

## **Becoming a Part of the Church Family at the First Baptist Church of Dexter**

Are you thinking about becoming a part of a church family? It is less complicated than you might think. Sometimes we use language like, “joining a church” or “becoming a member of a church”; however, becoming a part of a church family is more than taking out a membership in your favorite community organization. Becoming a part of a church family is a commitment to a local group of like-minded people who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior, in which who bind yourself to them and they bind themselves to you, to support and encourage each other in our growing relationship with the Lord.

You might ask what teachings out of the Bible do I need to believe in to become a part of this community of like-minded believers? There are 3 basic truths which the Bible gives us and which serve as our foundation as we commit to loving and serving the Lord together, they are:

1. Do you acknowledge that you are a sinner in need of God’s mercy and grace? Rom. 3:23.
2. Do you acknowledge that Jesus is God in the flesh, who came to pay the price for your sins by his life, death and bodily resurrection. Have you placed your faith and trust in Him alone as your Lord and Savior. Rom 6:23; John 14:6
3. Do you believe that as a Christian God has made you a part of His body – the body of believers which has many parts (I Corinthians 12:14-20) where the “eye cannot say to the hand I have no need for you...” and that the local of expression of this is what we would call a community church. So that the church is not a building but an organic relationship between like-minded Christians.

If you can answer “yes” to these 3 essential truths, then you ought to unite with others who understand these truths and who need you as a part of this dynamic relationship where we support and encourage each other in our faith.

What must I do to become a part of this local body of fellow believers in Jesus? The first step would be to let one of the pastors, Andrew Bermudez or jay

Brennan know of your interest. You could also speak to one of the elders (John Lantz, Dave Patterson or Don Swan). We would have you meet with Andrew or Jay and one of the elders individually and more informally to do this same review and answer any questions you might have. Meeting with a pastor does not commit you to joining First Baptist, but allows you an opportunity to explore who we are as a local body of believers. Regardless of whether you become an official part of the membership at First Baptist or not we always welcome you to fellowship with us. We have men and women from various backgrounds including, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Lutheran, and Episcopalian who fellowship with us regularly and are a welcome part of our family.

To learn more about First Baptist you can review our Six Core Values found on our website @ [www.fbcdexter.com](http://www.fbcdexter.com) , listed under the tab "About Us" You can contact Lead Pastor, Andrew Bermudez on his cell phone @ 207-205-3257 or email him @ [abermudez73@gmail.com](mailto:abermudez73@gmail.com) or Teaching Pastor, Jay Brennan at [jaybrennan3@yahoo.com](mailto:jaybrennan3@yahoo.com) or on his cell at 207-400-0059.