

FOREST CITY BIBLE CHURCH

Membership Overview

Thank you for your interest in membership at Forest City Bible Church. We're so glad you've decided to take the next step in getting connected to our Church family. The Elders at FCBC have a high view of membership, seeing it as an important way in which we show our commitment to the body of Christ. Membership at FCBC comes with certain 'privileges and responsibilities.' Our hope is to give you a brief overview of those, along with some information about our particular beliefs and values at FCBC.

About FCBC:

We are an evangelical Church affiliated with the Associated Gospel Churches of Canada (AGC). As a Church, our mission is '*to glorify God by making disciples.*' We want God and His glory to be at the forefront of everything we do. We value Christ-centered expositional preaching, as well as a central focus on the gospel in all our teaching ministries. We want to see people come to faith in Jesus Christ and also to be built up to maturity in Him. We believe that the primary way this happens is through the ministry of the Word. FCBC is an Elder led Church, meaning our Elders are appointed to oversee God's people and provide spiritual care and direction to the Church.

Membership Requirements:

- Be at least 16 years of age
- Have a clear understanding of the Gospel
- Agree with our Statement of Faith
- Have no unresolved conflict at a previous Church
- Have been baptised by immersion
- Have attended FCBC for a minimum of 3 months

Our Commitment to You as a Member:

The Christian life is not always easy, but we believe God has given us the local Church to help spur one another on in life and faith, until we all reach the fullness of maturity in the Lord Jesus (Eph. 4:13; Heb. 10:25). As a member at FCBC, you can expect the Elders to be regularly praying for you, to provide spiritual care by being available to meet and offer counsel and support, as well as following up with you when there are issues or prolonged absences from Church. We do this as a way of making sure you're being cared for, and to provide accountability. The Elders are also involved in Church discipline when issues of sin arise in the Church.

Your Responsibility to the Church as a Member:

As a member at FCBC, we have the expectation that you will be connected to Church life. This includes regularly attending Church on Sunday, being involved in mid-week groups (as your schedule allows), serving the body according to your particular gifts, attending our Annual General Meeting (or providing a proxy vote if absent), and just generally seeking to know other members and care for them through prayer and fellowship. There is a minimum expectation of attendance to maintain membership, where absences of more than six months result in membership termination. We believe every member matters and want to encourage you to be a blessing to the Church, and in turn we want to see you grow and be blessed in life and faith as well.