

Membership



None of us is as good as all of us...

At **ECC** we want membership to mean something. We want it to represent more than just a tally of those who enjoy voting privileges or, more often than not, attend weekend services. We want membership to represent meaningful and measurable **growth in Christ** and **investment in God's mission** in the world.

We currently have one hundred and seventy members who are active, committed, and growing deeper in their faith in surprising and inspiring ways. Here are some of the lights our members live by. **ECC** members...

- **Know** the importance of developing a small network of friends who they can trust, share life with, and together grow in faith.

These friendships are important precisely because they have the ability to get beyond the small talk - where it is all too easy to linger - and into the real issues of life and what it means to follow Jesus.

- **Believe** that money, like other resources, should be used to bless people. It's not a scorecard for success and it doesn't make us any more spiritual for having or not having it. It is simply one more area of life that we surrender to our God in faith. Far from a solo project, our giving is a declaration of the kind of community we desire - a community of God's abundance where not one of us may boast.

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- **Gather** regularly to worship and celebrate all that God is doing in their lives, homes, and workplaces. This weekly rhythm keeps us from seeing ourselves, or even our families, as the center of our lives. It reminds us that what lays behind the christian faith is not a neatly worded philosophy, but a person; one who is worthy of our complete devotion and worship.

- **Find** ways to serve God both inside and outside of organized ministries. Our members work on teams, help run events, care for our children, play instruments, facilitate Life Groups, landscape, serve communion, build furniture, visit the sick, fix cars, write to shut-ins, cook meals for new moms, build props, clean up our schools, brew coffee, pray for one another daily, and much, much more...



At ECC we believe our talents are not our own, but gifts from a good God who has plans for us...

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

-Ephesians 2.10

...The simple fact is, we all have experience and giftedness that is vital to God's mission in the world. And perhaps one of the most compelling marks of membership here at ECC is that you will never see our members riding the bench. Everyone is in the game.



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Because we know how easy it is, sometimes, to spin our wheels or feel adrift in the christian life, and because we love one another and want our members to continue to grow, we offer simple accountability every year as a sign of respect and faithfulness.

We promise that you will never merely be a name on a list - that we will do our best to help you grow closer to God and more obedient to his call on your life. Our new statement of mission sums up the ECC aim well:

**More people, more like Jesus,
Loving God and loving others.**

If you believe in what God is doing through **ECC**, and sincerely desire to grow deeper in your faith and further in mission, we would be honored to join you in the privilege of membership this year.

Sunday January 1st, 8th, and 15th you will have the opportunity to reaffirm your membership. Simply **check the box on your communication card** or even phone or email the church if you are unable to attend.

Sincerely and in Christ,
Pastors Tom, Craig, and Justin