



First Baptist Church

Rockport, MA

Membership at the First Baptist Church of Rockport Massachusetts

Thanks for your interest in membership at the First Baptist Church of Rockport, Massachusetts.

The following is a guide for attaining membership at the First Baptist Church of Rockport. Through this process we will partner with you and support you in your desire to be involved in the church, encouraging you to join with us in exploring the Christian faith at the First Baptist Church of Rockport.

The Board of Deacons and Pastor look forward to working with you in the membership process. Please feel free to contact them with questions regarding membership or if they can be of further service to you.

The First Baptist Church of Rockport recognizes itself as part of the larger global and historic fellowship of believers who worship Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. In that light, the church bylaws stipulate the basic membership requirement as follows:

Any person accepting Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord who is in essential agreement with the doctrine and practice of this church may be received into the fellowship following his baptism (Article 11. Section 2).

Your membership journey will involve your participation in the church and its community of discipleship and outreach. The church family will be blessed by your participation as you consider this important step in your Christian life.

Membership represents:

- Your commitment to the beliefs, practices and people of the First Baptist Church.
- The commitment of the church body to you; to encourage, to equip and to edify.

The membership journey includes a class, which is offered on a regular basis. The pastor and members of the Board of Deacons teach the class. Your attendance is expected and valued.

Reading for the class will include: *I Am A Church Member* by Thom S. Rainer and The First Baptist Church of Rockport Articles of Faith. *Basic Christianity* by John Stott is also recommended.

The class will meet for three sessions of approximately 1.5 hours and review the book *I Am A Church Member* as well as the Articles of Faith.

After completion of the class, a representative from the Board of Deacons and the Pastor will meet with you to conclude the membership application process. We look forward to discussing our church life together as we seek to glorify God.

Pursuant to the bylaws, the final step in the membership process involves the Deacons recommending your name for membership during a business meeting. This is a time to celebrate your joining our church body and to celebrate God's work in your life!

In order to initiate the membership process, please fill out the following:

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Would you like to receive church e-mail updates (yes) _____ (no) _____

Hometown _____

Please list previous church membership:

Why do you want to join the First Baptist Church of Rockport?

