and in His Law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that brings forth its fruit in its season whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. Ps. 1:2-3.

Welcome to the Church of God by Faith, Inc. We are happy you have decided to be a part of our church family.

When you chose to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you made the most important decision of your life. We are happy that you want to enhance your walk with Christ. Please know that the “By Faith” family stands with you in prayer and support for your Christian growth and success.

We believe that the Word of God transforms lives and equips the believer to withstand in the midst of adversity and disappointments. It is essential that you read and study your Bible daily, develop a prayer life, attend church, and training sessions. We stand in covenant agreement with you concerning your needs and spiritual growth.

Check with the pastor to get started with the New Members Orientation process and sessions.

Please let us know how we can assist you in your Christian endeavors and activities.

Get a Spiritual Mentor

The new convert needs someone who will stand with him or her in prayer and support. A spiritual mentor will guide you and assist you in your spiritual growth. Ask the pastor to suggest someone to you.

Know that the Church is here for you and believes in you. It is **the goal of the church to ensure your growth and to ascertain that you are planted** because we want you to be saved and to be spiritually productive. So after the Altar Call... Meditate, Gravitate, and Elevate. Study God’s Word and learn more about Jesus, the church, and your ministry (**Meditate**), Get involved in various ministries (**Gravitate**), and encourage someone else to accept Jesus (**Elevate**).

P.R.A.Y.

Pray without ceasing; associate it with fasting occasionally.
Read and Study the Word of God
Always Give Thanks and Praise God
Yield to the Holy Spirit