

Membership

Knowing Christ

WELCOME TO MOSAIC 101

DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

We're glad you've chosen to find out more about Mosaic Church! This class is the basic introduction to our church family. Since we have members from many different church backgrounds, this class was designed to clearly explain who and what our church is.

Ephesians 2:19 - *You are a member of God's very own family and you belong in God's household with every other Christian.*

Key Truths:

- The church is a **family**.
- God expects me to be a **member** of a family.

Goal: I will commit myself to Christ and to the Mosaic Church family.

What makes Mosaic Church a family?

- Our Salvation.
- Our Statement.
- Our Strategy.
- Our Structure.

SALVATION

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

Everybody wants to be happy.

People try, primarily, three different ways:

- Acquiring possessions.
- Experiencing pleasure.
- Gaining prestige and power.

Real happiness comes from understanding my purpose.

WHY AM I HERE?

- God made me to love me.

Jeremiah 31:3 - *I have loved you with an everlasting love.*

Ephesians 1:4-5 - *Even before the world was made, God had already chosen us to be His through our union with Christ because of His love. God had already decided that through Jesus Christ He would make us His children. This was God's pleasure and purpose.*

- We were created to enjoy a personal relationship with God and to manage all of the rest of God's creation.

Genesis 1:27-28 - *So God created human beings, making them in His image. He blessed them and said "Live over the earth and bring it under control. I am putting you in charge."*

1 Timothy 6:17 - *God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.*

John 10:10 - *I have come in order that you might have life, life in all its fullness.*

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

Man has a natural desire to be in control and to ignore God's principles for living.

The Bible calls this attitude: sin.

Isaiah 53:6 - *All of us like sheep have gone astray and each of us have turned to his own way.*

1 John 1:8 - *If we say we never sin we're only fooling ourselves and we refuse to accept the truth.*

Isaiah 59:2 - *The trouble is that your sins have cut you off from God.*

Romans 3:23 - *All have sinned and fall short of God's glorious ideal.*

John 14:6 - *I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through Me.*

Romans 6:23 - *The wages of sin is death, the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?

- Admit

1 John 1:9 - *If we confess our sins He's faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from every wrong.*

- Believe

Romans 10:9 - *If you confess that Jesus is your Lord, and you believe in your*

heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

- Accept

Ephesians 2:8-9 - *It is by grace you are saved through faith and it is not of yourselves. It is the gift of God. Not of works so no one could boast.*

- Invite

Prayer of Commitment:

"Dear Jesus, Thank you for making me and loving me even when I've ignored You and gone my own way. I realize I need You in my life and I'm sorry for my sins. I ask You to forgive me. Thank You for dying on the cross for me. Please help me to understand it more. As much as I know how, I want to follow You from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept Your gift of salvation. Please help me to grow as a Christian. Amen."

HE GAVE THE CHURCH TWO VISIBLE SYMBOLS CALLED ORDINANCES

- Baptism
- The Lord's Supper

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING BAPTIZED

Why should I be baptized?

- To follow the example set by Jesus.

Mark 1:9 - *At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river.*

- Because Christ commands it.

Matthew 28:19 -20 - *Jesus said, 'Go then to all people every and (1) make them My disciples, (2) baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and (3) teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.*

- It demonstrates that I'm really a **believer**.

Acts 18:8 - *Many of the people who heard Him believed and were baptized.*

John 2:3 - *We know that we have come to know Him if we obey His commands.*

Why should I be baptized by immersion?

- Because **Jesus** was baptized that way.

Matthew 3:16 - *As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water.*

- Every baptism in the Bible was by immersion.

Acts 8:38-39 - *Then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. Then they came up out of the water.*

- The word "baptize" means to "dip **under** water."
- It best symbolizes a burial and resurrection.

Who should be baptized?

- Every person who has **believed** in Christ.

Acts 2:41 - *Those who believed and accepted His message were baptized.*

Acts 8:13 - *Simon himself believed and was baptized.*

Acts 8:12 - *But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.*

At Mosaic Church, baptism is a membership requirement.

