



Bracken Ridge Baptist Church Membership

Becoming a formal member at our church is a step that we encourage people to take who have been a part of our community for a period of time and who are committed to the health and future direction of the church. We don't make a big distinction between members and non-members in the normal running of the church but the main reason we have church membership is that we believe that we best discern God's heart and direction for us as a church together. This is why we have member's meetings where people vote on the most significant decisions facing our church like staff appointments, Church Council appointments, budget etc. So deciding to become a member of our church you are expressing your commitment to the church family and agreeing to participate in our corporate decision making processes, i.e. members meetings.

Full and Associate Membership

There are two types of church membership, full and associate. If you have been baptised by immersion then you can apply for full membership. If you haven't been baptised by immersion you can apply for associate membership. There is not much practical difference, although you must have full membership to be a Pastor or join the Church Council. The church constitution (available on our website or via the church foyer or office) explains some of our core doctrines and how the church is structured and operates.

In becoming a member you are agreeing:

- To be an active participant in church life and use your gifts to serve others.
- With the emphasis and direction of the church (normally people would be a part of the church for 6-12 months to before applying for membership so they can check this)
- To try and build healthy and respectful relationships throughout the church family
- To financially contribute to the church
- To pray about church direction and participate in church members meetings where possible

Application Form

Name:

Phone:

Address:

Email:

- I was baptised at church. Year.....
- I was baptised at Bracken Ridge Baptist Church. Year
- I'm not baptised and want to apply for associate membership.

Signed: Date:

Once you have returned this form, one of the pastoral team will contact you to make a time to get together with you and answer any questions you may have about the church

Office Use:	
Date of application	Membership No.
Membership Date	Verse
Interviewer	<input type="checkbox"/> Council approved <input type="checkbox"/>