

# Cornerstone Baptist Church

"...Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;" Eph. 2:20

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Adult Bible Study

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## Get Plugged into the Membership:

### The Fellowship of the Church

Hebrews 10:25

"...desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:"

Churches grow when people grow. The Church is the most powerful organism on the planet (Matthew 28:18). No power can overcome the Church (Isaiah 54:17; Matthew 16:18). Churches die because their members die spiritually. There is no power in the building, the property, the sign, or even the name of our Church. The power and effectiveness of the Church lies in the unified efforts of a Spirit-filled membership! You cannot be right with God and be disconnected from your local Church (I Timothy 3:15). How can we get plugged into our Church?

#### I. Get Plugged into the Business of the Church                      Acts 1:12-26

Getting plugged into the membership of the church means being aware of the business needs. This church lost their best member (Jesus) and their worst member (Judas) in the same week. They didn't crumble or even stall out. They had a business meeting, presented the needs of the church, prayed about them, and carried on with the work of the Lord.

What kind of business takes place at the church? \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### II. Get Plugged into the Beliefs of the Church                      Acts 2:41-44

They gladly received the Word of God and then obeyed it. This Church was unique in its:

1. Administration of the Word                      I Corinthians 2:3

It's the Preaching of the Word of God that changes the lives of people. It's not drama's, skits, entertainment, or any other thing that can be done.

I Corinthians 1:18 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Acceptance of the Word                      I Thessalonians 2:13

We don't preach Denominationalism, or further the agenda of some corporation. The Word of God is the Final Authority in all matters of our faith and practice.

3. Application of the Word                      Philippians 4:9; James 1:22-25

We believe that what is Preached should be Lived. We believe that the Word of God should be Applied.

### III. Get Plugged into the Burdens of the Church

Acts 2:45

When we get plugged in we are aware of the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We should care for and love one another.

I Peter 1:22; I Peter 3:8; I John 3:16; Galatians 6:1-2

How can we bear one another's burdens? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### IV. Get Plugged into the Blessings of the Church

Acts 2:46

1. The Blessing of Fellowship v. 42, 46

Failure to spend time fellowshiping with God's people is detrimental to one's spiritual growth. They increased in power and effectiveness because they got plugged into the other church member's lives.

2. The Blessing of Favor v. 47

One of the blessings of being a member of a church is being associated with that church and the impact that your church has.

3. The Blessing of Fruit v. 47

Those that were plugged in were blessed with the knowledge that they had a part in souls being saved locally and around the world.