



How to Join

We are delighted that you are considering membership at Norris Ferry Community Church. Our view of meaningful membership is one of our distinguishing characteristics. If the Bible is the cornerstone of our church, then membership is the cement that holds us all together. Both Christ and Paul pointed us toward membership for our encouragement, our protection, and our instruction. We seek to carry out this vision through our four-step process by which to join NFCC.

Connection Group: All prospective members must complete the *Membership Matters* materials offered in Connection Group. Connection Group is a small group of people who meet in a home each week to get to know others in the church and to learn what NFCC is all about. Upon completion of all six classes you are able but not obligated to sign up for a membership interview, the second step of the membership process.

Elder Conversation: In a 35-40 minute conversation, the prospective member meets with an Elder to provide basic biographical information and recount God's converting work in his or her life. After signing the church statement of faith and covenant, the prospective member may move to the next step in membership: elder recommendation.

Elder Recommendation: At a regularly scheduled elders' meeting, the pastor will review the applicant's testimony with the other elders. Upon receiving their collective approval, the candidate's application proceeds to the next step: congregational affirmation.

Congregational Affirmation: During our quarterly members meetings, a pastor briefly describes the applicants desiring to be admitted to membership. Questions are fielded, a vote is taken, and with a majority secured, candidates are admitted into membership.



Membership Application

Date: ____/____/____

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Marital Status: Married ___ Single ___

Children:

Name 1: _____ Birth Date: _____ Grade: _____

Name 2: _____ Birth Date: _____ Grade: _____

Name 3: _____ Birth Date: _____ Grade: _____

Name 4: _____ Birth Date: _____ Grade: _____

Name 5: _____ Birth Date: _____ Grade: _____

Previous Church Membership: _____

Baptized (Date/Location): _____

How Introduced to NFCC: _____

Other Family Information: Widow(er) Y N Divorced Y N

Requesting Membership By:

Baptism _____

Statement _____

Letter from (Church) _____

(Address) _____



Briefly describe your personal spiritual journey and conversion experience.

Additional Info:

1. Circle all Connection Group meetings attended: Session 1 2 3 4 5 6 All
2. Did you read the *What is a Healthy Church* Book? Y N
3. Have you ever been subject to Church Discipline? Y N
4. Have you signed the church covenant? Y N (provide)
5. Based on chapters 7-8 of *What is a Healthy Church* would you affirm that you have been converted?
6. Have you been baptized by immersion since conversion? Y N (discuss/schedule)
7. With which service team are you most interested in serving?
Children, Hospitality, Media, Facilities
8. Prior ministry experience: _____
9. Have you ever been in a community group before? Y N Lead a group Y N

Community Group Preferences (What Days/Nights of the week are you available for community group? Circle all that apply.)

Days/Nights

S M T W Th F Sa

[Completed by Elder(s)]

Recommended? Y N

Date of Church Affirmation ___/___/___

Date: ___/___/___

Date Letter Rec'd (if by Trans) ___/___/___

Notes:

Baptism Date (if by baptism) ___/___/___



CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought by God's grace to treasure the incredible love of our Lord Jesus Christ, and having been baptized upon that profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **we do now covenant together to glorify God by loving Christ, Christians, neighbors and nations.**

- LOVING CHRIST -

In response to His gracious salvation we covenant to love Christ and to live faithful and fruitful lives. We covenant to worship together through singing, through the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and through the proclamation of God's Word. We covenant to study God's Word privately and to place ourselves under gifted teachers to understand and obey God's Word. We covenant to help underwrite the mission of Norris Ferry Church by giving faithfully and generously.

- LOVING CHRISTIANS -

We covenant to love one another as committed members of community groups and to faithfully serve on ministry service teams. We will walk together in brotherly love, exercising an affectionate care for one another, and providing for the needs of one another as occasion may require. We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We will bear each other's burdens, build each other up, and prayerfully watch over each other in order to protect the testimony of God's church.

- LOVING NEIGHBORS -

We covenant to love the unchurched and unbelievers in our lives. We will prayerfully identify those to whom the Lord is leading us, will be wise in the way we act toward them, and will let our conversations be full of grace making the most of every opportunity to influence them for Christ. We will, having set apart Christ as Lord, always be prepared to give the reason for the hope that we have found in Christ.

- LOVING NATIONS -

We covenant together to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to every tongue and tribe of every nation through prayer and planting of indigenous churches. Knowing to whom much is given much is demanded, we will guard against greed that we may contribute cheerfully and generously our resources, remaining alert in prayer, and dressed in readiness to go as the Lord leads.

(SIGNATURE)

In support of the Statement of Faith and Church Covenant, I desire to join hands with this covenant community to be encouraged and held accountable for glorifying God by loving Christ, Christians, neighbors, and nations.