

Membership Interview

The objective is to

1. Get to know the candidate for membership.
2. Help the candidate understand the church.
3. Begin pastoral care for the candidate.

Get to Know the candidate

Open in prayer. Begin asking questions that will help you get to know the individual better (with some brief comments):

1. What makes you want to join the church?
2. Where are you from? Hometown, Denominational/Theological Background, earlier churches, reasons for moving. Have they left the previous church in a manner that is above reproach?
3. How did you become a Christian?
4. Can you briefly explain the gospel to me?

Help Them to Know the Church

After taking time to get to know the potential member (and believe him to be converted), move the conversation toward helping him/her to understand the church they have come to join. While they have attended Step 2 membership class that covers many of these subjects, it's helpful to walk through them one-on-one.

1. Answer any questions the candidate might have.
2. Review the statement of faith.
3. Review expectations of church members.
 - I have by faith become a follower of Jesus Christ, and I have been baptized as a visible way of demonstrating that commitment. Because a disciple worships Christ, I will attend and fully participate in worship services at RBC.
 - Because a disciple walks with Christ, I will seek to maintain consistent disciplines of Bible study, prayer, and personal witness. I will walk in fellowship with other believers at RBC by participating in a Small Group. To maintain unity in fellowship, I will neither criticize nor listen to criticism concerning any member(s) of this body and will, when personally offended, speak directly and lovingly with those involved.
 - Because a disciple is obedient to the Word of God, I will walk in submission to the leadership of the church in accordance with Hebrews 13:17.
 - Because a disciple works for Christ, I will seek a place to serve at FHC, using my spiritual gifts and passions and in the process submit to the counsel given by the leadership.
 - I will financially support the ministries of RBC by faithfully giving back to the Lord a biblical portion of my increase.