**Membership Classes Outline**

**Why Membership?**

Prayer Topics for Membership; Covenant of living in community; Give 100% of self; Become one with us

**1.** **Christ is Lord - Personal Life (4/10/2015 Friday at 7pm)**

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart” (Deut 6:5)*

*Covenant 1*: Love God above all else (Deut 6:5)

*Covenant 2*: Listen to God and obey his commandments (Joshua 1:8; Psalms 1:1-2)

*Covenant 3*: Become more like Christ Jesus in word and deed and do His will (Romans 12:1-2)

*Topics:*

Why Christ needs to be Lord of my life

Growing in a personal relationship with Christ

Practicing a Christian lifestyle

**2. Christ is Lord - Community Life** **(4/12/2015 Sunday at 1:30pm)**

*“Love one another as Jesus love us” (John 13:34)*

*Covenant 4:* Love one another as Jesus loves us (John 13:34, Luke 10:27, 1 John 4:19-21)

*Covenant 6:* Encourage, forgive and pray for my brothers and sisters in Christ and carry their burdens (Col 3:13-14; 1Thes 5:11; 14-18; Gal 6:1-3; Heb 10:24-25; James 5:16)

*Topics:*

Why Christ needs to be Lord of our community

Growing in a Christ-centered community (love, unity, service)

Sacraments (baptism, communion)

Participating in a Christian community lifestyle

**3. Discipleship & Mentoring (4/17/2015 Friday at 7pm)**

*“Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.” (John 8:31)*

*Covenant 7*: Work cooperatively to serve the church and its mission as the body of Christ (Acts 2:42-44; 1 Cor 1:10; Phil 1:*5)*

*Covenant 8:* Pray for and participate in spreading the gospel and support raising disciples of Christ (John 8:31; Matt 28:19-20)

*Topics:*

Who is a disciple of Christ (Character of discipleship)

Growing as a disciple (Responsibilities and blessings)

Nurturing others in the life of a disciple of Jesus

**4.** **Giving (Offerings)** **(4/19/2015 Sunday at 1:30pm)**

*As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house[a] to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Pe 2:4-5)*

*Covenant 1:* Love God above all else (Deut 6:5)

*Covenant 2:* Listen to God and obey his commandments (Joshua 1:8; Psalms 1:1-2)

*Covenant 7:* Work cooperatively to serve the church and its mission as the body of

Christ (Acts 2:42-44; 1 Cor 1:10; Phil 1:5)

*Covenant 9:* Work together to serve the poor and the needy (John 21:15-17;

James 1:27; Deut 14:28-29; 15:7; Isa 1:17)

*Topics:*

Why should we give? (To whom should we offer?)

Who should give? (Giving is applicable to all)

How should we give? (Attitude. Talk about giving in a broader sense; not only finances)

What is tithing and why is it important? (Stewardship)

Types of giving (Offerings: world mission - tithe, Sunday offerings, thanksgiving, and special offerings)

**5. Outreach & World Missions** **(4/24/2015 Friday at 7pm)**

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit…” (Matt 28:19)*

*Covenant 7: Work cooperatively to serve the church and its mission as the body of Christ (Acts 2:42-44; 1 Cor 1:10; Phil 1:5)*

*Covenant 8: Pray for and participate in spreading the gospel and support raising disciples of Christ (Matt 28:19-20)*

*Covenant 9*: Work together to serve the poor and the needy (John 21:15-17; James 1:27; Deut 14:28-29; 15:7; Isa 1:17)

*Topics:*

Why outreach and world missions? (Definition, meaning, and importance)

Biblical foundations for world mission; heart of God - how is it expressed?

**6. History of UBF and Triton UBF (4/26/2015 Sunday at 1:30pm)**

*“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God…” (1 Pe 2:9)*

*Topics:*

Who we are/ what we believe: Introduction

Current outreach and world mission efforts in UBF and Triton UBF

How to facilitate or participate in outreach and world mission efforts (prayers, campus club functions, financial support, short-term mission trip, medical mission, conferences, permanent missionary, silver missionary, etc.)

Mission Statement / Statement of Belief (doctrine, directing to reference)

Covenant & Membership Criteria

Membership responsibilities (including overall church operation)

**7. Accountability and Church Discipline (5/1/2015 Friday at 7pm)**

*“Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.” (Gal 6:1)*

*Covenant 5*: Keep each other accountable (Matthew 18:15-17)

*Covenant 6*: Encourage, forgive and pray for my brothers and sisters in Christ and carry their burdens (Col 3:13-14; 1Thes 5:11; 14-18; Gal 6:1-3; Heb 10:24-25; James 5:16)

*Topics:*

What is accountability? (Purpose of accountability among church members)

How to communicate concern about a fellow member’s misconduct

Conditions for discipline of a fellow member

Restoration, support and remediation of a fellow member

Conditions for termination of membership