

Rules for Admission to Membership

We encourage all those who are believers in Jesus Christ and have been baptized as a believer by immersion to become Members of Grandview Baptist Church. Those who are Members are able to enter more fully in the work of the Church and to be more deeply cared for by the Church.

The steps set out below show the normal sequence for becoming a Member. The elders may vary the details to suit individual circumstances provided that the essentials are maintained.

1. The person attends a one-session class on Church Membership. This may alternatively be done after applying for membership, but before the interview.
2. The person completes the application for membership. Part of this is a declaration professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, acknowledging having been baptized as a believer by immersion, accepting the basic doctrines of the Church in the Statement of Faith, and committing to be subject to the authority of the Church as set out in the Constitution and Policies.
3. The elders appoint two Members to interview the person. At least one of these two must be an elder or one of the ministry staff. The other may be any other Member acceptable to the elders and whom the elders have trained for this purpose. The interviewers verify that the person is qualified to be a Member, understands the responsibilities of membership, and exhibits a lifestyle and attitude consistent with the teachings of Scripture.
4. The interviewers notify the elders that they believe the person's application should proceed.
5. The elders announce to the Church the name of the person applying for membership and provide a brief outline of the person's testimony. Members are asked, if they have any concerns about the person becoming a Member, to voice their concerns confidentially to an elder or one of the ministry staff.
6. After an interval of at least two Sundays, the elders consider the application for membership. They discuss any concerns raised. If the elders vote in favour of accepting the person as a Member, then the person becomes a Member immediately.
7. The elders notify the Church Clerk who updates the membership roll accordingly.
8. The name of the new Member is communicated to the congregation.

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