- You will give of your time, talents and treasure for the edification of the church and for the glory of the Lord as He leads you to do through scripture and as you seek His will for your life. (Malachi 3:10, Matthew 6:19-24)
- You will seek to present yourself to God's use as His vessel.
   Through loving and serving others in the body and through committing to pray for one another, you will be fulfilling the role of a minister to others, putting them before yourself as commanded by God's Word.

(Romans 12:10-13, James 5:16)

You will strive to live a life worthy of the calling of Christ. You will strive to live with the integrity set forth in God's Word both inside the church walls and outside in the community where our witness of Christ is visible to a watching lost world.

(Ephesians 4:1-3, I Peter 1:13-15)

Please know how delighted we are that you have chosen to become part of this Body of believers! We look forward to how God will use you to edify and strengthen this church and to bring glory to His name!

God's blessings on you and your family as you seek to serve Him,

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## Church Membership What to Expect

Welcome to Calvary Baptist Church! We pray that you will grow in your knowledge and love of God while serving and being ministered to here in this Body of believers. It is our desire as a staff to serve you and your family members in any way we can. We believe the role of each member of the Body of Christ to be valuable, necessary and even vital to the life and work of the local church.

Because we believe Scripture teaches that God will equip each "saint" or believer to do a special work within the church body, our role as staff and leadership is to help this come to fruition in the lives of those with whom we serve.

Here is a list of some of the things you, as a member of this body, can expect of your staff and leadership.

- We will teach God's Word as the infallible and complete "handbook" for Christian living. We believe God's Word is supernatural, inspired by the Holy Spirit and is living and active and able to change the minds of hearts of men, women, boys and girls who seek to know the Lord in a personal relationship. (Hebrews 4:12, Acts 20:32)
- We will live and walk as examples of believers who love the Lord, His Word and His Church. While we are not perfect, nor will we ever attain perfection, we will strive to live lives worthy of the gospel and to be an example to you and your children as you attend Calvary worship, classes, functions and fellowships. We will live our lives with the same integrity inside the church walls and out in the community.

(1 Corinthians 11:1, Philippians 3:12-14 & 17)

- ♦ We will minister to you and your family in whatever ways God calls and leads us. As you communicate your needs to the staff and the larger body, we will strive to meet those needs as God has provided for us to do so. Some of the ways we can most effectively minister to you is through prayer. We commit to pray for needs as we have knowledge of them. (Philippians 4:19, Colossians 1:9-10)
- We will help provide Christian growth through various church programs, classes and small groups so that you and your family members may become "perfect and complete, lacking nothing" with regard to the way you would like to grow in knowledge and obedience to Christ. We will work toward this goal by being prepared ourselves through our own study and practice of God's Word and His commandments. (James 1:4)

Just as you can expect to see great things come out of the Body of Christ, you must be willing to allow God to use you to put great things into the Body through your service, spiritual gifting and your obedience to His Word.

Here are some expectations of a member of the Body of Christ:

- ◆ You will strive to be present for corporate meetings. You will not be ashamed to worship the Lord Jesus in public worship through services provided here or through small group activities. (Romans 1:16, Hebrews 10:25)
- You will use your spiritual gifts to edify the Body of Christ as scripture tells us to do. If you are unaware of your spiritual gifting, you will commit to pray and ask the Lord what your gifting may be. You may also seek counsel and help from mature believers to help discover your gifts and your talents as they are necessary to the work of the church.

(I Corinthians 12:1, I Corinthians 12: 7, 11 -12)