

## What is membership at Liberty?

An important aspect of a strong family is commitment: loving and supporting each other, working together and identifying with family values and beliefs. Belonging to a church family is very similar and involves membership. Membership is also a commitment, expressing an individual's identification, participation and partnership with the local church. It is a public statement of allegiance, signifying agreement with what the church believes and values.

## When is the next class?

**6 Weeks on Sunday Mornings,  
October 10, 17, 24, 31 &  
November 7, 14 of 2010  
11 am  
OR  
1 Saturday, on October 16, 2010  
Lunch provided**

## Liberty Bible 's Doctrinal Statement

1. We believe the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men, and the divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life.
2. We believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross, a sacrifice for our sins, according to the Scriptures. Further, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He is now our High Priest and Advocate.
4. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for Godly living and service.
5. We believe that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is, therefore, lost, and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.
6. We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only grounds for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit, and thus become children of God.
7. We believe that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are, however, not regarded as a means of salvation.
8. We believe that the true Church is composed of such persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the Body of Christ of which He is the Head.
9. We believe that only those who are thus members of the true Church shall be eligible for membership in the local church.
10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church, and that every local church has the right, under Christ, to decide and govern its own affairs.
11. We believe in the personal and pre-millennial and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this "Blessed Hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.
12. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord; of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting, conscious punishment.

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# Welcome to Our Family



## Membership Information

## Is Liberty a part of any denomination?



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Liberty Bible Church is a part of the Evangelical Free Church of America. The EFCA is an association of about 1300 autonomous churches united by a mutual commitment to serve the Lord Jesus Christ with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and in obedience to the Word of God. The term “Evangelical” refers to our commitment to the proclamation of the gospel and to the authority of the Scriptures as the only safe and sufficient guide to faith and practice. The term “Free” refers to the autonomy of local churches, as well as to a congregational form of government. Evangelical Free Churches depend upon the active participation of lay people in their decisions and ministries.

## I have questions, who can I talk to?

Contact Jennifer Shelton  
at (219) 926-3038 ext 30  
JenniferS@lbchurch.org

## What do I have to do to be a member?

You attend the membership class, meet with an elder and give your testimony in an Adult Small Group.

## What are my responsibilities?

The responsibilities of a member are to give your time, talent and treasure to expansion of this ministry.

## What are my benefits as a member?

As a member you will be part of the spiritual shepherding of the church leaders. As a member you can now vote in any congregational meeting. As a member you may now serve on one of our elected ministry teams.

### *Key Verses*

Colossians 1:28  
Matthew 22:37-39  
Ephesians 4:11-13

## What does the class involve?

The all day class meets from 8 am-2 pm with lunch provided. In the class you will receive teaching on the church’s doctrine, purpose, goals and ministries. It will be a great time for you to ask any questions about the church. It is taught by our elders and pastors.

## Why do I have to give my testimony?

We believe that it is important to be able to give a verbal testimony of your faith journey and conversion. We understand that public speaking can be scary and we will help you find a group that you are comfortable sharing with.

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