



# Why Membership?



**<sup>41</sup> Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. <sup>42</sup> All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.**

**Acts 2 (NLT)**





# Reasons For Membership



**It fits the  
Biblical model**

**<sup>12</sup> The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ . . . <sup>15</sup> If the foot says, “I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand,” that does not make it any less a part of the body . . . <sup>27</sup> All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.**

**1 Cor . 12**



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**It says,  
“I’m all in!”**

**<sup>44</sup> And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. <sup>45</sup> They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. <sup>46</sup> They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity**

**Acts 2**



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**It promotes  
your spiritual  
growth.**



**<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.**

**Eph 4**



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**It gives you a  
voice.**

**<sup>10</sup> God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.<sup>11</sup> This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord. Eph 3**



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**The battle is  
here. You are  
needed.**

**<sup>10</sup> Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.**

**Eph 6**



# Reasons *Against* Membership



It isolates you  
from the mess.

*But God uses “messy.”  
He uses it to grow His  
people.*

# Reasons *Against* Membership



It allows you to  
blame “them.”

*Did Jesus die so  
you could be a  
spectator?*

# Reasons *Against* Membership



**“I want to keep  
my options open.”**

***At what point does it  
become less about self  
and more about others?***



# Reasons *Against* Membership



You don't agree with  
what's going on.

*Is it Biblical or a  
matter of opinion?*

# Reasons *Against* Membership



You just don't  
see the need.

*But what if others  
need you?*

# Reasons *Against* Membership



“My membership  
is ‘assumed.’”

*If this is your home –  
it’s time to let all  
know it.*

**Consequently, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow citizens of the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being**



**the cornerstone, in whom the whole building, joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built up together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.**

**Eph 2:19-22**



# Your Next Step

I'm  
All In!

Name:  
Address:

Phone:  
Email:

## Your Story

What do you love the most about Jesus?

When did you become a Christian?

Baptism is an important step in following Jesus. If you've been baptized, tell us about your baptism. If you haven't been baptized, would you like information about it?

Every member of the body is important because each of us plays a vital part. How have you served in the past? How do you see yourself serving at WBC? If you're not sure, would you like to explore options?

## Warren Baptist Church Membership Application

### Our Core Beliefs

#### God the Father

We believe in God, the Father, who is perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He hears and answers prayer and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

#### Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus, God's only begotten Son, secured our pardon through his death on the cross. God raised Him from the dead and thereby reversed the curse of sin. He's coming back soon to call all believers to live with Him.

#### The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He, as part of the God-head, is an abiding helper, teacher and guide.

#### The Word of God

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

#### Christian Conduct

We believe that a Christian should live for the glory of God and that he/she should strive to become more like Jesus.

I fully support these core beliefs

(Your Signature)

### Our Shared Story

Just as every member in our physical body plays an important part, so does each member of Warren Baptist. Every member contributes to the spiritual health of the body (church). Here are things members do to keep the body healthy:

#### 1. Participate.

To be all in means being present and fully engaged in times of worship and church activities. Members are engaged.

#### 2. Give.

To be all in means giving of your time, energy, support, and monies to see the work of the church continue. Members display the heart of Jesus.

#### 3. Love.

To be all in means being concerned about others and encouraging them. Members connect with one another.

#### 4. Serve.

To be all in means becoming more like Jesus. He came not to be served, but to serve. Members get involved.

#### 5. Commit to Oneness.

To be all in means mirroring the attitude of Jesus to each other to insure the unity of the body. Members pull together.

I understand these are what members do and look forward to employing them.

(Your Signature)