

MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

Phase 1: Preparation

To become a member of the First Coast Churches, congregations will need to submit a covenant application form, the church's governing documents, and an affirmation of a Baptist Faith and Message. Churches will attend a new church orientation after which they will be voted on by the FCC Lead Team (FCCLT). If approved, the church enters the watchcare phase.

Phase 2: Watchcare

During the watchcare phase, a church will need to contribute to FCC financially and participate in the FCC Annual Celebration as well as other strategic cooperative activities. FCC staff will conduct an entrance assessment, an unannounced visit, and an exit interview to report to the FCCLT. Afterward, the FCCLT will vote again to recommend the church for full membership or to remove them from the membership process.

Phase 3: Full Membership

At each Annual Celebration, attendants will vote to add new churches to full FCC membership. Those churches joining FCC will be celebrated and welcomed into full membership at that point. Once in full membership, a church is bound by regular membership requirements to maintain its association with FCC.