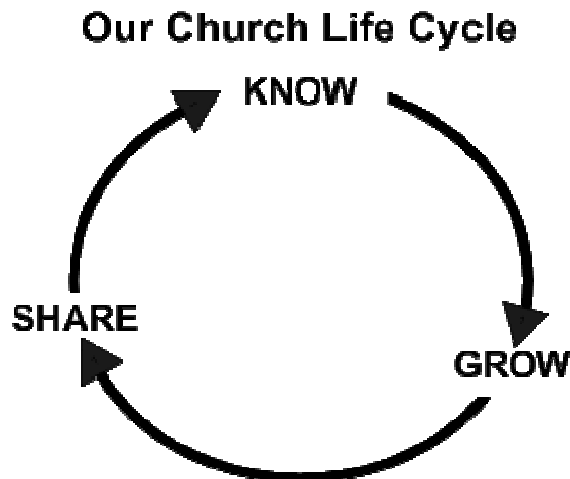


**March 7 2010**  
**Our Church**

**The Cycle of Our Church**

- Could we create a simple pattern of our church life that is easy to understand?
- Would that be helpful for all our people?
- What might it look like?



- What would we like people to Know?
- That God and we love them, accept them, and invite them into a relationship?
- How would we like people to Grow?
- In a healthy relationship of love, acceptance, and forgiveness with God and man?
- How would we like people to Share?
- From their loving, accepting, and forgiving relationship with God?
  
- What data would be important for people to Know?
- What God and we value? (Our Confession of Faith, Our Values)
- What Our Vision is?
- And how we intend to accomplish it, Our Mission.
  
- How would people Grow?
- By becoming alive in Christ?
- In understanding the Christian life?
- By hearing and obeying the voice of God?
  
- How would people Share?
- With God in conversational prayer?
- Person to person in one to one experiences?
- In groups with others?

Our church is going to start to use a membership class,

and then recognize or publish the names of new members.

### **The Membership Class**

- Includes, Our Confession of Faith,
- the Values of Our Church,
- Our Vision Statement,
- then our Mission Statement,
- and Church membership.

We have three levels of membership.

- Membership is for Children under age 9.
- Youth membership is for age 9-15.
- Adult membership is for anyone 16 or older.

Children members are asked if they believe the Bible is "God's Book," and if they are willing to be taught the Bible and what it means to be a Christian.

In becoming a Youth Member these four questions are asked of prospective Youth members.

1. Do you believe the Bible to be the Word of God and that it reveals the way of salvation?
2. Have you asked God to forgive your sins, and do you now believe that He accepts you as His child?
3. Are you willing to give of your time, talent, and means to the support of this church?
4. Have you experienced a "Believer's Baptism"?  
If not, are you willing to be baptized?

Adult membership is for anyone who is 16 or older.

In becoming an Adult Member a person responds to these six questions.

1. Do you believe the Bible to be the Word of God and that it reveals the way of salvation?
2. Have you asked God to forgive your sins, and do you now believe that He accepts you as His child?
3. Are you willing to become a disciple of Jesus Christ and what that includes?  
Are you seeking to lead a life of holiness and devotion to God and His cause?  
Are you repenting of the ways of the world and ungodliness?
4. Are you willing to follow our church Discipline, and are you willing to be under the authority of our local church?
5. Are you willing to give of your time, talent, and means to the support of this church?
6. Have you experienced a "Believer's Baptism"?  
If not, are you willing to be baptized?

To become a member, a person must say "Yes" to all of these questions (or to at least one of the questions in number 6).