

Membership at FPCOS

Membership Prerequisites

- Christian Baptism in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
- Public affirmation of faith before the elders
- Church Life Class or significant time spent with FPCOS
- Expressed commitment to help FPCOS carry out its mission

Membership Commitments*

Members of FPCOS carry out our mission, which is “To know Christ and to make Christ known together.” We do this by:

1. Committing to regular participation in **worship**

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” Hebrews 10:24-25

2. Committing to growing in **discipleship** with other members of FPCOS

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...” Ephesians 4:11-13

3. Committing to participating in God’s **mission** in the world through giving of oneself in prayer, resourcing, and volunteerism

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

4. Committing to contribute to the family of faith here at FPCOS by:

Praying regularly for the congregation

Serving in areas where you are gifted

Tithing and giving materially toward the work of FPCOS

“And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the LORD’s contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service...”

Exodus 35:21

5. Committing to submit to the **authority** and nurture of the elders of the church

“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.” Hebrews 13:17

*Those who are unable to fulfill the above commitments due to temporary military deployment, college enrollment, or other temporary displacement may retain their membership as affiliate members for the time they are away. Members who are unable to fulfill the above commitments due to illness, like those who are homebound or are in assisted care facilities, shall retain their member status and the church will see to their continued spiritual nurture and care.