

## ***Discover South Main***

### SESSION 3 – “What does it mean to be a Member of South Main?”

#### OUR MISSION

**“To experience and to express the love of Jesus Christ.”**

#### OUR VISION

**“We will give ourselves away for the spiritual, economic, and social transformation of our community and world through the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ.”**

#### OUR VALUES

“We value **relationships** with people and with Christ.” (Matthew 22:36-40)

“We value **gift-based service** to Christ.” (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

“We value our **journey with Christ**, and our destination, which is Christ.” (Romans 8:28)

“We value the **worship** of Christ.” (John 4:24)

“We value **every member** as a missionary and minister for Christ.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

“We value small groups growing closer to Christ.” (Acts 2:41-47)

“We value **teams** to increase our impact for Christ.” (Luke 10:1-2)

“We value the Gospel as the transformational message of Christ.” (Romans 1:16)

“We value **the Bible** as our guide for life in Christ.” (2 Timothy 2:16-17)

#### OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

Our statement of faith is contained in the document known as the **“Baptist Faith and Message, Edition 2000.”** This can be found out our website at [www.southmain.church](http://www.southmain.church)

#### MEMBERSHIP PROCESS AT SOUTH MAIN

**Becoming a member of South Main is SIMPLE but not EASY!** Being a member of the South Main Church family involves a LIFE COMMITMENT! We welcome all who love the Lord and are led by Him to join! Membership at South Main involves four elements:

**First, let us know you desire membership!** There are several ways to do this. On Sundays, you may come forward at the end of worship and tell our pastor or a staff member that you want to become a part of South Main. Or you may go by the Welcome

area after worship and speak with one of our encouragers. Also, you may contact us during the week to speak with a staff member about it.

**Next, you must belong to Jesus Christ.** Members of South Main should be committed followers of Jesus Christ. But don't worry...if you need to know more about having a relationship with Him, we will help you understand how you can receive Him as your personal Savior and Lord.

**Third, membership at South Main involves believer baptism by immersion.** Every member of South Main is baptized after their commitment to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. If you have not yet had an opportunity to do this, you can! We will tell you everything you need to know. Baptism is your public profession of faith, it is the way you tell others you are a committed follower of Jesus Christ, and it is a command of Jesus for every believer.

**The final element of membership is to attend a "Discover South Main" event,** either in-person or by video. This one-time meeting, led by ministerial staff, is fast moving, interesting and informative. You will be given materials and information to help you understand membership at South Main. You may also attend just to find out more about South Main with no obligation to join.

#### CHURCH AFFIRMATION

Our church will work with each new member in the following ways: First, we **introduce and affirm all our new members** at a quarterly church business conference, usually held on a Wednesday evening. At this meeting we encourage our new members to attend and to be introduced to the church. If this is not possible we encourage new members to be introduced on a Sunday at the end of a worship service.

Second, **if you are coming from another church we will inform them of your transfer of membership.** You can also come for membership by a simple statement of your faith in Jesus and that you have been baptized.

Finally, if you are coming as a new Christian or need to be baptized, **we will work with you to schedule a very meaningful baptism service** at a time convenient for you and any family or guests you invite.