

NOVEMBER 12, 2023



FRANKLIN ROAD

BAPTIST CHURCH

Think on These Things

Well everyone, today we finish our series on "I am a Church Member" or as I've called it, "Becoming a Biblical Church Member". I hope that this series has made us all stop and think about how we view church membership. So far, we have learned that a biblical church member is a Functioning, Unifying, Serving, Praying, and Building part of the body of Christ. Today we will look at biblical church membership being a gift from God Himself. How many of us have ever stopped to think that belonging to the church is a gift from God? I'm sure we've all thought about it in passing, but today I want us to think about all that our being a member of the church entails and that only through the gift of God's salvation through Jesus Christ may one truly be an authentic member of the church. Why is this important? Because unless one has a relationship with God through Jesus His Son, he is not truly a member of Christ's church. Sure, his name may be on the church roll, he may hold various offices in the local church, he may have perfect attendance, be the largest giver in the church, etc., but unless he is born again by the shed blood of Jesus Christ, he is merely going through the motions. God's requirement to be a member of His church is to *"Believe on (put your faith and trust in) the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved..."* (Acts 16:31b). There is no other way.

The Pharisees, scribes, and Sadducees (the religious leaders in Jesus' day) were all about outward shows of religion, yet hear what Jesus said to them in Matthew 23:27-28: *"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."* My prayer and intent concerning this series is that we would all be challenged (I know I have been) to become better church members by becoming more yielded to God and by committing to allow Him to make us biblical church members to His praise, honor and glory. Today, my prayer is that we would no longer take church membership for granted, but that we will see it as the gift from God that it truly is.

Thank You, Sir, for making me, and all who trust Your Son Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, a part of Your body and may You build Your church here in this place. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Something to think about as we go about our week.
Love, prayers, and blessings,
Trace

**CHURCHWIDE
THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON**
NEXT SUNDAY - 12:15 PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
CHURCH WILL PROVIDE THE MEAT
SIGN UP SHEET FOR SIDE DISHES
IN THE FOYER



November Focus: Sandra Simpson

There will be a brief Leadership Meeting today after worship to make plans for Christmas

November Birthdays

11/01	Greg Couch	11/27	Kerry Wegienka
11/12	Will Wyzykowski	11/29	Joeddi Smith
11/15	Sandra Golden	11/29	Chris Wyke
11/16	Lynn Hammond		

this week at FRBC

SUNDAY (NOV 05)

Churchwide Fellowship & Devotion.....9:30a
 Worship.....10:45a
 Children's Church
 GriefShare.....5:00p
 H.O.P.E ESL (Volunteers should try to arrive @ 4:30p for set-up & interviews)

WEDNESDAY (NOV 08)

Adult Bible Study.....6:30p
 i220 Youth Bible Study
 Journey Kids - Bible Alive!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, DEC. 1

5:30 - 8:00

IN THE FELLOWSHIP
HALL

BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAYS,
THERE WILL BE NO
EVENING ACTIVITIES
THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING

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of the week
DEACON

Nov	12	Bill Forcier
Nov	19	Jerry Parkerson
Nov	26	Jacob Thomas