

The Leadership Team recommends the following modifications to the Emmanuel Baptist Church Constitution and Bylaws.

Membership

A. Qualifications

Any person professing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, giving evidence of a change of heart, when baptized in accord with the New Testament authority and method and ascribing to the principles laid down in this document, is eligible for membership.

B. Procedures

- Any person eligible and desirous of membership may make this intent known to a Staff member.
- All prospective members age 14 or older shall attend an Orientation Class where they will be made aware of Emmanuel's mission and vision, articles of faith, history, and structure. Also, they will be informed on how to begin serving and how to become a member.
 Exceptions: Children 13 and under may meet with a staff member in lieu of attending the Orientation Class but will not be eligible to vote on the business of the church until they have completed an Orientation Class. Other exceptions may be granted by the Pastoral Staff on a case-by-case basis.
- A deacon shall meet with the prospective member to assess their eligibility for membership, to assist them in finding a place of service within our church family, and to answer any questions they might have.
- Each prospective member shall share their testimony of Christian experience with a recognized Emmanuel group.
- Members from churches of the same faith and order may be received by letters of recommendation from their respective churches.
- After completion of above, ~~voting on persons for membership shall be done in a business meeting of Emmanuel.~~ they will become a member of Emmanuel. Deacons will present new members in business meetings.

Business Meetings:

~~Acceptance and transfer of church members: Incoming prospective members and outgoing transfers of church letters may be voted on at any regular business meeting or as needed at the end of regular Sunday worship services.~~