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A Pastoral Guide to Missional Membership

WITH SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH IN DECATUR, AL

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For Prospective Members

For New Members

For Current Members

For Returning Members

For Pastoral Care Visits

PASTOR

MEETING DATE

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From Pastor Christopher

Local church membership acknowledges what God has already done for you through salvation in Jesus Christ. **God made you a member of Christ's body, the Church!**

Church membership is important and when rightly practiced, is necessary to the health of any local church.

This membership guide represents the questions that will *help me to help you* become the church member God desires for you to be, as we seek together:

**"To be God's witnesses,
who do God's will,
as revealed in God's word."**

May God use this guide to build His Church through healthy church membership and pastoral care!

In Jesus,

Pastor Christopher



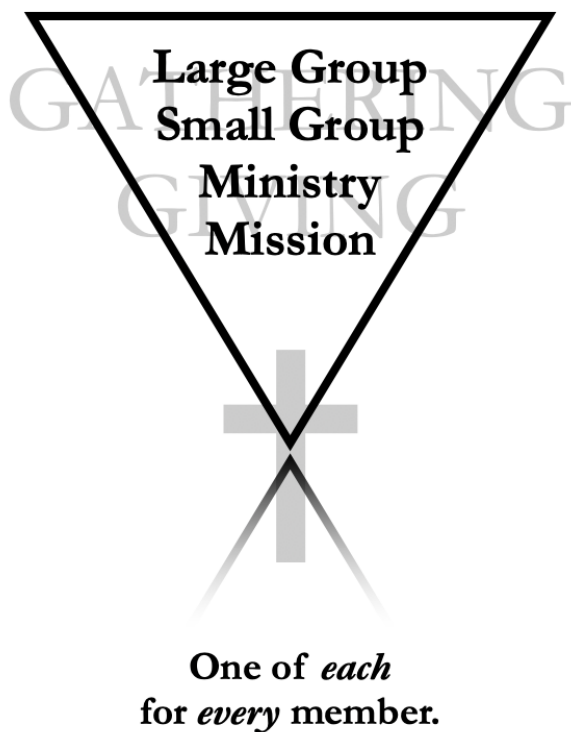


The Membership Movement

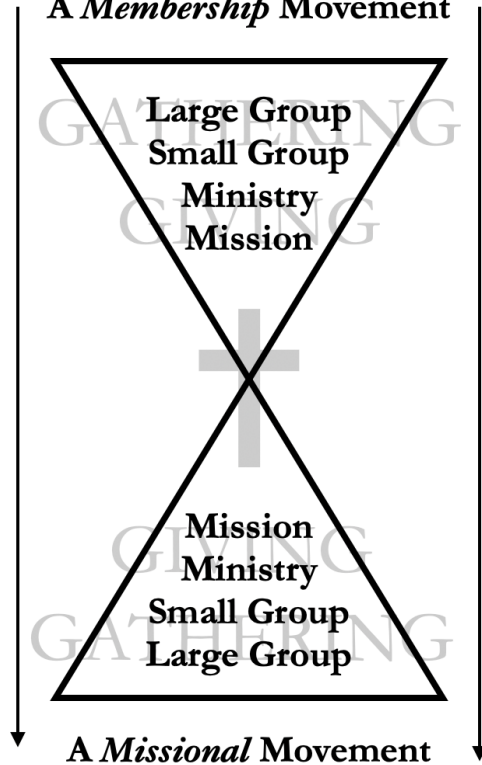
"The Membership Movement" is a local church discipleship pathway built around the words **Gather & Give**. These movements inform the inflow and outflow of the local church in view of the Lord's commission to move, or "Go" (Mt 28:18-20).

At Southside Baptist Church in Decatur, AL, we *Gather in Large & Small Groups* and *Give through Ministry & Mission*. This prioritized process breaks down into four *strategic biblical movements* that guard our identity, and guide our practice with accountability, for the glory of God!

A Membership Movement



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Learn more at membershipmovement.org.





REALM | CONTACT INFORMATION

Name

Names of Family Members (and Relationship to You)

Mailing

Address

Unit

City

State

Postal Code

Physical (If different from mailing)

Address

Unit

City

State

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Call Okay?

Text Okay?

Line

Mobile

Work

Home

Alternate Phone

Call Okay?

Text Okay?

Line

Mobile

Work

Home

***Primary Email**

Alternate Email





REALM | PERSONAL INFORMATION

Age	Birthdate
Gender	Marital Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Male Female 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divorced Married Separated Single Widow Widowed
Allergies	

Current Member Status

- Active Member
- Associate Member
- Child of Member
- Homebound
- Inactive Member
- Not a Member

Date Baptized

Date Joined

How do you wish to join Southside Baptist Church?

