



What are my next steps at Friendship?

1-Baptism

Baptism - an outward expression of _____

“And the eunuch said to Philip, ‘About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ Then Philip opened his mouth and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, ‘See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?’ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.” Acts 8:34-38

Baptism - a _____ of the Lord

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’” Matthew 28:18-20

Baptism - _____ with Jesus

“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” Romans 6:3-4

At Friendship Church we emphasize baptism because it is an act of obedience for those who have given their lives to God and received his forgiveness. The Bible commands baptism for those who are Jesus followers (Mt. 28:18-20, Acts 2:38). When a believer is baptized they follow the example of their Lord Jesus who was baptized at the beginning of his earthly ministry (Mt. 3:13-17) as well as the example of the earliest disciples who were baptized as a sign of their new found faith (Acts 8:34-39, Acts 16:30-33). When a person is baptized it identifies them with Christ’s death, burial and resurrection (Rom. 6:3-7). When we identify with Christ it means we have accepted what He did on our behalf, the Holy Spirit dwells within us, and we are committed to His kingdom. We baptize by immersing the person in water because it was the New Testament practice (Acts 8:38) and because it is the best picture of what baptism represents.

<https://www.friendshipmn.org/baptism>

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2-Membership

Church Membership - _____ the church

There are times in life when we desire to be officially linked with other people. When we meet the right person, we link ourselves with them through the official step of marriage. In the same way when we come to a church body in which we desire to serve and to share our lives in community we enter the official relationship of church membership.

When a person becomes a member of Friendship Church, they are expressing their identification with God's people in this community. They become a part of a community that is more effective together than individual Christians can be on their own. They accept their God given responsibility to be a servant and a steward within God's church and they come under the authority of the church that God has established. Members of Friendship Church have expressed their commitment to this community and have the opportunity to be used by God in the decision-making processes of this congregational church.

God wants us to _____ the church

"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin."

1 John 1:5-7

Reasons for church membership

1. In joining a church, you make visible your commitment to Christ and His people
2. Making a commitment makes a powerful statement in a low-commitment culture
3. It can correct that part of us that is overly independent
4. It can correct a part of us that sees God and church as consumers
5. Joining the church will help your pastor and elders be more faithful shepherds

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Friendship Church - _____ church with two locations

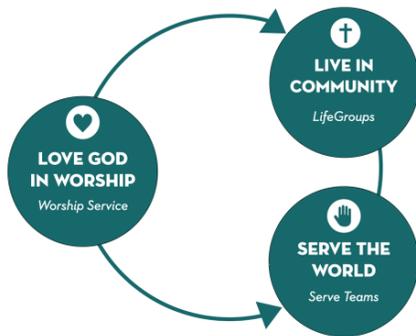
Friendship Church Mission - Love, Live, and Serve like Jesus

It's God's design for _____ (Romans 8:29)

It's God's _____ for church ministry (Colossians 1:28-29)

It's God's design for _____ (1 John 3:2)

How do we accomplish our mission?



How do we love God in Worship?

Spend _____ with Him (Luke 10:38-42)

Give Him _____ (Luke 21:1-4)

_____ Him (Hebrews 9:14)

_____ Him (Psalm 150)

Live in Community

Scripture

Care

Prayer

Serve the World

Outreach

Missions

Kid's Ministry

Youth Ministry

Prayer

Worship

Connections

Care

<https://friendshipmn.org/serve>

Is there a LifeGroup that works best for you?

<https://friendshipmn.org/lifegroups/finder.html>

Who is Friendship Church and How do I Connect? Reflection Questions

#1 - What is your next step to connect at Friendship Church?

***Do you have questions about this week's lesson?**
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