

Venice Bible Church Church Membership

Section 1. - Procedures for becoming a member:

Any person who professes faith in Christ as Savior shall become a member of Venice Bible Church upon the recommendation of the Board of Elders and a Pastor according to the following procedures:

1. Complete application for membership.
2. Examination by the Pastor(s) or designated Elder as to Christian experience and basis of salvation.
3. Attend the new member class.
4. Assent to the Statement of Faith and By-Laws of the church.

Each applicant approved for membership shall then be physically received into the fellowship of the church during Sunday worship. At that time full voting privileges are extended to members 16 years old and older. Dual membership is acceptable for part-time residents.

Section 2. - Responsibilities and Rights of Members

The responsibilities of the members of the church are those set forth in the Scriptures, Statement of Faith and the By-Laws of the church. They include regular participation in the worship services of the church, Bible study, and small group ministry. They should be faithful stewards of time, talents and possessions in the service of the church. They should lead a life representative of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church in the community.

Members shall have no property rights in the church and upon termination of membership shall be entitled to no rights, title or interest in its assets.

Section 3. - Status of Members

The phrase “member eligible to vote” shall mean any person who is 16 year or older and has been received into membership in the church and who has not been placed on the inactive list by the Administrative Team or whose membership has not been terminated.

Section 4. - Termination of Membership

It shall be the duty of the Administrative Team to examine the membership records annually, and any member who has been absent from the services of the church for a period of twelve months without giving satisfactory reasons for such absence may be removed from the membership roll of the church. If possible, a personal contact shall be made by the staff or Administrator before the member’s name is removed. The Administrative Team shall present the names of the members recommended for removal to the Elder Board for approval.

Cases of disorderly conduct or heretical doctrine so opposed to the church’s life and faith as to destroy the possibility of fellowship shall be brought to the Elder Board. If after following the biblical precedence outlined in Matthew chapter 18 without a resolution of the conflict, the Elder Board shall recommend a member be removed from the rolls, the Elder Board shall present it to the membership at a regular or special business meeting and a 2/3 approval vote of those present and eligible to vote shall be required.