

# NEW MEMBERSHIP FAQ

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## STATEMENT OF FAITH

[Baptist Faith and Message of 2000](#)

## MEMBERSHIP DEFINED

The first step in defining church membership is defining the term church. In this day and time it is essential that this word be distinguished as *“an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel;”* (Baptist Faith and Message 2000) as opposed to the self defining social gatherings found in every city across this great nation impersonating the Body of Christ. Fresh Spring Baptist Church is a family of Christ followers who love much because we have been forgiven much.

## FRESH SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH DISTINCTIVES

Fresh Spring Baptist Church exists to actively fulfill the Great Commission by obeying the Greatest Commandment. As followers of Christ we want to be identified as His disciples, and to love God by keeping His commandments. We are a small fellowship of believers collectively working out our salvation with fear and trembling. We meet weekly

in a corner storefront located in downtown Angleton, amidst the Old Antiques stores, the Bail Bondsman, Community Supervision, and the Court House. We currently meet at 11am on Sunday morning to worship through singing, giving and the ministering of God's Word. We are fairly casual and contemporary in our style of music and dress; however we believe that the Word of God is inerrant and complete and our doctrine reflects this conservative approach to our Christian living. Our church will celebrate 6 years of service to our community at the end of June 2009, with the last 4 years in our current location. We hope to continue to impact our community for the Kingdom and pray that God will continue to use our church to Glorify Him.

## WHO CAN JOIN FRESH SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH?

Christians and their families who are actively pursuing a growing relationship with Jesus Christ their Savior are candidates for membership at Fresh Spring Baptist Church. Believers who have committed their lives to obedience to God and His Holy Scriptures, including having followed obediently the example of Christ and the instruction of His Word by being baptized by immersion as a public profession of their faith and an identification with the Body of Christ with whom they serve.

## WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A MEMBER OF FRESH SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH?

Expectation of Fresh Spring Baptist Church members is best explained in basic and practical terms of attending, giving, and laboring along with each other for the proclaiming of Jesus Christ as Lord and the spreading of the Gospel to our community and beyond. Of course, these elements are only possible as an overflow of our personal devotion to the Lordship of Jesus Christ as we worship, pray and read God's Word. These factors then result in the most intimate of expectations as we expose ourselves to accountability, repentance, and confession. All of this is done in an effort that Christ will be magnified and that our children would and the generations to come would worship in Spirit and Truth as we have. Also, see [Baptist Faith and Message of 2000](#) section XV "The Christian and the Social Order"

## WHEN DOES FRESH SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH FORMALLY INVITE AND RECOGNIZE NEW MEMBERS?

At this time, Fresh Spring Baptist Church holds an annual "Springing Up Weekend" set aside for a time of refreshing our existing membership as well as recognizing families who have requested formal membership at the church. This weekend is designed to give the entire church an opportunity to prayerfully consider and renew their commitment to this local body as well as provide visitors and candidates for membership a formal glimpse at the vision and strategy behind FSBC's many ministries. This year's "Springing Up Weekend" is November 21-23, 2008. If you have been attending and are unable to make this event, don't panic. We will gladly incorporate new members at any time during the year; we have simply set this weekend aside for formal renewal.

## WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FRESH SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH?

A great place to find out even more details is our Online Home at [www.thecyberspring.com](http://www.thecyberspring.com); within the photo galleries and sermon audio archives you should be able to get a glimpse of who we are and what we hold important. The best way, however is to contact the pastor via the contact form on the church website or at [david@thecyberspring.com](mailto:david@thecyberspring.com) and he will be glad to visit with you at your convenience.

## WHY SHOULD MY FAMILY AND I JOIN FRESH SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH?

First, Fresh Spring Baptist Church is not for everyone, in fact, there are many other local churches that have spent many years tailoring their programs to the needs of the Angleton community. Each of these churches exists by God's grace and by His Will, they will continue to successfully minister to Brazoria County for years to come. Fresh Spring Baptist Church is pleased to be a partner with many of these Southern Baptist churches and through organizations like the [Gulf Coast Baptist Association](#), [Southern Baptists of Texas](#), and the [Southern Baptist Convention](#) we are able to cooperate and partner locally and worldwide for the sake of the Gospel. All that said, we do consider our congregation to be distinct in membership, unified in its call, and determined in its pursuit of Christ. Our membership continues to be made up of "blue-collar" hardworking sinners saved by the matchless grace of God, taking to heart our forgiveness and joining together under the banner of Jesus Christ our Lord to worship corporately in Spirit and Truth. Determined to seek God's will and instruction for our lives through every jot and tittle of His Word we desire the proclaiming of His Truth and relish each opportunity to be together for such edification. For further information contact the pastor at [david@thecyberspring.com](mailto:david@thecyberspring.com), or any other member of "The Spring".

## HOW DO WE BECOME MEMBERS OF FRESH SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH?

Fresh Spring Baptist Church is not interested in proselytizing members from other Christ honoring Bible led churches, so we ask that you prayerfully consider your transfer of letter if you are coming from another local church. In the event you are led to join our church we ask that you grant us permission to seek your membership letter from your current place of worship in addition to any necessary meetings or visitations. If you are newly converted or coming from a denomination that previously did not require you to be baptized by immersion we look forward to meeting with you and your family and answering any questions you may have concerning this requirement for church membership.