



Membership Information & Application

First Assembly of God Church of Ketchikan, Alaska

Why become a member?

“...You are a member of God’s very own family...and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.” Eph. 2:19

- **Personal sense of belonging:** By choosing to become a member, you are making a conscious choice to identify with and become part of this church family.
- **Personal voice and vote:** Someone once said that attending a church without becoming a member is like being a spiritual “foster child”. Foster children can participate in a family, but they are never a full participant in the family with all the joys, responsibilities and legal rights. Church members are given a clear voice and vote at all congregational meetings. Members participate in the decision-making discussions and voting on new pastoral staff, church leadership appointment, new members, church finances and major decisions. Note: Non-members are welcome to freely participate in all congregational meetings, but only members can vote.
- **Personal significance:** Becoming a member will open up new opportunities for you to serve in significant ministry roles within our church family.
- **Personal relationships:** By actively identifying with our church, you will enter into new meaningful relationships you would not experience if you stay on the fringe of our church family.
- **Personal development:** By committing yourself to becoming a member, you will have a greater focus to use and develop your gifts, abilities and serving skills and leadership within our church family.
- **Personal rewards:** Jesus Christ promises to reward us for our service for others. Your loving service within our church family will have eternal significance in your life and the lives of others. You will also experience the joy and reward of being part of what God is doing with and through our entire church family.
- **Personal accountability:** By becoming a member of this church, you are committing yourself to a personal path of spiritual growth, Christian maturity and godly service. Through the relationships you choose to build, you will become more accountable to others in your spiritual journey.

Who can become a member?

Eligibility: This congregation receives into membership anyone who is born again through faith in Jesus Christ and professes Him before the world; who has reached eighteen years of age; who pledges to constantly strive to become more Christ-like; who has a good reputation as to life and character; and who accepts the Statement of Faith, Constitution and By-Laws of this congregation.

What is expected of members?

We expect members to participate in fulfilling our vision statement, which is to:

Bring help, hope and caring as we seek to pastor Ketchikan, impact Southeast Alaska and invest in the nations of the World.

Members should seek to become “fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ” as they...

- **Confess with your mouth that you have received Jesus Christ** as your personal Lord and Savior and that you have eternal life. Romans 10:9, John 1:12, 1 John 5:11-13
- **Commune with God daily** through scripture reading, prayer and following Christ. Matt 22:37, Ps 119:105, John 15:4-6, John 14:23-24, John 12: 25-26, Like 11:2, 1 Thes 5:17
- **Celebrate God and hear the preaching of God’s Word** by participating in a weekly worship service. Ps 145:7, Heb 10:25, Acts 2:42
- **Continue to grow spiritually** by learning God’s word and following God’s will. Ps 145:4, Prov 13:20, Rom 12:1-2, Ps 119;1-4, 2 Cor 5:17
- **Connect with others in loving relationships** by being part of a small group, class or ministry team. Heb 10:23-25, Num 11:17, Acts 2:42-47, 1 Thes 5;11, Gal 6;2, 1 John 4:11-12
- **Consecrate yourself to Christian service** with your God-given time, abilities, gifts, and desires. Eph 2:10, Rom 12:4-8, Gal 5:13, 1 Cor 12
- **Communicate the love of Christ** by word and deed to others. Mt 5:16, Job 11:18, Col 1:10, Mk 1:17, 2 Cor 5:19-21, Acts 26:17-18, Luke 6:27-31
- **Contribute your God-given resources by generously** and faithfully giving financially to God’s work at our church and beyond. 2 Cor 9:7, Prov 3:9-10, Mal 3:8-10, Deut 14:22, Acts 11:29

Members should...

Participate in Church Decisions: Members shall participate in all congregation decisions by participating in and voting during church business meetings. Members shall respect the church decisions, properly made and binding; and, as much as in them and where the conscience is not violated, assist in carrying out such decisions.

Exercise Authority: Active members reserve the right to:

- Initiate request(s) at a Church Board meeting. Requests so initiated must be acted upon by the Board by, or at, the next Board meeting.
- Change any and all rules and/or decision of the board, teams, and/or committees at a duly called congregational meeting in accordance with the Article of Incorporation and By-laws.
- Nullify by a majority vote any and all rules and/or decisions of the board, teams, and/or committees at a duly called congregational meeting.

How do I apply for church membership?

Fill out and return the attached membership application. Please keep these information pages for your reference.

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Have you been baptized in water (Date, Church, Location)? _____

If not, would you like to be baptized? Yes No

Have you received the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Date)? _____

What way(s) do you desire to serve within our church family (based on your interests, abilities, gifts, and time)? _____

Please write out your personal testimony of how you came to Christ on the next page.

I have had access to copies of the Statement of Faith, Constitution and By-Laws, (available for download at ketchikanag.com, on the bulletin board outside the church office or request them from the church office), read them and am in full agreement with them in both word and spirit. As a member of this church, I will abide by these documents, and seek to fulfill the membership responsibilities to the best of my ability, and will endeavor to fulfill my responsibilities to the Lord and to His work.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please turn this form (and the next page with your testimony) to the lead pastor or to the church office at 3225 Fairview Avenue, Ketchikan, AK 99901. Your information will remain confidential.

Note: A separate application must be submitted for each person applying for membership.

