

The Race Team
Momentum – Part 3 of 5
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Why does Ridgeview have church membership?

(Matthew 5:29, Romans 6:12-13, 12:4-5, Ephesians 4:25,
1 Corinthians 12:24-27)

1. **A Biblical Reason:** The New Testament **describes** and **assumes** church commitment.

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.... ⁴⁶ Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts Acts 2:42, 46 CSB

2. **A Cultural Reason:** It is an **antidote** to our society.

3. **A Practical Reason:** It defines who can be **counted on**.

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens [outsiders without rights of citizenship], but you are fellow citizens with the saints (God's people), and are [members] of God's household, Ephesians 2:19 AMP

4. **A Personal Reason:** It produces **spiritual growth**.

²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV

¹³ But continually encourage one another every day, as long as it is called "Today" [and there is an opportunity], so that none of you will be hardened [into settled rebellion] by the deceitfulness of sin [its cleverness, delusive glamour, and sophistication]. Hebrews 3:13 AMP

Ridgeview gains momentum as members
deepen their **commitment** over time.

Next Steps:

- ☐ Spend some time studying the “One Anothers” and “Heart Attitudes” this week.
- ☐ Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior for the first time!
- ☐ Begin Exploring Ridgeview or complete your current step.