



**BELIEVERS**  
CENTER

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**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

# Make Believers Center **your** church

*That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does  
not wither— whatever they do prospers. (Psalm 1:3)*

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# WELCOME!

We are thrilled about this opportunity to meet you and the possibility that we will become partners in the great work of Jesus Christ, building His Church and expanding His Kingdom.

From the moment we became a child of God, we also became a member of His Family. Believers Center of Albuquerque is one branch of the family tree, a family that is being added to daily and increasing in strength, influence and love.

A healthy family shares common beliefs, purposes, values & commitments. Today we will share with you what we believe, where we are going and the values that will determine how we will get there - together!

At the end of the class there will be an opportunity for you to decide whether to complete the process by filling in your information on the Partnership Covenant Agreement or to wait and decide at another time. We are praying you will know the will of God concerning where He is planting you.

Thank you for taking the time complete church membership!

- Pastors Marshall, Cindi, David, Jordan

# Our Goal for this Class

For you to know the purpose & value of Membership at Believers Center.

*Planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. (Psalm 92:13)*

# What We Believe

## ■ The Bible

We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God.

*2 Timothy 3:16*

## ■ The Trinity

We believe in the triune God who is revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*John 14:18-27 2 Corinthians 13:14*

## ■ The Virgin Birth

We believe in the Virgin Birth, The Sonship, the Deity of Jesus Christ. We believe that He was God and Man.

*1 Timothy 3:16 Matthew 1:23*

## ■ Salvation

We believe in the salvation of sinners by grace through repentance and faith.

*Ephesians 2:8 Hebrews 19:12 Hebrews 19:22 Romans 5:11*

## ■ Baptism

We believe in water baptism as an outward expression of one's inner faith - that it's God's plan for every believer to be baptized in water.

*Matthew 28:19 Acts 2:38 Acts 10:47-48*

## ■ The Church

We believe Jesus Christ is building His Church with every believer intended to be a functioning member.

*Matthew 16:18 Ephesians 2:19-22 Ephesians 4:11-16*

## ■ The Holy Spirit

We believe that it is the will of God that each believer be filled with the Holy Spirit and receive a prayer language of speaking in tongues.

*Acts 1:8 Acts 19:1-6*

## ■ The Gifts of the Spirit

We believe in the operation of the gifts of the Spirit individually and corporately.

*I Corinthians 12-14*

## ■ Healing

We believe that divine healing through the redemptive work of Christ is available for every believer.

*James 5:14 I Peter 2:24*

## ■ Communion

We believe in the table of the Lord, commonly called communion or the Lord's Supper, for believers.

*1 Corinthians 11:28-32*

## ■ Eternal Life

We believe in eternal life for believers

*John 5:24 John 3:16*

and eternal punishment for unbelievers.

*Mark 9:43-50 2 Thessalonians 1:9 Revelation 20:10-15*

## ■ Life

We believe that every believer is given power to live a victorious, overcoming life.

*1 John 5:4*

## ■ Christ's Return

We believe Jesus Christ will return.

*1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 2 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

# Mission

To make disciples.

That's what we are instructed to do. We are giving this mission on a passage of scripture commonly called 'The Great Commission' Which is a CO-Mission, where we partner with Christ himself to accomplish his work in the world.

It's found in Matthew 28:

*Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.*

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

***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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*** (Matthew 28:18-20)

So while different churches have different methods and visions for how that is to happen, we all share the same CO-Mission, and that is to make disciples, which is to say Christ-followers.



# Vision

To raise up a great and influential church that clearly exhibits life the way God intended it - the life we could never deserve - enjoyed from the place of His grace.

Now what does that mean? That means that in all we do, we are encouraging people to follow God. And to surrender all of our life to the Lordship of Jesus. Where all of our life is informed by him. We see the life that God has called us to live and run after that with our whole heart.

# Method

Which bring us to our method. How do we reach our city for Christ? Well, we preach the gospel. The gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ. And we don't just preach the gospel with our words it's with our actions.

**| We preach the gospel in both word and deed.**

That means that we preach the truth of Jesus Christ with our words and we also put on display the gospel of Jesus through our actions. So we care for the hurting, we pray for the sick, we feed the poor, we help those in need. Word and deed must always go hand in hand. If we only preach the gospel with our words, but we don't put the gospel on display with our actions, Jesus warns that we become salt that has lost its saltiness, and people will reject what we say. On the other hand, if we just put the gospel on display with our actions, but never preach the gospel with our words, we become just another charity organization and we never equip people with the people to bring real life change - The saving, empowering grace of Jesus Christ.