THE MEANING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

What is the Lord's Supper?

- It is a simple act.

1 Corinthians 11:23 - *...the Lord Jesus, on the night that He was betrayed, took bread and broke it.*

- It is a reminder.

1 Corinthians 11:24 - *And when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."*

- It is a symbol.

1 Corinthians 11:25 - *In the same way, He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; drink it to remember Me."*

- It's a statement of faith.

1 Corinthians 11:26 - *For whenever you eat the bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes back.*

Who should take the Lord's Supper?

- Only those who are already believers.

1 Corinthians 11:29 - *For anyone who eats or drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment upon himself.*

STATEMENTS

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

Love God. Love People. Lead the way.

Love God:

- It's not about us. We are here to make Jesus famous.
- Everything we do is for Jesus and deserves our utmost effort and excellence.
- The Bible is our active guide and foundation.
- Prayer is our daily and constant method of talking to and hearing from Jesus.

Love People:

- We will do things no one is doing to reach people no one is reaching.
- We will never look eyes with someone Jesus didn't die for.
- Freely we've received, freely we give.
- A non-serving Christian is a contradiction in terms.
- The Fruit of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control - will be our standard in relationships.

Lead the way:

- Everything rises and falls on leadership.
- Everyone has influence. I have influence. You have influence.
- No one else can fulfill my purpose. I have to do my part.
- Life is too short not to enjoy church. So we engage with a positive and life-giving attitude.

FIVE REASONS MOSAIC CHURCH EXISTS

1. **Worship**: We exist to celebrate God's presence.

John 4:23-24 - *The Father seeks worshipers and His worshipers must worship Him in spirit and in truth.*

2. **Fellowship**: We exist to incorporate God's people into His family.

Ephesians 1:5 - *His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure.*

3. **Evangelism**: We exist to communicate God's word.

Romans 10:13-14 - *Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved, but who can ask Him to save them unless they believe in Him and how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him and how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them.*

Why our church Must never stop Growing

- o Because God loves people.

2 Peter 3:9 - *The Lord is patient not wanting anyone to perish but wants everyone to come to repentance.*

- o Because God commands us to **reach** **out**.

Luke 14:23 - *Go out into the country and urge anyone you find to come in so that My house will be full.*

Acts 1:8 - *You will be My witnesses.*

- o Because growth is God's will.

Matthew 16:18 - *I will build My church.*

4. **Discipleship**: We exist to educate God's people.

Hebrews 6:1 - *Let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity.*

5. **Ministry**: We exist to demonstrate God's love.

John 13:35 - *By this shall all men know that you are My disciples that you have love for one another.*

- Every member is a minister.
- Every task is important.
- Every member is a "10" in some area.

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

- In the essentials we have **unity**.

Ephesians 4:4-6 - *There is one body and one Spirit, there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all.*

- In the non-essentials we have **liberty**.
- In all our beliefs we show charity.

What we believe:

ABOUT GOD

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; called the Trinity. These three are co-equal and are one God.

Genesis 1:1,26,27, 3:22; Psalms 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2;

2 Corinthians 13:14

ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again someday to earth to reign as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Matthew 1:22, 23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5; 14:10-30; Hebrew 4:14,15; 1
Corinthians 15:3,4;
Romans 1:3,4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14,15; Titus 2:13

ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is God's Spirit - God's person and presence and influence given for our daily lives. The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. That's what God's Spirit is all about. Jesus said, you need to be filled with power through God's Spirit. Jesus was extremely clear about where this kind of power comes from. *"But when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power."* New Testament believers were constantly challenged to be filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4,5; Ephesians 5:18). All believers today are entitled to and should expect and seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it comes power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, guidance in doing what is right, and the use of the gifts of the Spirit for the work of ministry. He is the source of our life not just for salvation of past sins, but for everyday. As Christians, we seek to live under His control daily. Verses that talk about the Holy Spirit and power in our lives are one of the most common themes in the Bible. Ephesians 5:18, *"Don't destroy yourself by getting drunk but let the Spirit fill your life."* Galatians 5:22-23, *"But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."*

2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13, 14:16,17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16;
Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18

ABOUT THE BIBLE

The Bible is God's Word to us...It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error. At Mosaic Church we do our very best to make sure that the Bible is our final authority.

