



Membership at Abundant Life

Abundant Life is committed to proclaiming the Gospel and ministering to the needs of every individual, regardless of membership status. We welcome everyone to attend our weekend worship services and to receive from the variety of ministries that we support, including ministries for individuals, families, youth, and recovery.

However, membership does matter at Abundant Life. We believe that God expects each of us to become members of a church family. A Christian without a family is like someone who says, “I want to play football but I don’t want to be on a team” or “I want to play a symphony but I don’t want to be in an orchestra.”

The reality is that a Christian without a church family is an orphan. When a child is raised in a functional family, he or she develops the self-esteem, character traits, skills, and habits necessary to live a productive life. He or she also enjoys the love, support, and protection of other family members. Likewise, a healthy, well-balanced church offers a Christian the ideal environment for personal and ministry development.

Membership is the way an individual makes a commitment to be a part of the ALCF family. A member supports the mission and purposes of ALCF and commits to participating in the life of the church. ALCF has the following requirements for membership:

1. You must be saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ (Eph 2:8).
2. If you have not already been baptized, you must plan to be baptized in water in obedience to the command of Christ (Acts 2:38).
3. You must have a sincere desire to live in obedience to Christ (John 14:23).

Expectations for members include committing to their personal life in Christ, committing to growth in the context of a Christian small group, committing to supporting the church financially and with ministry abilities, and committing to win the lost and disciple others.

Membership does have its privileges. Benefits of membership include ALCF’s commitment to provide spiritual oversight and shepherding for its members, accessibility to ALCF pastors and facilities for marriage, funerals, and baptisms, emergency benevolence, and ALCF’s commitment to provide Biblical and pastoral counseling. Above all, members belong to a family of believers who are mutually committed to upholding each other in spiritual development and practical needs. Members are also representatives of the church and, according to their gifts and maturity, are permitted and encouraged to participate in ministry leadership roles at Abundant Life.

Those who are interested in membership should attend an Exploring Membership orientation, which is held on a regular basis.