

## What Membership isn't:

- It is not about being in or out
- It does not give you a louder voice (to have your say)
- It does not mean you get more pastoral care
- It does not mean you have to give to the church anymore than normal
- It does not mean you can now take communion (you don't have to be a member to receive communion)
- It is more than just attending meetings

## What Membership is:

- It is about being committed to the community
- It is about serving within the community



## WHAT NOW?

If you are considering becoming a member the process is:

Not a current Member of a BUGB Baptist church

1. Speak to Michael re becoming a member
2. Meet with two members of the church over a coffee
3. Vote at the next Members Meeting
4. Receive hand of friendship at next Communion

Already a Member of a BUGB Baptist church

1. Tell your church of your intention to transfer
2. Ask the church sectary to write to us our church sectary with permission to transfer
3. Confirmation at next members meeting
4. Receive hand of friendship at next Communion

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What is  
membership and  
why is it  
important?



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## Vision of DCBC

### Our Vision statement is that we are:

“Aspiring to be a welcoming, worshipping and prayerful community coming together to bring Good News to the people of Devonport”

- We seek to be a Generous, Hospitable and Joyful community
- When we gather (on Sunday or mid-week) we aim to:
- To be generous with each other – not just in terms of money, but also in terms of time and energy
- To be hospitable to people, especially those who do not look or think like us
- To rejoice with those that sing for joy : To mourn with those that sing songs of lament

You don't have to be Baptised to be a member

You don't have to be a member to take communion, or receive Pastoral support from the church



## What do Baptists Believe?

- Baptist churches practice believers Baptism.
- This is normally done through full immersion
- We believe that Jesus is the head of the Church
- That all churches interpret scripture for themselves
- That this is done through the members meeting—when we meet we seek the mind of Christ together
- All members are equal, and have one vote—including the pastor!
- Communion is a symbolic act of remembrance
- Baptists believe in the importance of freedom of religion for all
- Baptist Believe in the separation of church and state
- While we believe that each church is independent, we also believe in that we should be committed to other churches through relationships.
- So we are part of a local Baptist association (SWBA) and the national BUGB

## What should members do?

It is important to stress that there is no expectation on any member to “do” certain things so all of these are suggestions!

- Join a small group
- Give financially to the church
- Sign-up for the Monday Prayer email
- Attend members meetings
- Pray for people in the church
- Pray through the prayer goals
- Come along to Sunday services
- Take Communion regularly
- Get involved—through serving in come capacity
- Serve on the Leadership Team
- Exercise your gifts in the community
- Eat with other members of the community regularly
- Welcome new people
- Hang out with each other
- Invite people to guest services and special events
- Attend the Monday Prayer meeting

**BEING A Member**