2 Timothy 3:15-16; 2 Peter 1:20,21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Psalms 119:105,160, 12:6;
Proverbs 30:5

ABOUT HUMAN BEINGS

People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin".

Genesis 1:27; Psalms 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1,2

ABOUT SALVATION

Salvation is God's free gift to us but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith we are saved. We believe that man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God. No sin is beyond God's ability and willingness to forgive. We are all born into sin with the need of a Savior – who is Jesus. When we admit that we are a sinner, repent of our sins and believe in our heart we are saved from our sin. Old things are passed away and all things become new.

Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8,9; John 14:6, 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26;
Romans 5:1

ABOUT ETERNITY

People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell...To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence. About the second coming of Jesus Christ... We believe in a pre-tribulation rapture. The main thing that we must agree about the second coming of Christ is that Jesus Christ is coming back. It is our responsibility to be ready, to have our hearts ready to meet Him.

John 3:16; John 14:17; Romans 6:23; Romans 8:17-18; Revelation 20:15; 1
Corinthians 2:7-9

OUR LIFESTYLE STATEMENTS

What We Practice:

BIBLE AS OUR SOLE AUTHORITY

Since God's Word is the only completely reliable and truthful authority, we accept the Bible as our manual for living. We practice daily Bible reading, Bible study, and Bible memorization. The Bible is the basis for all we believe.

2 Timothy 3:15

PRIESTHOOD OF EVERY BELIEVER

The Bible teaches that every Christian is called to "full time" Christian service, regardless of his or her vocation. We practice the truth that every believer is a

minister by encouraging every member to find a place of service and ministry. Every believer has direct access to God through prayer and Bible reading.

Revelation 1:6, 1 Peter 2:9

SANCTIFICATION AND HOLINESS

Definition: separation or setting apart. At the time we receive Christ, we are sanctified. After salvation, we continue to live a life separated from sin and dedicated to God. The Holy Spirit is the One who sanctifies us.

The purpose of sanctification is to make us more like Jesus.

Hebrews 12:14

SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER (BACKSLIDING)

We believe carelessness can lead to apathy, apathy to neglect, and neglect to a conscious decision to sin. We do believe in eternal security as far as that God will not turn His back on a believer; but believers, as humans, are capable of turning their backs on God.

Luke 8:13; Jam. 5:19, Hebrews 6:6

TELLING OTHERS ABOUT CHRIST

It is the responsibility of every Christian to share the Good News with those with whom God brings us into contact. We practice personal sharing about Christ and inviting friends to church.

1 Peter 3:15

TITHING

At Mosaic Church we practice tithing for the support of Christ's body, the church, as God commands. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard of giving.

Leviticus 26:30

FAITH FOR ANSWERED PRAYER

God can do the miraculous through simple faith in Him. We must balance aggressive faith with being obedient to His will. We must guard against letting our faith turn into a spirit of insistence by balancing it with trust. Statements like, "You don't have enough faith," put an emphasis on faith in faith itself rather than on faith in God.

Hebrews 11:6

HEALING

We believe provision has been made for healing according to Scripture, but trust in God's wisdom and sovereignty as to when and if healing takes place. Jesus paid for our healing with His wounds.

Is. 53:5; Jam. 5:14-16

OUR VISION STATEMENT: *The Church That I See*

"The Church that I see is a Church whose head is Jesus, whose help is the Holy Spirit and whose focus is the Great Commission.

I see a Church filled with repentant sinners responding to Christ's call to salvation.

