

Why Be A Member of Hope Chapel?



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My wife and I recently became “members” at Bally’s gym. Whenever we go to exercise, before we enter the gym, we must show our “membership” cards. They scan our cards and if our “membership” is current, we may enter.

The dictionary defines member in the following ways: 1) a body part or organ. 2) one of the individuals composing a group. 3) a part of the whole.

We are not really “members” of Bally’s; our membership card is simply a paid admittance card. We are not a part of the Bally’s “group” or “body.” We are simply people who pay to go use their equipment.

A church is radically different from Bally’s.

The Bible defines the church as a “body”. It is the Body of Christ. Our English word church is derived from the Greek word *kryiakon*, meaning of the Lord.

When we sign as members of Hope Chapel, it is a tangible way to say that we are a part of the Body of Christ, that we are of the Lord. It says that we acknowledge ourselves as members.

The physical members of my body are connected by physical connections: muscle, tendon and bone. The members of the Body of Christ are connected in just as real a way through our common love of Christ, our relationships and commitment to see His purposes fulfilled through us together.

When we sign the membership form, it is our assent that we are a part of this body. We are committed to be connected to one another and to God’s assignments for us. We are not just visiting, we are not just attending, we are a part and we belong. We are members.

I invite you to acknowledge your being a part of this body by completing this membership form.



Becoming a Member

“And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are all called to live in peace. And always be thankful.”

—Colossians 3:15

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A GUIDE TO THE ADVANTAGES AND COMMITMENTS OF MEMBERSHIP

MY MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT

As a member of Hope Chapel San Pedro, I hereby commit to the following:

1.) That Jesus is Lord...

I believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I commit to live my life in a way that demonstrates this truth.

2) To Support the Leadership...

I understand and agree with the vision, direction and style of ministry at Hope Chapel San Pedro. I commit to support the leadership in their decisions through prayer and service, and will offer my trust and encouragement as they walk in the Lord.

3) To Participate in Fellowship...

I commit to be part of the community of this church; to spend time with other members of the community; to be around them and get to know them through regular attendance at worship celebrations and as a participant in a Hope@Home or other support group.

4) To be an Active Part of the Community...

I understand that God's plan includes a purpose for each individual believer. I know that the body of Christ functions most effectively when each member is seeking to develop his/her spiritual gifts and to function in them through love and service. I commit to seek God's direction in what part of the body of this church I am to serve.

5) To Financially Support the Ministry...

I understand that God's plan for supporting this church is through voluntary tithes and offerings. I realize that I have both an opportunity and a responsibility to worship God with my finances and to participate with Him financially in what He is accomplishing here. I commit a major portion of my giving to Hope Chapel.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Hope Chapel San Pedro is here to assist people seeking solutions to find hope and answers in Jesus. We are a growing, caring community that reflects the diversity of San Pedro and equips people so they help others become followers of Jesus.

Why do we ask you to become a member?



Our denomination requires that only members may vote on important issues facing the church.



To keep you informed of events, activities, ministry opportunities and other items of church interest.



To provide a way that you may communicate and fellowship with other Hope Chapel members.



To allow you to participate in our online community from which most of our service programs are based.

Hope Chapel San Pedro depends upon our membership providing us with complete and accurate information and keeping us updated with any changes to that information as they occur. Once a year, we ask you to fill out one of these forms to ensure that the information we have is correct. Please call us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Today's Date _____

Name _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

I'm a Current Member I'll be a New Member

Male Female Birth Date _____

Email _____

Primary Phone _____

HOME WORK CELL

Secondary Phone _____

HOME WORK CELL

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Married Not Yet Divorced Widowed

Spouse _____

(ATTENDING HOPE CHAPEL)

Child _____ Age _____

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