

Why would someone become a member at Southridge?

As a community and organization, we have an annual process for people to affirm or renew their official membership with our church. We see church membership as a practical expression of two spiritual realities:

1) Belonging to God's Family

*Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but **fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household**, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.*

Ephesians 2:19-20

2) Contributing as Christ's Body

*For just as each of us has **one body with many members**, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*

Romans 12:4-5

Becoming a member requires affirming four commitments:

1. *I've committed my life to following Jesus as expressed through a public declaration of my faith (in baptism, confirmation, profession, etc.).*
2. *I've relationally connected with others through a Life Group and/or Ministry Team.*
3. *I support the vision, purpose, direction and practices of Southridge Community Church.*
4. *I will commit my resources – my time, talents and treasures – to serve as part of the hands and feet of Jesus in this community.*

Being a member comes with significant rights and responsibilities:

- Participating in ultimate oversight and authority of Southridge Community Church, specifically through:
 - Voting to affirm new and renewing board members for our Board of Elders
 - Voting to approve our annual operating budget
- Staying most connected to and involved with updates and conversations related to the leadership and direction of our church
- Carrying the primary ownership, commitment, and responsibility of helping our church be healthy and impactful through participation, contribution, and financial investment