

Exploring Church Membership

Wednesday Evenings from 7:00 – 8:15 P.M. at The Parsonage
Child Care Available

An Introduction to a Faith and People
An Orientation for Those Exploring Membership

Fox River Congregational Church

- October 27, Session One: *What Brings You To This Place?*

- A. Why Are You Here You?

We will explore our individual faith histories and the events which have brought us to Fox River Congregational Church. What are you looking for in a church? We will spend some time engaged in a mutual listing and revealing of Christ in our lives, beyond formal worship.

- B. A Brief History of Our Church

- November 3, Session Two: *Connecting To God (Our Vision and Walk with Christ)*

At this session we will explore the exciting awareness that church is more than Sunday morning worship. It is connecting to God through living and growing with others through a variety of ministries. We are a Purpose Driven Church -- driven by those purposes to which God calls us.

- A. Why We Exist: -- Mission Statement

- B. Our Values: -- Core Value Statement

- C. What We Intend to Do: -- Vision Statement

- D. Our Walk with Christ: -- Process to Help You and Us Grow

- November 10, Session Three: *A People Of God In Action (The Congregational Way)*

- A. Elements of Congregationalism

We will learn of God's particular thumbprint on the Congregationalists. What is our approach to "doing church" as followers of Christ?

- B. Our Covenant

Owning the Covenant is the essential condition of membership in our Church. Just as God is a covenant maker, we enter into a corporate life through covenant making. We will look at the church's covenant and the personal commitment it requires.

- November 17 Session Four: *Opportunities, Expectations And an Invitation*

We will explore the benefits, requirements and responsibilities of church membership; how Fox River Congregational Church is structured to impact our lives and community with a positive approach to Jesus Christ; and what are campus facilities look like. And, we will discover means to enter into the many opportunities to serve and grow in the faith. Finally, we will respond to remaining spoken and perhaps some unspoken questions which prospective members might have as to whether they fit in with our church and extend an invitation to join our church membership. .

- A. Benefits of Church Membership
- B. Requirements of Becoming a Church Member
- C. Responsibilities of Church Membership
- D. "How Is Our Church Structured?" -- Around Our Mission Purposes
- E. "With Whom Are We Affiliated?" -- NACCC
- F. "What Do I Do After Joining?" -- Assimilation
- G. "Other Questions?"-- Respond to Spoken and Unspoken Questions
- H. Tour Church Campus
- I. Invitation to Join