

# Expectations of a Member

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■ **I will share in the responsibility of my church family.** (See Ephesians 1:15-23; 3 John 2, 5; Romans 15:7; and Luke 14:23.) I will do this by praying for its health and growth, inviting the unchurched to attend and meet Jesus, and warmly welcoming people I don't know.

■ **I will serve Christ through the ministries of my church.** (See Ephesians 4:11-13; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31; Philippians 2:1-11; and Romans 12:3-13.) I will do this by developing a servant's heart; discovering my spiritual gifts, talents, and how God has shaped me, using them for ministry; and agreeing to serve Christ alongside my church family.

■ **I will support the testimony of Christ and my church.** (See Hebrews 10:23-25; Philippians 1:27; Titus 2:1-15; and 2 Corinthians 9:6-8.) I will do this by participating regularly in worship services and encouraging others to do the same, living a lifestyle that will honor God, and giving faithfully and proportionately..

Planning to attend?  
Interested in more  
information about the  
class? Want to know  
about other ways to get  
connected in the church?

We'd love to hear  
from you!

## PHONE:

Call Cindy Bates at the church  
office (815.459.1095 x314).

## ONLINE:

Send an email to Cindy Bates  
at [cbates@efccl.org](mailto:cbates@efccl.org).

## IN PERSON:

Sign the clipboard at the  
Connections booth in the  
Welcome Center three Sundays  
prior to class.



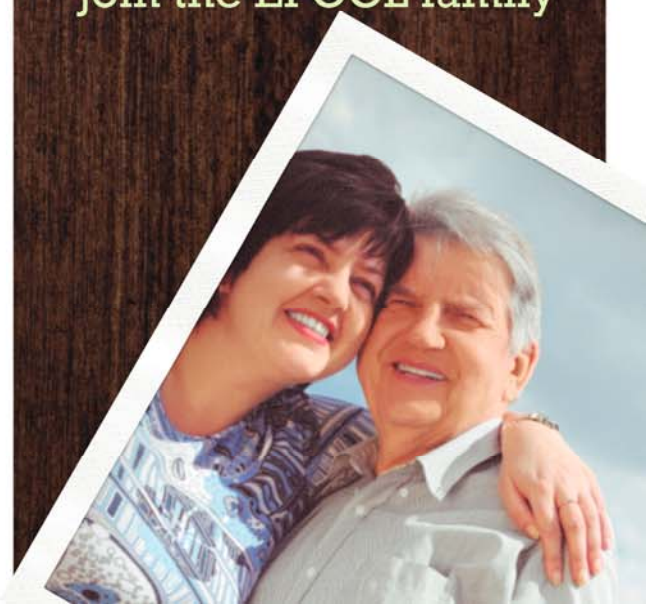
## Membership Class

join the EFCCL family

Our mission is to  
transform people to  
impact their world  
for Christ.



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## WHY JOIN EFCCL?

Becoming a member of a local church is biblically supported:

- A church family identifies us as genuine believers when we come together to love from different backgrounds, races, and social statuses (John 13:35).
- A church family moves us out of self-centered isolation to learning to care about others (1 Corinthians 12:26).
- A church family helps us develop spiritual muscle by participating in the full life of a local church (Ephesians 4:16).
- The Body of Christ needs every one of us for every believer plays a unique role in God's family (1 Corinthians 12:7).
- Satan loves detached believers because they are defenseless and powerless against his tactics (2 Corinthians 8:5).

## STEPS TO JOINING

We'd love to have you as part of our church family! Please prayerfully consider taking the following steps toward membership:

- **Membership Class:** Learn about our church's legacy and heritage, our statement of faith, your spiritual gifts and how you can use them in the church, and more!
- **Membership Application Form:** You will be given a form as part of the Membership Class. The covenant is also listed on the last panel of this brochure, so you can think and pray about it prior to coming to class.

- **Share Your Faith Journey:** You will be asked to share your personal testimony with the class and with one of the church elders.
- **Semi-annual Business Meeting:** Your name will be published in the church bulletin two weeks prior to the next business meeting (regularly scheduled in April and October). The church members will affirm your acceptance into our membership, after which you may vote on any business presented during that meeting.



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As a member of the Evangelical Free Church of Crystal Lake, you will be asked to sign the following Membership Covenant. We recommit ourselves to these values at the beginning of each business meeting.

**Trusting in Jesus Christ for my salvation and declaring Him to be my Lord, and fully understanding the statement of faith, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the membership of the Evangelical Free Church of Crystal Lake. I commit myself to God and the church membership to accept the following responsibilities. When I can no longer do so, I promise to quietly withdraw my membership.**

■ **I will protect the unity of our church fellowship.** (See Romans 15:5-6; Ephesians 4:1-16, 25-32; Hebrews 13:17; and 1 Peter 1:22.) I will do this by acting in love towards other members, refusing to gossip, and following our leaders.

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