

## Responsibilities of Membership

- \*To have a sincere Christian faith
- \*To attend worship regularly and to pray daily
- \*To participate in the life of the Church
- \*To give financial support
- \*To show care for the least and the lost
- \*To promote a spirit of harmony
- \*To nurture one's character
- \*To seek to bring Christ's love to others



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*Inquiring individuals and churches ask us all the time, "What do you believe?" Because we have no creed or statement of faith to which people must ascribe, some may think "anything goes." Quite the contrary.*

## **What We Believe**

We believe deeply in God, Jesus Christ, and guiding Spirit of God in prayer and in the triumph of God over all.

We accept that all believers are one under God, regardless of their denominational background.

We live as if Christian character and conduct matter.

We believe that reading and studying the bible fosters inner unity and outer strength.

We believe that every Christian person possesses full liberty of conscience in interpreting the Gospel.

We believe that every sincere conviction that exalts Jesus Christ in honorable.

We believe that to be a church member is to give strength and encouragement to others through Common worship, prayer, study, and service.



## **Who Are We?**

We are a fellowship united by the acknowledgment of our allegiance to God, who has been made known to us in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

We are a Church of the Spirit. We put people first before programs, Committees, or things.

We are a thinking church, a Church of seeking minds.

We are a body that has pledged to follow Christ.

We are an autonomous Church, self-governing and free from external control.

We are a church that gives every member responsibility for reverent, thoughtful decisions and actions in accordance with the will of God, made known to us in Jesus Christ.



## **What Is Our Purpose?**

To put the love of Christ in our lives, our homes, our daily work.

To be responsible for the harmony within the church using restraint, understanding, patience, and openness to others.

To strive to bring the love of God and the joy of fellowship in all that we do.

To be a living church emphasizing ministry to each other, for the poor, struggling, lonely, weak or sick.

To be gladdened by goodness and never weary of good works that give glory to God.

To learn, love, and offer our lives to God.