

## River Community Church Membership Steps

- ◆ Attend the New Member Seminar.
- ◆ Faithful attendance at a River small group.
- ◆ Faithful attendance at corporate worship on Sunday.
- ◆ Baptism by immersion as a believer.
- ◆ Meet with your small group leader and a church staff member.
- ◆ Completion of paperwork. There are 3 forms to be completed: Membership Commitment Form, Membership Information Form and the Talent & Interest Survey.
- ◆ Announcement in worship service (in most cases).

### **FAQs:**

*Q: What do I do once I finish the New Member seminar?*

A: You will meet with a church staff member and your small group leader to hear more detail about River's heart attitudes and to complete the membership forms. It's a great opportunity to ask any questions you still have, to explore ways you can serve at River, and also to share your story about when you chose to follow Christ.

*Q: What if I'm not in a small group?*

A: Faithful participation in a small group is a prerequisite for membership. We would be glad to help you find a small group.

### **Why is church membership important?**

Joining a church is making a commitment to a body of believers. To join means: "to become united, associated, or combined; associate or ally oneself." When you join a church, you are making a declaration that you believe God has asked you to participate in community with a particular body of believers, giving of your time, talents and treasures. Joining a church is committing to a group of people and is done with the understanding that what impacts one part of the body (a person) also impacts the rest of the body – and you're committed to love, serve and strive to resolve issues that arise.

At River, church membership is a prerequisite for some roles within the church, including small group leaders and leader assistants.

