

Membership Guidelines

As a member of the Capital District Church of Christ I recognize the Bible to be the inspired word of God and the standard for my life in Christ. Since being baptized into Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of my sins, I now desire to support the spiritual unity, health and growth of the church. Therefore, I agree to apply myself to the following Biblically supported guidelines. However I recognize that these guidelines do not encompass the entirety of the Bible.

I. I Will Build and Protect the Unity of My Church

- ... By being part of at least one significant “one another” relationship
- ... By refusing to gossip and slander
- ... By acting in love toward other members
- ... By following the leaders

“I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another.” Romans 15:14 and Colossians 3:16

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs...”
Ephesians 4:29

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.” 1 John 3:16

“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.” Hebrews 3:17 and 1 Thessalonians 5:12

II. I Will Share in the Outreach of My Church

- ... By praying for its growth
- ... By inviting people to church gatherings
- ... By warmly welcoming those who visit
- ... By helping people become disciples of Jesus through the Word of God

“...brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.” 2 Thessalonians 3:1

“Then the master told his servant, “Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in so that my house will be full.” Luke 14:23

“...but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God.” Luke 9:11

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19

III. I Will Serve the Ministry of My Church

- ... By discovering my gifts and talents
- ... By developing a servant's heart
- ... By volunteering for church programs
- ... By ministering to the poor and needy

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others...”
1 Peter 4:10

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...”
Mark 10:45

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” Philippians 2:4

“He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done.” Proverbs 19:17

IV.I Will Support the Growth of My Church

... By attending faithfully

... By being an active part of a small family group within the larger church body

... By living a godly life

... By giving regularly

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another.” Hebrews 10:25

“The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.” 1 Corinthians 12:12

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices...” Romans 12:1

“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income.” 1 Corinthians 16:2 and 2 Corinthians 8:7