



The Church of Christ —

The church is people who seek to be only Christians. The "church of Christ" is not a title used in a denominational sense, but is intended to mean that we belong to Christ. The Bible says, "all the churches of Christ greet you" (Romans 16:16). However, it is just as accurate to describe the church as "the church of God" (I Corinthians 12:27), or the "household of faith" (Galatians 6:10). These and similar biblical phrases are not proper names, but descriptive expressions which show how the church is related to Christ and God.

Individually Christ's followers are known as "Christians" in the Bible. "The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26).

We, therefore, have no creed or catechism to present, but accept Christ as our only creed and the Bible as our only guidebook. In summary, this church accepts the following:

- No book but the Bible
- No creed but the Christ
- No name but the Divine
- No plea but the gospel
- No aim but to save
- In Christ -- unity
- In opinion -- liberty
- In all things -- love

Becoming a Christian —

We believe that it is by grace that we are saved, through our response of faith, believing that Jesus is the Son of God, that He died to take the penalty of our sins on Himself, and that He was raised from the dead on the third day by the power of God. Every person capable of faith is called by God to believe in Jesus as their Savior, repent of sin in their life, make a public confession of faith that Jesus is Lord, and be joined to Christ and His church by receiving baptism (immersion) in His name. Having made this response of faith, all sin is forgiven and we receive the gift of God's Holy Spirit to live in us and to empower us to live for Jesus. All those who come to faith in Him may request baptism at any time.

Becoming a Member of SWCC —

If you would like to learn about the Spring Woodlands Church or if you are interested in becoming a member, we offer an "*Introduction to Spring Woodlands 101*" series. This informational one hour class meets on Sunday mornings. This class presents the Vision, Mission, and Core Values & Beliefs, as well as our Membership expectations and Ministry opportunities. It is led by one of our Ministers, and selected Deacons. For more details call the church office at 281-367-2304.

Responding —

You may respond to be baptized by coming forward during the response time at any of our services or by making your request to one of our Ministers or Elders. You may request prayers by using the Prayer Request cards in the pews, or by going back to the Prayer Room during the response time and visiting with one of our Pastor-Shepherds.

Communion —

Communion at SWCC is open to all believers who have gathered with us to honor Jesus.
(Note: Guests are NOT expected to give any money for the offering.)