

COMMITMENT TO SERVING ONE ANOTHER

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God (1 Peter 4:10).

Adults Serving in the Church

We believe that serving others is a vital part of church membership and body life. We encourage all members to be involved in ministry within the local church.

Further, we believe service and ministry should flow out of a love for and humble submission to Christ and His church. Our practice is that individuals make a public profession of faith through baptism, as well as a public commitment to love, submit to, and serve the church through joining in membership prior to taking on a role of service and ministry.

We permit others (e.g., guest speakers and special music) to serve our congregation when they are known to be members in good standing of like-minded churches.

Children Serving in the Church

We believe one aspect of training up children in the church involves teaching them to love others through serving them. Our practice is to allow children who are not members to serve under the direction of adult members (typically, under their parents direction or the direction of leaders in that particular ministry). Even under these circumstances, there will be consideration given as to the character of the child in deciding if and where they may serve.

Children who are not members may serve under the guidelines above up until their graduation from CMC's Youth Bible Institute, at which time our standards for adults would apply (i.e., baptism¹ and membership would be required).

¹ We believe that children should be of an age and maturity to be able to communicate their faith as their own and show evidence of the fruit of conversion prior to being baptized. Our practice has been to wait until a child is at least 12 years of age prior to baptizing them, though that has not been a rigid rule.