

Global Vision Ministries, Inc.



MEMBERSHIP PACKET

Please **PRINT** in **INK**. Please use **one form per person**. You may make copies of this form as needed. **Married couples must complete separate forms**. Children below 18 years of age are automatically considered as members if their parents are members of Global Vision Ministries. Individuals below 18 years of age must have their membership form signed by their parent(s) or guardian.

Criteria for Church Membership

1. A personal affirmation that you have received Christ Jesus as Savior and Lord.
2. You agree with our Confession of Faith and Church Covenant.
3. You believe that the Lord wants you to be a part of this church. If you are leaving another church, then it is important to us that you have left your former fellowship while maintaining the “unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”. If possible, you need to inform your former church of this pending membership change.
4. You acknowledge and are in agreement that Global Vision pastor(s) and leaders have a pastoral responsibility in your life.
5. You commit to support the work of God being done through Global Vision Ministries with your time, gifts, abilities and finances as you are able.

If you are interested in membership, each adult (18 and over) should fill out a form and give it to an usher.

You should also, if you are able, be ready to give a brief testimony of your salvation before the congregation.

For further information, call 770-374-7481 or email glovimchurch@gmail.com.

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

The church accepts the Scriptures as the revealed will of God, and adopts these statements of fundamental truths and doctrines.

1. The Bible is the inspired Word of God and the revealed will of God, (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Peter 1:23-25; Hebrews 4:12) and hence the Bible is the final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
2. There is one true God who eternally exists in three Persons - the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. All are co-equal and co-eternal (Matthew 28:19; 1 John 5:7).
3. Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, is the only begotten Son of God, and God the Son from eternity (Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1,14). We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, atoning death and bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. Man was created in God's image. By voluntary transgression he fell and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Genesis 1: 26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21)
5. Salvation of man
 - a. Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. On the cross Jesus Christ became sin and sickness providing both salvation and healing for all mankind (Psalm 103:3). This salvation comes by believing in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead and confessing with your mouth, Jesus as Lord (Romans 3:24, 10:8-10; Ephesians 2:8).
 - b. The inward evidence, to the believer, is the direct witness of the Spirit (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of true holiness and love (1 John 3:23; John 13:35).
 - c. Salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ and not by human works; however our works are evidence of our faith and will determine our rewards in eternity (Acts 16:3; Romans 10:9-10, 14:10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7; James 2:18).
6. Baptism in water and the Lord's Supper are the only sacraments of the Church. Baptism in water is a declaration to the world that a believer has died with Christ and that they have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life (Matthew 28:19; Acts 10:47-48; Romans 6:4). The celebration of the Lord's Supper by eating of the bread and drinking of the cup is a remembrance of Jesus (1 Corinthians 11:24-30).
7. The Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Godhead, dwells in every believer. The Holy Spirit is at work in and through the believer as evidenced through the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22,23) and the gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:7-11).

8. All believers are entitled to, and should ardently expect and earnestly seek, the promise of the Father, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to the command of Jesus Christ. With this comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry. This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth but can occur at the same moment a person is reborn (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8, 2:38-39, 10:44-46, 11:14-16, 15:7-9; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31).
9. The Church is the Body of Christ. Each believer is an integral part (Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23) of Christ's Body – the Church. God has a definite function for each believer in the Church (Romans 12:6-12). Some are called to stand in one or more of the five-fold ministries (Ephesians 4:7-11). The local church is an integral part of Christ's Body. As each believer fulfils their calling, within the local church and outside, they will fulfill their God ordained function in the Body of Christ.
10. God's will is the well being of the total person.
 - a. Spiritual (John 3:3, 11; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 10:9-10)
 - b. Mental (2 Timothy 1:7; Romans 12:1; Isaiah 26:3)
 - c. Physical (Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24)
 - d. Financial (III John 1:2; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians. 9:6-10; Deuteronomy 28:1-14)
 - e. Social (Proverbs 3:4)
11. Every believer should be actively involved in fulfilling the Great Commission of preaching the Gospel and making disciples of all nations (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:18-20).
12. Jesus is coming again to gather all His Saints to Heaven (1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 2 Thessalonians 2:1). Those who have not accepted the redemptive work of Jesus Christ will suffer eternal separation from God. (Revelation. 19:20, 20:10-15).
13. The Lord Jesus Christ will return with His saints from Heaven to rule and reign for one thousand years on earth as the Scripture promised (Romans 11:25, 27; 2 Thessalonians 1:7; Revelation 19:11-16, 20:1-7). After this, there will be a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21).

REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A MEMBER AND MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP

Church Membership is a commitment. By choosing to become a member of Global Vision Ministries:

- You are committing to be a part of this local or global body of believers.
- You are committing yourself to the leadership of the pastor and to the vision of Global Vision Ministries.
- You are committing to build strong, Christ-centered relationships with other members of this ministry.
- This means that you are committing to walk in Christian love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit and refuse to give room to the evil forces of strife, division, backbiting, jealousy and competition.
- You are committing yourself to serve the church with the grace and gifts God has given to you.
- You are committing yourself to support the work and ministry of Global Vision Ministries with your tithes and offerings.

While the membership requirements at Global Vision Ministries are simple we suggest that you decide on your membership prayerfully. We recommend that you attend the Church services regularly locally or on the Prayerline.

Requirements for Becoming A Member of Global Vision Ministries

1. Accept Jesus as Lord and Savior according to Romans 10:9-10.
2. Must have attended Global Vision Ministries for a period of 3 months (locally or prayerline)..
3. Must be baptized by immersion in water as an outward symbol of the inward transformation.
4. Must have informed your former church about your decision to become a member of Global Vision Ministries.
5. Must join Bible Study on Wednesdays.
6. Commit to supporting Global Vision Ministries with your tithes and offerings.
7. Complete, sign and submit the Membership Form.
8. Married couples must fill and submit separate Membership Forms
9. Forms need not be filled for children below 18 years of age if the parent(s) is/are members of Global Vision Ministries. In such cases, children are automatically considered as members of the church.

Maintaining Your Membership

1. Once you become a member of Global Vision Ministries you will be given a Membership Certificate which must be renewed every 5 years. Renewal of memberships can be done by simply signing a simple form which states that you wish to continue as a member of Global Vision Ministries or by email request for renewal sent to

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2. Global Vision Ministries will not consider un-renewed memberships as members.
3. Continue active involvement in Bible Study.
4. Walk in proper conduct as a believer.
5. Respect spiritual authority set over you in the local church.

Withdrawing Your Membership

If at any point you decide to withdraw your membership at Global Vision Ministries, you are required to submit your decision in writing to the pastor. You must also include reason(s) for your decision.

GLOBAL VISION MINISTRIES MEMBERSHIP FORM

Applicant Information

If you have interest in joining the church, please fill out this form and give it to an usher. Once this is received, Pastor will schedule an interview time with you.

Date: ____/____/____

Last: _____ Middle: _____ First: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Home Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Cell Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Occupation: _____

Work Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Email: _____

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Separated

Anniversary Date (if married): ____/____/____

Children

Full Name 1: _____ D.O.B: ____/____/____

Full Name 2: _____ D.O.B: ____/____/____

Full Name 3: _____ D.O.B: ____/____/____

Full Name 4: _____ D.O.B: ____/____/____

Full Name 5: _____ D.O.B: ____/____/____

Full Name 6: _____ D.O.B: ____/____/____

Previous Church Membership: _____

Have you ever been or are you currently under the corrective discipline of a church? YES NO

