

What if I want to keep visiting indefinitely?

Regular visitors are considered as much a part of our church family as anyone else. However, there will probably come a time when you feel you need to make the decision to formalize your relationship with the church.

I am very self-conscious. Is there away to join other than Sunday morning in front of the congregation?

Yes. If you will let the pastor know, arrangements can be made to receive you into membership in a more private setting.

When should I join?

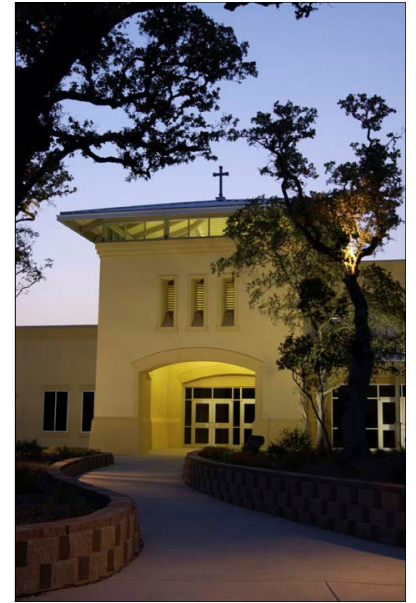
Normally, persons join the church after two or three months of regular attendance, but that is only a guideline. The important thing is that your decision to unite be prayerful. Becoming a member is as much a decision of the heart as it is a mastery of information. That is why we do not require you to attend membership training. When you are ready to acknowledge your faith in Christ and agree to support this congregation with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, then we are ready to receive you.

I have some more questions. To whom do I speak?

If you wish to speak personally with a pastor about any aspect of being a Christian or being a member of the church, feel free to call the church office and set up an appointment, or contact senior pastor Milton Lewis directly at milthentry@sbcglobal.net, or on his cell phone at 415-5479, and he will set up a time to visit.



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Becoming a
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BECOMING A MEMBER OF NHUMC

Northern Hills Church is more than a collection of people who worship on Sunday mornings—we are a family, and we would love to have you join us.

If you are contemplating membership but aren't yet sure, I invite you to call me (654-0881) or email me (milthentry@sbcglobal.net) or catch me at church on Sunday morning, to schedule a time to sit down together and talk. We also offer periodic lunches and classes designed to help you better understand our beliefs, ministries, and approach to worship; our history and values; and the meaning of church membership.

When you are ready to unite, we offer an invitation to join the church at the close of every Sunday service. Simply fill out the tear-off form in the morning bulletin and bring it to the front with you following the pastor's invitation.

I applaud your desire to find a church family. Should you eventually make NHC your church home, we will do our best to be the kind of family that nurtures your faith and spurs you to greater spiritual growth.

Milton Lewis, Senior Pastor
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Questions About Membership

What are the requirements of membership?

Membership has three parts: (1) Profession of faith in Jesus Christ; (2) Baptism; and (3) the Vows of Membership, which are, "Will you support the church by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?"

Baptism is the initiation into faith and the church. If you have not been baptized, we will baptize you at the time you join or schedule your baptism for the near future. If you have been baptized, your baptism is recognized and you will not be asked to be re-baptized.

How do I become a member?

Complete the form in the worship bulletin and come forward at the close of the service at the pastor's invitation. The pastor will introduce you to the congregation and ask you if you profess Christ as Lord and Savior, administer the vows of membership, and offer you the right hand of fellowship, welcoming you into this church family.

What is expected of members?

That you remain a faithful follower of Jesus, and that you make a conscientious effort to fulfill your vows of membership. Pray for your church. Attend services regularly. Find a place and a way to serve. Make and keep a regular pledge of financial support. Tell others about your church and invite them to attend with you.

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