

Family Worship Center

Membership – Committing to what God says you are!

Week One: What We Believe

Intro: Membership is such an important step in our spiritual lives.

Membership connects you to God's family –

Paul didn't say the church is "like" a body... he said it is a body.

We are members to care for each other and work as a team.

Membership deepens your discipleship.

Membership strengthens your personal witness

In a culture of low commitment, making a commitment of Church

Membership stands out as strength of character.

In a world of overt independence, church membership says I am
a servant part of something bigger.

Membership strengthens the body of Christ.

Membership shows you really care about your church family and its leaders.

Membership helps your church legally function in society.

Our Beliefs ~ Assemblies of God Fundamental Truths (Condensed version)

These are nonnegotiable tenets of faith that all Assemblies of God churches adhere to. This list is derived from the official Statement of Fundamental Truths.

For a full text with accompanying Scriptures, please see www.AG.org

There are also helpful videos and notes on many of these points from our Foundation theme messages in 2016. You can find them at www.i-fwc.com and also at <http://www.drmark920.com/Theo110.html>

1. WE BELIEVE...The Scriptures are Inspired by God and declare His design and plan for mankind.
2. WE BELIEVE...There is only One True God—revealed in three persons...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (commonly known as the Trinity).
3. WE BELIEVE...In the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. As God's son Jesus was both human and divine.
4. WE BELIEVE...though originally good, Man Willingly Fell to Sin—ushering evil and death, both physical and spiritual, into the world.
5. WE BELIEVE...Every Person Can Have Restored Fellowship with God Through 'Salvation' (trusting Christ, through faith and repentance, to be our personal Savior).
[1 of 4 cardinal doctrines of the AG]
6. WE BELIEVE...and practice two ordinances—(1) Water Baptism by Immersion after repenting of one's sins and receiving Christ's gift of salvation, and (2) Holy Communion

(the Lord's Supper) as a symbolic remembrance of Christ's suffering and death for our salvation.

7. WE BELIEVE...the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a Special Experience Following Salvation that empowers believers for witnessing and effective service, just as it did in New Testament times. [1 of 4 cardinal doctrines of the AG]

8. WE BELIEVE... The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is 'Speaking in Tongues,' as experienced on the Day of Pentecost and referenced throughout Acts and the Epistles.

9. WE BELIEVE...Sanctification Initially Occurs at Salvation and is not only a declaration that a believer is holy, but also a progressive lifelong process of separating from evil as believers continually draw closer to God and become more Christ like.

10. WE BELIEVE...The Church has a Mission to seek and save all who are lost in sin. We believe 'the Church' is the Body of Christ and consists of the people who, throughout time, have accepted God's offer of redemption (regardless of religious denomination) through the sacrificial death of His son Jesus Christ.

11. WE BELIEVE...A Divinely Called and Scripturally Ordained Leadership Ministry Serves the Church. The Bible teaches that each of us under leadership must commit ourselves to reach others for Christ, to worship Him with other believers, to build up or edify the body of believers—the Church and to Meet human need with ministries of love and compassion.

12. WE BELIEVE...Divine Healing of the Sick is a Privilege for Christians Today and is provided for in Christ's atonement (His sacrificial death on the cross for our sins). [1 of 4 cardinal doctrines of the AG]

13. WE BELIEVE...in The Blessed Hope—When Jesus Raptures His Church Prior to His Return to Earth (the second coming). At this future moment in time all believers who have died will rise from their graves and will meet the Lord in the air, and Christians who are alive will be caught up with them, to be with the Lord forever. [1 of 4 cardinal doctrines of the AG]

14. WE BELIEVE...in The Millennial Reign of Christ when Jesus returns with His saints at His second coming and begins His benevolent rule over earth for 1,000 years. This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel and the establishment of universal peace.

15. WE BELIEVE...A Final Judgment Will Take Place for those who have rejected Christ. They will be judged for their sin and consigned to eternal punishment in a punishing lake of fire.

16. WE BELIEVE...and look forward to the perfect New Heavens and a New Earth that Christ is preparing for all people, of all time, who have accepted Him. We will live and dwell with Him there forever following His millennial reign on Earth. 'And so shall we forever be with the Lord!

Week Two: Our Covenant to God and One Another

The Family Worship Center Membership Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with Family Worship Center's statements, strategy, and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Family Worship Center church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

- ... By acting in love toward other members
- ... By following our leadership

2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

- ... By praying for its growth
- ... By inviting the unchurched to attend
- ... By warmly welcoming those who visit
- ... By financially supporting with my tithes and offerings

3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

- ... By discovering and using my gifts and talents
- ... By developing a servant's heart

4. I WILL SEEK TO GROW SPIRITUALLY IN MY CHURCH

- ... By attending faithfully church services and small group gatherings
- ... By having regular personal devotions of Bible reading and prayer
- ... By living a godly life

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

When were you born again? _____

Have you been baptized in water by immersion? Yes Not yet

Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit with the initial physical evidence of speaking in other tongues Yes Not yet

Voting Membership From Our Constitution and Bylaws...

(Please initial the blanks)

Section E. Voting Membership: Our voting membership consists of persons 18 years or older in good standing, who have attended our fellowship for at least 6 months with regularity or have transferred in. Qualifications of "good standing" are as follows from the General Council recommendations:

- a. ___ A born again experience. John 1:12-13; 1Peter 1:18-25.
- b. ___ Be (or be willing to be) baptized in water by immersion except where deemed physically impossible. Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47-48; Romans 6:4-6.
- c. ___ Be baptized in the Holy Spirit with the initial physical evidence of speaking in other tongues or earnestly seeking according to Acts 2:4.
- d. ___ Give evidence of a consistent Christian life (Romans 6:4; 8:1-4; 13:13-14; Eph. 4:17-32; 5:1-2; I John 1:6-7) and disapprove of and refrain from participating in those activities and amusements which liberties, when exercised, could become stumbling blocks, offenses or occasions of falling to a weaker Christian. Romans 14:1-5; I Cor. 8.
- e. ___ Disapprove of and refrain from participation in sinful amusements such as: immoral drama, immoral movies, immoral TV productions, gambling, (immoral styles) dancing, secret societies, etc.
- f. ___ Abstain from drinking intoxicating beverages of any kind, the use of tobacco in any form, and the use of habit forming and/or mind or behavior-altering drugs or substances, (excluding physician prescribed drugs).
- g. ___ Live free of those sins mentioned in Gal. 5:19-21.
- h. ___ Contribute regularly to the financial support of this church with tithes and offerings.
- i. ___ Believe in all the Tenets of Faith as set forth in the Constitution, Article IV.

(Non-voting) Fellowship Membership: Our fellowship membership consist of persons 18 years or older, who are new to Assembly, and who have not transferred in a membership in good standing, and who have not yet been able to overcome habits inconsistent with a born again testimony.

Junior Membership: (Non-voting) Junior membership is available for young people 12-18 years of age who have accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

Week Three: How We Function

How our church functions