

# Becoming a Member at Valley Free

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The membership pathway is designed to help participants with these goals:

- ☐ **Familiarity** with church ministry and leadership
- ☐ **Relationship** with other Believers at Valley Free
- ☐ **Understanding** of Doctrine
- ☐ **Affirmation** of Christian Testimony
- ☐ **Membership** in Valley Free Family

*The pathway is designed in such a way as to allow participants to easily move forward toward membership. Events are scheduled at least twice per year, with the Meet the Pastoral Staff event being held monthly. With this schedule, participants should have two opportunities per year to complete the membership process.*

## **Content of the Pathway**

a. Meet the Pastor and Staff

*This monthly event gives new attenders the opportunity to meet the pastoral staff and to hear their faith story and call to ministry.*

b. Vision, Values and Pathways

*Led by the senior pastor and the church elders, this discussion will revolve around the foundational vision and values of ministry at Valley Free. This gets at the heart of our passion for ministry.*

c. Ministry Leadership and Opportunities

*Our ministry leadership team will share their vision and passion for each of their ministries. God has blessed us with committed leaders who desire to share Christ's love through their ministry. Along with their calling to ministry, each leader will share opportunities for you to be involved.*

d. Evangelical Free Church Doctrine

*Led by senior pastor and elders, this discussion will focus on the Evangelical Free Church Statement of Faith.*

e. Your Faith Story

*The final step in this process is an opportunity for the participants to share their faith story with the leadership of the church. This may be done in a group setting or by personal interviews.*

*Also at this time, the participants would be given a copy of the Membership Application and the Membership Covenant. The process of completing and submitting the documents, along with the process of membership acceptance would be explained at this time.*