



Making the Most of Church Membership



Ephesians 4:11-16 - “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in
love.”



Every Church member has a role in the local church.

Tonight we want to focus on the opportunities at TBC we offer to help you make the most of your role as a church member.



Before we get started...

We must understand that ministry in and through the local church takes work. Ministry requires: **desire, time, and effort.**

Keep in mind – The more people we have in each ministry the less we have to rotate the same people every month. “many hands make light work”.



Ministry Opportunities to get involved in:

- Choir
 - Bus Ministry
 - Nursery
- Children's Church
- KFC (Fill-in teachers and helpers)
 - Sunday School
 - Ladies Fellowship
- Men's Prayer Breakfast
 - Visitation



Choir:

- Psalm 89:1 – “I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.”
- Ephesians 5:19 – “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;”
- The choir sets the tone in a service for the Spirit of worship.



What can I expect as a member of the choir:

- Be prepared for practices on Sundays before evening service.
 - A choir member is expected to be faithful.
- A choir member does NOT have to be extremely gifted with music ability.
 - A choir member has the desire to worship the Lord – This means that a choir member is singing from the right heart of worship.
- The common misconception about being a choir member is that someone has to be “a good singer”. Choir is not display of talents, it is about worshiping the Lord through praise.



Bus Ministry:

- Mark 10:14 – “... Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.”
- The bus ministry is an essential part of our children’s ministry as a whole.
- We pick up a lot of children on the bus for every service which means we have a lot of responsibility. This responsibility we have as a church is an opportunity for members to get involved.



Bus Ministry:

There are several ways to get involved in the Bus Ministry.

We can always use more:

- **Helpers** – People who would be willing to ride with the bus drivers and watch the children – maintain good behavior on the bus.
 - Bus and Van Drivers
- **Vehicle maintenance volunteers** – Sweeping out the vehicles washing the vehicles, etc.



Bus Ministry:

We also want to offer a new Ride Along opportunity. Where you can be scheduled to ride along with a team on an actual route. This is open to anyone, whether you plan to serve, just to be able to see this ministry in action. Many no doubt see us all at church but very few get to see the bus ministry out in the field! Come and See!



What can I expect as a volunteer in the bus ministry:

- A bus worker needs to be willing to come early to every service and get home later.
- Lord willing you will see kids that you helped bring, accept Christ and be baptized!
- You will become one of the “faces of our church” to them.
- They will fall in love with you, and you will fall in love with them.
- Lord willing they will remember you and our church as the one true positive force in their young lives when they struggled with so much.



Nursery:

- The Nursery ministry is an important ministry of our church. It is a ministry that helps keep the church services free of distractions.
 - This is a ministry only available to ladies. We are always needing more nursery volunteers.
 - Nursery workers should do their best to be faithful in being there but also finding replacements when they cannot be there.



Children's Church:

- Children's church is a great way to get introduced to children's ministry in the church
- We never just throw someone right into teaching. We always allow people to just observe others until they feel comfortable.
- We can always use more helpers so we can rotate more people week to week.



KFC:

- KFC is our Wednesday night program for the children. We have a full group of workers for each week, but we can always use people for backup if a Wednesday night teacher or helper is out.



Sunday School:

- Every church member should be connected to a Sunday School class.
- Sunday School is a great opportunity for Gospel community and growth in God's Word.



Ladies Fellowship:

- The Ladies fellowship is a great monthly opportunity for our ladies to fellowship and grow in Christ together.
 - Every month there is a different themed ladies fellowship.



Men's Prayer Breakfast:

- I Timothy 2:8 – “I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.”
- Men's Prayer breakfast is a great opportunity for fellowship and good time once every month for the men to pray together over the needs of our church.



Visitation:

- We use visitation as an opportunity for outreach as well as an opportunity to encourage others inside of our church family.
 - This is a ministry we do every week.



As you Can see the question is not, what can I get involved in at my church? The question is, when will I get involved?



In Conclusion:

- Many of the ministries in the church revolve around schedules which we always have posted for you. Please do your best to be attentive to these schedules.
- Faithfulness is crucial. Please take ministry opportunities seriously. If you are involved in a ministry of the church we want to encourage you to truly be committed to it.
- Just because you are in one ministry does not mean that you cannot be involved in others.
- As a common courtesy, do your best to always inform others when you will not be available for your ministry or do your best to switch schedules with someone else involved in your ministry. There is always a hole for us to fill anytime someone cannot be present for their ministry.



Homework:

- Evaluate your membership and ask, “am I making the most of my church membership?”
 - Pray about stepping into new ministry opportunities.
- For those who lack commitment/desire in the ministry you are in now – Renew your commitment to do your best with the opportunity you have.
 - Take on a new ministry.