# Values

## ■ Biblical Authority and its Application

We are committed to the clear and accurate communication of God's Word in a way that ministers grace and urges obedience.

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 James 1:22*

## ■ Honest, Heartfelt, Passionate Praise and Adoring Worship

We are committed to becoming the kind of people the Father is seeking. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration.

*John 4:23-24*

## ■ Prayerfulness

We believe that God desires his people to pray and that he hears and answers prayer. Prayer changes people - and changed people change things. We are committed to bathing our lives and activities with prayer with the understanding that nothing significant or lasting occurs apart from it.

*Matthew 7:7-11 James 5:13-18*

## ■ The Power of God's Presence

We are committed to the continuation of the rich heritage of the manifestations of the Holy Spirit enjoyed by the church since its beginning.

*Ephesians 5:18 1 Corinthians 12:31 Romans 8:12-14*

## ■ The Opportunity to Win Others to Christ and Disciple Them

We are committed to the worldwide expansion of the Kingdom of God. We believe that God desires for us to reach as many as possible with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. It is our intention to fulfill the Great Commission in our generation.

*Matthew 28:18-20 Ephesians 4:12*

## ■ Gracious Generosity

We are committed to living out the dynamic spirit of the cross through selfless, sacrificial, and liberal acts of giving. We believe that it is not only an act of worship but our responsibility to bring tithes and offerings from our substance and freely give ourselves in service to others.

*2 Corinthians 8:7-15 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 Malachi 3:10*

## ■ Unity and Teamwork

We are committed to serving God with oneness of purpose and singleness of heart, pursuing life-changing relationships with those gifted by God to lead us and with one another in the church. We hold the sincere conviction that Christ cannot be faithfully represented to others by a strife-ridden and divided church.

*1 Corinthians 1:10, 13 1 Corinthians 12:27 Hebrews 13:17 Romans 12:10*

# Membership Covenant

## 1. I will protect the unity of my church.

By acting in love toward other members.

*“So let us concentrate on things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together.” Romans 14:19; Ephesians 4:3*

*“Have a sincere love for other believers; love one another earnestly with all your heart.” 1 Peter 1:22*

By refusing to gossip.

*“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*

By following the leaders.

*“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 no advantage to you.” Hebrews 13:17*

## 2. I will share the responsibility of my church.

By praying for its growth.

*"To the church... we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly." 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2 LB*

By inviting the un-churched to attend.

*"The Master said to the servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes, and urge the people there to come so my house will be full.'" Luke 14:23 NC*

By warmly welcoming those who visit.

*"So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." Romans 15:7 LB*

## 3. I will service the ministry of my church.

By discovering my gifts and talents.

*"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you." 1 Peter 4:10*

By being equipped to serve my church.

*"(God) gave... some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." Ephesians 4:11-12*

By developing a servant's heart.

*"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who... (took on) the very nature of a servant."  
Philippians 2:3-4, 7*

#### 4. I will support testimony of my church.

By attending faithfully.

*"Let us not give up meeting together... but let us encourage one another." Hebrews 10:25*

By living a Godly life.

*"Whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ." Philippians 1:27; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-5*

By giving my tithes and offerings.

*"Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering." 1 Corinthians 16:2 LB*

# How we Operate

## ■ My Path

First off, I'd like to talk about 'My Path'. If you don't know it, you're in Step 2 of our 3 step track to help people along in going from a church 'attender' to a plugged-in, core part of our church family.

So just to go over it, this is the journey we're hoping to get as many people to complete as possible. Here's the 3 steps:

### Step 1. Come to Church.

Church attendance is a vital part of the Christian faith. And it's the first step on your path in discovering the purpose and the destiny God has for YOU and for US as a family.

### Step 2. Become a member

This is the part you're on. Church membership is our covenant to each other, where we turn from being fellow pew sitters, into covenant family, colaboring together to accomplish God's call on our lives.

### Step 3. Volunteer

We believe that God wants to work in you and through you. We want all of our church members to become a part of the volunteer family. We'll talk more about this in the final lesson.

So 3 simple steps. It's what we want for you, and it's what we want for the people sitting next to you in church. So once you're a member, this is great thing to encourage others in.



