



Signing Ceremony

An Invitation



It's Up To You

These days, many people are very deliberate in joining a church. They often attend services for months before making a final decision. That's not necessarily a bad thing. People should know what they are getting into before making a serious commitment. And these people are saying they consider church membership a serious commitment.

However... If your questions are all asked and answered... if you are satisfied that First Baptist is the kind of church of which you want to be a part... if you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ... if you are committed to spiritual growth and to sharing the good news of the Gospel... then you're ready.

You're Invited

You are invited to unite with First Baptist Church in a special ceremony on Wednesday, February 4 at 6:15 PM. This Wednesday also happens to be national signing day in NCAA football. When a football player is recruited, a coach from the university comes to the player's high school for a signing ceremony. They set up a table and decorate it with the colors of the college team. Then the signee and his family sit down with the coach and the recruit formally signs papers to accept the scholarship. Pictures are made for the local paper and it is a big moment. On February 4, we will set up a table in the foyer for those who desire to sign on to church membership. We will take pictures and everything, one family at a time! After the Signing Ceremony, at 6:30 in the worship center, we will have a special church-wide worship service that will celebrate church membership. The signing ceremony goes right along with our church bylaws:

In joining a local church, believers unite with the rest of the congregation by covenant. Church members willingly commit to walk together, giving themselves to the Lord, and to one another. This covenant admits them to the privileges of the church, and in it they also place themselves under its discipline and government...

In order to be accepted as a member of the First Baptist Church, one must subscribe to the faith and practices of the church. Therefore, persons desiring membership shall enter into covenant together with the congregation. This covenant shall be signed by prospective members to profess their faith in Christ, agreement with church doctrine and practice, and to promise to support the services and work of the church.

To Accept

To accept this invitation and make arrangements, or for more information, please call Pastor Derek Gentle at the office (283-2287) or on his cell phone (799-6759).