Yes, the Church that I see is so dependent on the Holy Spirit. A Church whose people are unified, praying and full of God's Spirit.

I see a Church whose heartfelt praise and worship touches Heaven and changes earth. Whose worship exalts Christ with powerful songs of faith and hope.

The Church that I see has a message so clear that lives are changed forever and potential is fulfilled through the power of His Word. A church of true disciples formed and shaped by the power of the Word of God.

I see a Church so compassionate that people are drawn from impossible situations into a loving and friendly circle of hope, where answers are found and

acceptance is given.

The Church that I see is a Church so committed to raising, training and empowering a leadership generation to reap the end-time harvest that all it's ministries are consumed with this goal.

The Church that I see is a Church of influence. A Church of such a size that the city and community cannot ignore it. A church that grows so quickly that buildings struggle to contain the increase.

I see a people so Kingdom-minded that they will count whatever the cost and pay whatever the price to see revival sweep this land.

Yes, the church that I see could well be our church – Mosaic Church."

STRATEGY

THE THREE CHAIRS

1. Mature Believers

- They are living the Christian life to the best of their ability.
- They are in church leadership, they're volunteering in ministry.
- They read their Bibles and pray outside of church services, and tithe.
- They have been to Mosaic 101, 201, and 301.

2. New Believers

- The Bible calls these "baby Christians".
- These are people who have recently committed their lives to Christ.
- They are still learning what it means to be a Christian.
- These people are new, but they're growing.
- They have been to Mosaic 101.

3. Unbelievers

- These have not made any commitment to follow Christ.
- They are checking things out and they're welcome at the church as well.

5 FOCUS AREAS

1. Sundays

2. Groups

3. Kid's

4. Youth

5. Missions

STRUCTURE

HOW OUR CHURCH IS STRUCTURED

1 Corinthians 14:33-40 - *For God is not a God of disorder, but of peace... Everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.*

The nature of the church determines its structure.

The church is a fellowship.

Acts 2:42 - *They continued steadily learning the teaching of the apostles and joined in the fellowship.*

- A good structure should promote unity and downplay differences.

Church Vote

1 Corinthians 11:17-18 - *Often your meetings do more harm than good. Because I hear that when you come together as a church there are divisions among you.*

- Voting tends to create division.
- At Mosaic Church, we only vote on a few things:
 - ☐ The position of Elder
 - ☐ The position of the senior pastor
 - ☐ The buying and selling of property

The church is a family.

1 Peter 3:8 - *You should be like one big happy family full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.*

- We operate on the basis of relationships not rules.

The church is a body.

- We function on the basis of spiritual gifts, not elected offices.

Romans 12:4-6 - *Just as each of us have one body with many members and these members do not all have the same functions, so in Christ we who are many form one body and each member belongs to all the others.*

The church is a flock.

- The church is cared for and led by shepherds.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MEMBER

The difference between being an attender and being a member can be summed up in one word - **commitment**.

Four Reasons For Membership:

- A **Biblical** Reason.
- A **Cultural** Reason.
- A **Practical** Reason.
- A **Personal** Reason.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME AS A MEMBER?

Preamble:

"Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with Mosaic Church's statements, strategy, and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Mosaic Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following..."

- 1. I will protect the unity of my church by acting in love toward the other members, refusing to gossip, by following the leaders.**

Ephesians 4:29 - *Don't let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths but only what builds up others.*

Hebrews 13:17 - *Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them that their work will be a joy and not a burden for that would be no advantage to you.*

- 2. I will share the responsibility of my church by praying for its growth, by inviting the unchurched to attend, by warmly welcoming those who visit.**

Rom. 15:7 - *So, warmly welcome each other into the church just as Christ has warmly welcomed you, then God will be glorified.*

- 3. I will serve the ministry of my church by discovering my gifts and talents, by being equipped to serve by my pastors, by developing a servant's heart.**

- 4. I will support the testimony of my church by attending faithfully, by living a godly life, by giving regularly.**