

## **FCC Membership Requirements**

According to Article 4 of the First Christian Church (FCC) Bylaws:

"The church roll shall consist of active and inactive members. The Board shall determine the criteria for identifying active and inactive membership, and for removing members from membership, if necessary. The roll shall be revised and brought up to date at least once a year just prior to the selection of Elders during the Annual Vote."

### **NEW MEMBERS**

#### **Requirements**

In order to become a member of FCC, the following 4 requirements must be met:

1. Repent from sin (as evidenced by lifestyle and habits, in alignment with FCC's Statement of Faith and with any policies or positions accepted by the Board)
2. Identify with Christ through baptism by immersion (not necessarily at FCC)
3. Publicly confess faith in Jesus Christ (during a worship service at FCC)
4. Complete FCC "Next Steps" class/process

#### **Expectations**

All members of FCC are expected to cultivate the 7 Habits in their daily lives as part of our mission of *Helping People Find and Follow Jesus*.

1. Engage in Worship
2. Serve on the Team
3. Connect in a Small Group
4. Pray and Study the Bible
5. Pursue Generosity
6. Identify with Christ
7. Tell the Story

#### **Privileges**

Once all 4 requirements have been met (in any order), any person wishing to become a member of FCC will be welcomed into membership formally during an FCC Worship Service by the Campus Pastor (or his delegate). The new member will then be listed on the roll as an active member immediately, and have the right to vote as outlined in Article 18 of the FCC Bylaws.

Note: if a question arises as to whether or not these requirements have been fully met by any person desiring to become a member, the Board will make the final determination.

## **CURRENT MEMBERS**

Active members at the time this policy is adopted are highly encouraged, but not required, to submit to the same 4 step Requirements process outlined above. They will continue to be regarded as active members on the roll, with the same right to vote as outlined in Article 18 of the FCC Bylaws, provided the following criteria is met:

- They do not choose to formally withdraw membership
- They are not removed from membership by the Board
- They respond affirmatively to an annual renewal of membership (explained below)

## **ANNUAL RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP**

All active members must respond affirmatively to an annual renewal of membership, in order to remain as an active member with the privilege of voting. This renewal process is necessary to comply with the FCC Bylaws, which state: "The roll shall be revised and brought up to date at least once a year just prior to the selection of Elders during the Annual Vote." The Board will determine the content of the annual renewal of membership.

If an active member fails to respond affirmatively to the annual renewal of membership by the specified deadline, they will be considered an inactive member, and will no longer retain the right to vote as outlined in Article 18 of the FCC Bylaws. In all cases, restatement to active membership will be dependent upon Board approval.

*Approved by consensus of the Elders on April 23, 2019.*