## ■ Connect Groups

We also wanted to let you know about our connect groups. Connect is our small group ministry here at the church. While we know some people might not be interested in small groups, many people are, and we have connect groups happening all over the city. Maybe you're interested in attending a group. Or MAYBE you're interesting in helping lead a connect group. Whatever the base, Connect groups are in incredible way to get to know of your church family and for us to encourage each-other along the way.

## ■ How We Communicate

### The Website

We work hard to keep the information on **believerscenter.com** current, and so you can always come back to see what we're up to, to give, to volunteer, to sign up, and to get in touch.

### The App

It's available on Apple's iOS, and android. Just like the website, it's a place for you to get information on what's going on, you can give, you can volunteer, you can sign up, and you can get in touch.

### Video Announcements

Next is video announcements - where we play a quick video during our weekend service to let you know what's coming up. We don't have them every week, but when there's important things coming up, we'll utilize video announcements to keep you in the loop.

We will also do occasional email updates or text message updates, but we don't want to abuse this privilege, so these messages are usually few and far-between.

Lastly, is our social media. You can follow us on Instagram or Facebook and you can stay in the loop that way.

We're always ironing out and massaging things to try to make everything work as smoothly as possible. Thanks for staying plugged in. Thanks for believing with us that God is up to amazing things. Thanks for partnering with us. The future is bright and I'm so glad that we're living life together.

# Volunteer

## Benefits of Volunteering

- Volunteering at church gives life a greater purpose.
- Volunteering is a place to develop life-long friendships
- Volunteering gives us a healthy self-image
- Volunteering lets us help others
- Volunteering makes us more generous with our time
- Volunteering gives us lasting influence
- And most importantly, volunteering is us being obedient to God.

Our volunteer team is an incredible group of people using their gifts and passions to serve God's Kingdom.

And there's so many different ways and places in the church you can volunteer.

From creating a welcoming environment by serving on a Host Team, to introducing the next generation to Jesus by serving on a Student Ministries Team or Children's Ministry Team, to crafting a powerful church service on the Production Team—we are a group of people advancing the Kingdom of God.

There's opportunities to serve before and after church services, during church services, or during the week, and everywhere in-between.

We want you to start considering where you might best use your talents, gifting, and abilities to serve God's kingdom.

Now we're going to hear from David Goldman, our creative director, on

## 8 Qualities of an Amazing Volunteer

### ■ 1. Absolutely Devoted to Jesus and His Church

We know you are that person by:

- Your consistent attendance. Acts 2:42
- Becoming a Partner with BCA. Psalm 92:13
- Bringing your tithes and offerings. Malachi 3:10

### ■ 2. Honor and Support Authority and Others

- Be responsive to your leaders. Hebrews 13:17
- Out of respect for Christ, be courteously reverent to one another. Ephesians 5:21
- ... Don't think of yourself more highly than you ought. Romans 12:3

### ■ 3. A Teachable, Trainable, Coachable Spirit

- We are in the process of being transformed. Romans 12:1-2
- We are disciples (learners) seeking to know His ways of being & doing. Matthew 6:33
- We are EASY to instruct, coach, & correct. 2 Timothy 3:16,17

### ■ 4. Prompt and Dependable

- The one who calls you... 1 Thessalonians 5:24 (MSG)
- Exercise diligence. 1 Timothy 4:15,16

## ■ 5. Being an Owner and Problem Solver

- Seek out responsibility. Galatians 6:4
- Be the solution, not the problem. Proverbs 4:7 - Be resourceful. 2 Samuel 25:18-19 (MSG)

## ■ 6. Someone who resolves themselves to not be easily offended.

- Train yourself to BEAR WITH PEOPLE! 1 Corinthians 13:7
- Overlook offense. Proverbs 12:16
- Be slow to anger, quick to forgive. James 1:19-20

## ■ 7. Enthusiastic, Expectant and Easy to Get Along With!

- Be cheerful. 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (MSG)
- Don't burn out. Romans 12:11 (MSG)
- Do the HARD WORK. James 3:17-19 (MSG)

## ■ 8. Willing to Live a God Honoring Life

- Begins with Holy life. Ephesians 4:17

We believe you are going to be an amazing part of the church. We believe God is going to use you in amazing ways to help people, to help the church, and to advance God's kingdom.

And remember, You are deeply loved and graced by God!

# Membership Agreement

- I am a Christian
- I have been baptized or will be baptized at the next opportunity
- I understand and accept the churches statement of faith
- I commit to work within the scope of the churches methods and values
- I commit to faithfully uphold the Partnership Covenant