



SEA OF GALILEE

Membership Class



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We are glad that you want to know about our Church! This class is the basic introduction to the Sea of Galilee Church. This class is designed to explain who we are and what we do.

Class goal

Our goal is that you learn about the Sea of Galilee Church and can voluntarily become a member, committing yourself to love God and serve people with your talents and abilities.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God - Ephesians 2:19

Mission and Purpose

Our Mission - Love God, Love People and Reach the World for Christ

Our Purpose - Make Disciples of Jesus Christ

Our values



Dependence on God

The Christian life depends on the guidance and strength that God provides. Without Him we are nothing and we can achieve very little. We prioritize worship, prayer, and counsel from the Bible.



Excellence

God deserves the best that we can give him. We show excellence in all things to God' glory.



Teamwork

We encourage the ideas and opinions of others to work together and achieve more.



Personal Commitment

We make a personal commitment to grow in the knowledge of God to serve and reach others for Jesus.



Good Relationships

Every person is important to God. We invest in each person's life to achieve social and spiritual development.





Diversity

We value the diversity of each person because we recognize that God created us different. In diversity there can be unity in love and acceptance.



Learning

We value the teaching of the Bible and that through practical study we can learn and grow.

Affiliation

Sea of Galilee is a church affiliated with the Spanish District of the Assemblies of God. Membership provides us with opportunities for fellowship with other churches and ministry resources to groups in the church.

Who are we trying to reach?

Sea of Galilee attempts to reach Hispanic / American families. Our environment, care and love for people makes our church a place where people will feel comfortable and grow in Christ, no matter where they come from or their past experiences. Many injured, confused and battered people are healed in Sea of Galilee.

Structure and Strategy

How is our church structured?

A good structure promotes unity and diminishes the differences that may exist.

Each person is considered a servant of God, including pastors, teachers, preachers, maintenance workers, deacons, and elders. In other words, we all serve. The pastor, along with the church board, administers the church. Group leaders lead the different ministries by providing spiritual help and support.



For God is not a God of confusion but of peace...But all things should be done decently and in order. 1 Corinthians 14:33, 40

What is the church strategy?

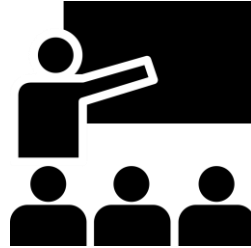


The life and growth strategy of the Sea of Galilee is in biblical discipleship. This means a personal commitment from each member to spiritual learning and maturity. We want each person not only to know God and the Bible to achieve salvation, but to discover and reach their potential to serve and fulfill God's purpose. We believe that biblical / spiritual preparation and maturity provide a foundation for healthy growth and reaching others for Christ.



We have a system of classes and events that will help each person to grow in their spiritual life and know God's purposes.

- Sunday School classes
- Spiritual growth classes
- Serving and Ministry classes
- Church retreats / events
- Leadership retreats / events



Benefits and Responsibilities of Church Membership

The difference between "visitors" and "members" can be summed up in one word: COMMITMENT. At Sea of Galilee we recognize the need for formal membership. We invite you to become a member for three reasons:

Biblical: Christ is dedicated to the church.

"... Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her" – *Ephesians 5:25*

Personal: Produces spiritual development. The New Testament emphasizes the spiritual growth of each Christian and through the ministry of the church each person has the opportunity to grow.

Practical: Membership means that we can count on you to reach others for Christ. For example, each social group has a registry of people: school, business, army, etc. Our membership identifies the family of faith.

What is required of me as a member?

At Sea of Galilee we never ask our members to do more than what the Bible clearly teaches. We expect our members to do what the Bible teaches and expects of every Christian. These responsibilities are outlined in the membership covenant.

MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having received Christ as Lord and Savior, and having been baptized in water, I agree with this kind of membership of the Sea of Galilee Church.

I commit myself before God and before the Church family with the following:

I will protect the unity of my church

- Acting in love towards others
- Supporting the leadership
- Refusing to be a part of gossip / slander



"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus" - *Romans 15:5*



"Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart." - 1 Peter 1:22

"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear." – Ephesians 4:29

I will share in the responsibilities of my church

- Praying for growth
- Inviting Friends and family who do not know Christ
- Welcoming those who visit



"We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly^[a] mentioning you in our prayers," - 1 Thessalonians 1:2

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7

I will serve in the ministry of my church

- Discovering my gifts and abilities
- Equipped to serve alongside my pastors
- Developing a heart to serve others



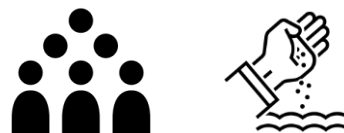
"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." - 1 Peter 4:10

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds^[a] and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." – Ephesians 4:11, 12

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,... taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men." – Philippians 2:4-5, 7

I will support the testimony of my church

- Attending faithfully
- Living a life pleasing to God
- Regularly tithing and contributing



"not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another." – Hebrews 10:25

"Only let your manner of life be worthy^[a] of the gospel of Christ" – Philippians 1:27

"Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the LORD's; it is holy to the LORD." – Leviticus 27:30



*“On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper”-
1 Corinthians 16:2*

NEXT STEPS...

Class for Spiritual Growth



The next step is the Spiritual Growth class. It is recommended that each member take this class. Good habits that Christians should practice are discussed. Emphasis is on time spent in prayer, reading and study of the Bible, generosity, and Christian fellowship. We also discuss bad habits that need to be identified and eliminated, such as gossip, bad attitudes, negative or pessimistic behaviors, etc. And finally, the issue of relationships, respect, how to deal with difficult people, and other topics.

