



When we trust Jesus Christ as our Savior, and give our lives to Him as our Lord, we are then part of the body of Christ. Even though we are to grow in our personal relationship with Jesus, we become a part of something bigger than ourselves. We are members of a community of believers, the Kingdom of God, which is focused on bringing glory to God.



The church is not a man-made institution, rather a movement that began after the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. It is God’s plan as we read about in Acts 2:42-47. It is a community of believers that grow in faith, encourage each other as believers, and take the message of the gospel to those who do not have a hope through a relationship with Jesus.

“The church is the only bride of Christ. The church is the only plan of God to reach the world and it is the only organization that will last forever.”  
- Alex Himaya, Pastor

*“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”*

**ACTS 2:42-47**



**THE PROCESS**

*Meet with a Pastor*

We like to meet with you to discuss your testimony and the expectations of church membership. This also allows us to talk about ways to get you connected in the ministries of the church, as well as answer any questions you may have. Following that meeting, at your time of choice, you will come down front at the end of one of our services to be introduced to the church.

**YOU HAVE OPTIONS!**

If you are interested in joining our community of believers, you can become a member by:

**Profession of Faith & Baptism**

⇒ Profess faith in Christ and be baptized by immersion.

**Church Letter Transfer**

⇒ Transfer your letter of membership from any other church of like faith and order, provided you have been baptized according to the teachings of the New Testament.

**Statement of Faith**

⇒ If you have never been a member of another church or your former church no longer exists, you can become a member by statement of Christian experience and Scriptural baptism.

*New Members Class*

The “New Members” class is offered once a quarter and is available to new and prospective members. The class can be taken before or after you join. It gives an overview of Salem’s missions and goals, your responsibility in membership, while covering the best ways of assimilating you into the ministries.

**MEMBER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST**

*Connect. Grow. Serve.*

After you become a member at Salem, we will then come alongside you to help you **CONNECT** to the ministries of the church. This will help you to **GROW** in your relationship with Christ and in fellowship with other believers. It will also allow you an opportunity to **SERVE** and use your spiritual gifts to help tell others about the great hope we have found in Jesus Christ!