

Upcoming Discipleship Groups

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Youth – TODAY Sunday February 18th, 6:00pm at Agape

Ladies – Monday February 19th, 6:30pm at Agape

Men - Wednesday February 21st, 6:30pm at Agape

Youth Girls – Monday February 26th, 6:00pm at Josey Aycock's

Marriage - Sunday March 3rd, 5:00pm at Agape

Announcements

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Youth Group

Meets TODAY February 18th, 6:00pm at Agape. The students will gather for fellowship, worship, and a continued study of Hebrews.

Ladies' and Men's Small Group

The Ladies' Discipling Community will meet TOMORROW Feb 19th, 6:30pm at Agape. The Men's group will meet THIS Wed Feb 21st, 6:30pm at Agape.

Corporate Prayer & Worship

Join us for our next RELY gathering on Wednesday February 28th, 6:30pm at Agape – as we worship the LORD & intercede for our church!

Marriage Small Group

We will be studying the book, "What Did You Expect", by Paul Tripp. It is not too late to join us for the next gathering on Sunday March 3rd, 5:00pm at Agape. Childcare is provided.

To give as part of worship, use the **offering box** in our main worship area OR give through **our Church Center app**.



Sunday Morning
Worship Gathering
February 18th, 2024

Today's Text

1 Corinthians 12 (ESV)

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?

SERIES GOALS

1. **W**hat core beliefs form theological unity at Agape?

2. **W**hat is the definition & purpose of Church membership?

3. **W**hat are the core values of Agape and how should each member apply them?

¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be?

²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.





Members

David McConnell

Core Beliefs

Precepts: To be a member of Agape Church, an individual must:

- Publicly confess to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
- Be devoted to living a Biblical lifestyle, which we define as adherence to the orthodox teaching of Scripture.
- Affirm agreement with Agape's statement of faith.
- Confirm a previous baptism or be baptized prior to membership.

Commitments: Members make the following commitments **to Jesus & His church:**

- Commit to regularly gathering as the body of Christ at Agape. (Heb 10:25)
- Commit to giving of time, talents, & treasures to care for & build up the church. (Acts 2:44-46, 1 Corinthians 12:25)
- Commit to ministering to one another & the world according to the gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit. (Rom 12:6, 1 Cor 14:12, Phil 1:3-5)
- Commit to strive to maintain unity in the church & exhort one another toward mature belief. (Hebrews 3:13, Ephesians 4:3)

Steps to take: 1) Articulate your testimony to the church Elders. 2) Affirm agreement to the Precepts & Commitments. 3) Affirm your testimony and commitment to the church body.

Our use of the word _____ comes from the description of the local church in 1 Corinthians 15, which emphasizes that individual Christians _____ in a body of believers. This idea of church membership is _____ throughout the New Testament.

Church membership is assumed in the New Testament:

- By the _____ of local churches. (1 Cor 1:2, Gal 1:2, Col 4:16)
- By the instructions for _____ in those churches. (Titus 1:5)
 - Instructions for _____ and _____ assumes membership. (Heb 13:17, 1 Thess 5:12-13)
 - Instructions for _____ in the _____ assumes membership. (Matthew 18:15-17, 1 Cor 5:2)
 - Instructions for mutual _____ assumes membership. (1 Corinthians 12:25-26)

Why should a believer formalize their membership?

- It is a _____ commitment (promise), in a _____ commitment culture. (1 Timothy 4:14)
- It gives clarity to _____. (1 Peter 5:2-3)
- It gives clarity to _____. (Gal 6:10, 1 Cor 11:21,29)
- It gives clarity to the _____ the commitment. (Eph 5:16)

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