

****Membership Commitment :***

As a member of the First Baptist Church of Wellsboro I duly promise before God to support my church in the following ways:

1. TO PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

By acting in love toward other members; By refusing to gossip; By following the leadership; By reconciling conflict.

(Romans 15:19; Romans 15:5; I Peter 1:22; Ephesians 4:29; Hebrews 13:17)

2. TO SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

By praying for it's growth; By inviting the unchurched to attend; By sharing Christ as I have opportunity; By warmly welcoming those who are alone and/or visiting.

(I Thessalonians 1:2; Luke 14:23; Romans 15:7)

3. TO SERVE THE MINISTRIES OF MY CHURCH

By discovering my gifts and talents; By being equipped to serve (by engaging in individual study of the Word of God & by becoming connected to a small group); By developing a servant's heart; By seeking opportunities to serve.

(I Peter 4:10; Ephesians 4:11-12; Philippians 2:3-4, 7)

4. TO SUPPORT THE LIFE OF MY CHURCH

By attending faithfully; By living a godly life; By regular financial contributions as led by the Lord.

(Hebrews 10:25; Philippians 1:27)

Sunday Schedule...

9:00am - Traditional Worship Service (w/nursery)
10:10am - Sunday School Bible Classes for all ages
11:15am - Contemporary Worship Service (w/nursery)
6:00pm - "The Rock" Youth Ministry (teens 7th-12th)

Weekdays...

There are a variety of Bible Study groups that meet in the church and in homes throughout the week. Call the church office (724-4681) for more info on times and places.

Special Ministries...

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) - meets the first and third Thursdays of each month, 9:00-11:30am from Sept. - May (childcare provided). Mom's enjoy informative programs, refreshments, crafts, and supportive relationships.

Pioneer Club - Our weekly children's program (age 4 - 7th grade) meets Tuesday's from 3:30-5:15pm for most of the school year. Kids have a great time with Bible lessons, activities, and a light snack.

J.O.Y. (Joyful Older Youth) - Periodic informative and fun programs for senior citizens held throughout the year.

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Becoming A Member



First Baptist - corner of Pearl St. & Central Ave.



"The Lighthouse" Youth Ministry Building - Crafton Street

First Baptist Church, Wellsboro, PA

“...And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

Acts 2:47

We always rejoice when someone feels led by the Holy Spirit to formally unite with our church fellowship! As we join together, we try to provide meaningful opportunities for spiritual growth and service to the Lord. We also encourage each member to use his or her gifts, time, abilities and resources to deepen their relationship to Jesus and minister to others in Christ's name.

****Two Requirements for Membership***

First, since we believe that the church of Jesus Christ is to be made up of His followers, each person considering membership **must have accepted Jesus as his or her personal Savior.** This means the individual recognizes Jesus as God's divine Son who died on the cross for our sins and was raised from the dead, has confessed his/her sins to the Lord, asked for His forgiveness, and has promised to follow Him as Lord.

Second, we believe that baptism is the outward sign of our inward commitment to Christ and so each person desiring membership **must be (or must have been previously) baptized by immersion** (that is, submerged under water, as was the method used in the New Testament), also known as believer's baptism. (Special exception will be made for individuals physically incapable of baptism by immersion.)



****The Process for Church Membership***

The first step is a meeting with one of our Pastors. This allows us to get to know you and your spiritual background as well as providing you an opportunity to ask questions about our church.

The second step is the completion of our introductory course, *Christianity 101*. This short 6-week class, usually held on Sunday mornings but at other times as needed, helps ensure that all of our members start with the same basic understanding of the gospel and of how our church is structured.

The third step is based on one's faith background. If he or she professes saving faith in Jesus Christ but has not been baptized by immersion, this will be scheduled. If such baptism has already occurred and the individual has been a member of a like-minded evangelical church, we will initiate the process to transfer his/her membership from them to us. If believer's baptism has occurred but without previous church membership, the individual can be received into membership based on their personal Christian testimony and experience.

The fourth step is to request that our Board of Deacons recommend to the congregation that the individual desires to become a member. The Deacons, in consultation with the pastor(s), will determine whether the appropriate steps to membership have been followed and based on their findings will recommend membership for the individual at a congregational business meeting. As a congregational church, it is the membership (as they are led by the Holy Spirit) who ultimately votes to accept members into our fellowship.

