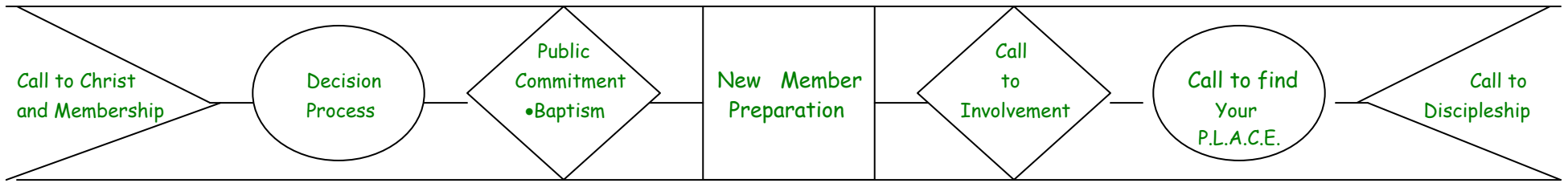


# TBC NEW MEMBER PROCESS



## Call to Christ

Only in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ can you find forgiveness of sins and purpose for living. Our chief concern for all people is that they commit their lives to Christ, more so than if they join Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Have you chosen to follow Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior?

### Call to Membership

Is God calling you to become part of this Body of believers and to find your place of ministry through Tabernacle in the community?

We encourage every guest to give serious thought and prayer to these questions before seeking membership.

## Decision Process

Members of our church will be glad to talk with you to collect some basic information and to learn how we might help you in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

You can talk with a Bible Study leader, deacon, choir leader, etc. any time at your and his/her convenience or with a member of the Pastoral Team during the worship invitation or by appointment during the week to learn how you may become a member.

## Public Commitment

You may offer yourself as a candidate for membership at any worship service in any of the following ways:

- By public acknowledgement of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior followed by believers' baptism through immersion;
- By letter of recommendation from another Baptist Church of like faith and order;
- By statement of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and previous believers' baptism through immersion; or
- By Watchcare membership - for temporary residents who wish to retain membership elsewhere, but want to affiliate with this church family while present.

### Baptism Service

Your baptism will be scheduled at the earliest convenient time.

## New Member Preparation

TBC 101, Tabernacle's Church Membership Information Class, is offered periodically for new and prospective members. Held in a variety of venues, this class is led by a capable, caring leadership team.

TBC 101 purposes are to:

- Guide you as you grow in your understanding of what it means to be a Christian;
- Give a historical overview of Baptists and of Tabernacle Baptist Church;
- Acquaint you with Tabernacle's purpose, mission, ministries, and expectations of members;
- Relate how Tabernacle operates and functions;
- Introduce you to the pastoral team, support staff, and church family;
- Allow you to hear testimonies about how lives have been changed through involvement at Tabernacle.

## Call to Involvement

*"New Community"*  
The key to involvement at TBC is active participation in our Sunday morning Bible Study classes. Here is where you will find your friends, opportunities to minister and experience in-depth Bible Study.

*"Special Ministries"*  
As you find your home at TBC, God will show you where He wants you to be active in the ministry of this church, His body of Christ.

Hundreds of opportunities are available in the church and community.

## Call to find your P.L.A.C.E.

P.L.A.C.E. is an intentional way of "doing church," where people are connected with ministry opportunities that match the way God providentially designed them. The P.L.A.C.E. process equips individuals to identify their God-given personality style, spiritual gifts, abilities, passions and life experiences. This helps each person find his/her "PLACE" in ministry.

Every new member is expected to participate in our 5-session PLACE process, followed by a consultation and interview to discover potential ministry placement. Upon completion, every effort will be made to place individuals in ministry positions. Where possible, on-the-job training and mentoring will be provided.

## Call to Discipleship

Because Jesus prepared the 12 Apostles to carry on His mission after His death and resurrection, we seek to challenge every Christian to embrace ongoing spiritual growth opportunities that will develop him or her into a devoted disciple of Jesus Christ.

With life transformation as the goal, we believe the best way to do that is through a one-on-one mentoring process that provides 56 days of personal learning and response in relationship with a caring, spiritual mentor. Spiritual formation will take place through dialogue, mutual encouragement, and accountability. A personal growth plan will be developed. Contact the Equipping office or the church website for information about spiritual growth opportunities.

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