- By Profession of Faith and Baptism
- By Letter
- By Statement





PASTORAL CARE | GOSPEL UNDERSTANDING

What is the good news (gospel) of Jesus Christ?

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PASTORAL CARE | CONVERSION STORY

How did you come to faith in Jesus Christ?

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PASTORAL CARE | BAPTISM

Have you been baptized?

- Yes - Once
- Yes - Multiple Times
- No

Date of Baptism

Order | I was baptized...

- AFTER salvation.
- BEFORE salvation.
- I don't believe order matters.

Mode | I was baptized...

- By immersion.
- By pouring.
- By sprinkling.
- I don't believe mode matters.

Salvation | Baptism...

- IS required for salvation.
- is NOT required for salvation.
- I don't know.

What church was responsible for your spiritual care at your baptism?

Name

City

State





PASTORAL CARE | LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

What was the most recent local church you were a member of?

Name

City

State

What religious denomination best describes that church?

Denomination

How many years were you a member?

Why are you requesting membership with Southside Baptist Church?





PASTORAL CARE | A MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Gathering in Large & Small Groups

I covenant with Southside Baptist Church to willingly and faithfully **GATHER** with the saints for the worship of God.

Yes
No
I cannot make this commitment.

I covenant with Southside Baptist Church to willingly and faithfully **GATHER** with a Southside Small Group for accountability, discipleship, and investment in Christian community.

Yes
No
I cannot make this commitment.

Giving through Ministry & Mission

I covenant with Southside Baptist Church to willingly and faithfully **GIVE** to the church through the discovery, confirmation, and exercise of the Holy Spirit's gift to me for the common good.

Yes
No
I cannot make this commitment.

I covenant with Southside Baptist Church to willingly and faithfully **GIVE** unto the Lord the tithes and offerings that belong to Him as an act of worship, gratitude, and means of God's provision for the gospel's advancement through the local church.

Yes
No
I cannot make this commitment.





PASTORAL CARE | A MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

I covenant with Southside Baptist Church to willingly and faithfully **GIVE** my time, resources, and prayers to build up the body of Christ and help brothers and sisters in need.

Yes

No

I cannot make this commitment.

I covenant with Southside Baptist Church to willingly and faithfully **GIVE** encouragement to one another, promote the peace of Christ, and maintain unity in the body by resolving disagreements within the church as instructed in God's Word.

Yes

No

I cannot make this commitment.

I covenant with Southside Baptist Church to willingly and faithfully **GIVE** the gospel to the lost by being a witness for Jesus in every possible way, including a life of obedience to God's revealed Word.

Yes

No

I cannot make this commitment.

This Membership Covenant aligns with a local church discipleship process called "**The Membership Movement.**" All members are encouraged to covenant together as a local church "**To be God's Witnesses, who do God's Will, as revealed in God's Word.**"

Today's Date





PASTORAL CARE | GATHERINGS

Why are Sunday worship services important to you?

What are you hoping for when you gather with the saints on Sundays?

What kind of Small Group Community do you desire to be a part of?





PASTORAL CARE | GIVING THROUGH MINISTRY

Do you aspire to hold the scriptural office of Overseer (also known as Pastor/Elder)?

Yes!

No

Maybe later?

I don't know.

Have you ever been a Deacon?

Yes

No

How are you interested, gifted, or able to meet needs and serve this local church for the glory of God and the building up of the saints?





PASTORAL CARE | GIVING THROUGH MISSION

How are you most interested in winning the lost for Christ through this local church for the glory of God? *What mission opportunities interest you?*

Do you have family members who do not know Jesus that we can pray for together? Or friends, neighbors, or coworkers?





PASTORAL CARE | COMMUNICATIONS

What do you need most from your pastor(s)?

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PASTORAL CARE | COMMUNICATIONS

What do you want your pastor(s) to know about you?

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PASTORAL CARE | EMERGENCIES

Emergency Contact

If something were to happen to you, who do you want us to contact?

Name 1

Relationship to you

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Name 2

Relationship to you

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Do you have any instructions to offer in case of an emergency?





Steps toward Missional Membership

1. Complete this Membership Guide.

Let this be a prayerful process. These questions will guide you to think about important moments in your faith journey. Once completed, contact the church office (256) 353-8814 to set up a membership meeting with a pastor.

2. Meet with a Pastor.

This meeting creates a wonderful and necessary opportunity for pastoral care. A pastor will meet with you and your family to hear about your walk with Jesus, talk about your faith journey, share about Southside's Membership Movement, and answer any questions you have. This meeting will help your pastor(s) learn how to better shepherd you and your family, and equip you for ministry and mission through the local church!

3. Be Affirmed by the Church.

After meeting with you, a pastor will recommend you for membership to the church body. At the next Member Meeting, the church will affirm together to welcome you into our fellowship.







Age Group
Small Group
Ministry
Mission

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