

# We Welcome You...

## By Profession of Faith and Baptism

If you have never joined a church before, we will receive you by profession of faith. We will ask you if you repent of your sins, receive Jesus Christ as your Savior, and intend to lead a Christian life. When you answer "I do." to these questions, you have made your commitment to Christ. If you have not been baptized, we will be happy to baptize you. We also ask you to be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. By your answer of "I will." you make a commitment to this congregation.

## By Transfer From Another Denomination

If you have been baptized, we recognize your baptism and profession of faith from your previous Denomination/Church. We believe that you coming to join First United Methodist Church of Childress is a statement of renewal of your faith in Jesus Christ. We will ask you to be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. Your answer to this question is "I will." We will notify your previous church of your decision to unite with First United Methodist Church of Childress.

## By Transfer from Another United Methodist Church

We are happy to receive you by transfer from another United Methodist Church. We believe that you coming to unite with First United Methodist Church of Childress is in itself a statement of renewal of your faith and commitment to Christ and the Church. We will notify your previous church of your decision to unite with First United Methodist Church of Childress.

## By Affiliate or Associate Membership

Any United Methodist living in the Childress area for an extended period of time may become an affiliate or associate member. This membership enables you to retain your membership in your home church and at the same time be a part of ours.

# Basics of Christian Faith and Discipline

## 1. What is a Christian?

A Christian is a person who believes that the living God is revealed in and through Jesus Christ, who accepts Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who lives in obedient communion with God through the power of the Holy Spirit, and who takes his or her place in the community of Christ's church. (Acts 11:26; John 14:8-11; John 1:1-5, 14-18, Hebrews 1:1-3)

## 2. What is the good news (gospel/evangel)?

The good news is that God has acted decisively and uniquely in Jesus Christ to deal with our sinful condition. God has acted to save us by offering us love, grace, forgiveness, acceptance, and new life in Christ. (John 3:16-17; Acts 10:36-43; II Corinthians 5:17)

## 3. What is salvation?

Salvation is the forgiveness of our sin, deliverance from bondage, and the gift of new life in Christ. It is a process that begins now, gives victory over sin and death, and is completed with God in heaven. (Mark 2:1-4; 10:28-31, 45; Romans 5:15-21; II Corinthians 5:18-21)

## 4. What is the Invitation to Christian Discipleship?

All people are invited by God to repent of their sin, to trust and follow Jesus Christ, to learn from his words and deeds, and to share in his mission, through the power of the Holy Spirit and in company with other Christians. (Mark 1:16-20, 3:13-15; John 20:21-22; Acts 1:8)

## 5. Who is welcome as a member of the United Methodist Church?

All people who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and savior and who accept the challenge to serve him in the life of the church and the world are welcome as full members. If not already baptized, those seeking membership may be baptized before being received as full members.

## Joining The First United Methodist Church of Childress

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are interested in joining The First United Methodist Church of Childress, please schedule a time to visit with the Pastor. The Pastor will schedule a time to visit with you and answer any questions you may have about Church Membership.

Along with joining this Church, you may wish to make a first time profession of faith in Christ, come for baptism, or you may wish to renew the commitment you made at your baptism.

We expect our members to live into their Membership Vows through:

- their prayers
- their presence
- their gifts
- their service
- and their witness

**Date Scheduled to Visit with Pastor**

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**Date Discussed to Join FUMC Childress**

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## First United Methodist Church

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# First United Methodist Church - Family Information Sheet

**Family Members:** (List your dependent children here)

	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Sex	Marital Status	Anniversary	School Grade	D.O.B. (m/d/yy)	Have you been baptized?	Do you wish to be baptized?
Adult 1										
Adult 2										
Child 1										
Child 2										
Child 3										
Child 4										

**Family Address Data:**

Residence Address: (Physical street and/or location) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous Church Membership:**

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_



What brought you to First United Methodist Church Childress? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any prayer requests? \_\_\_\_\_