

MEMBERSHIP COVENANT



A covenant is a voluntary agreement based on a meaningful relationship between two parties. The purpose of this covenant is a declaration that you have joined with others in membership with Life Church in order to fulfill God's purpose your life and to accomplish God's mission in the world...together.

In becoming a member of Life Church, I affirm the following:

- I have put my faith in Jesus Christ, have surrendered my life to Him as Lord and trust in Him alone for my salvation.
- I have been baptized. (Please share date/location: _____)
- I have not been baptized, but am willing and ready to be baptized.
- I am in agreement with the vision, mission, beliefs, strategy and structure of Life Church.

As a member of Life Church, I commit myself to the following:

I commit to pursue growth in my relationship with Jesus by:

- ❖ **Walking with Jesus Daily**, striving and learning how to spend time with Him regularly through prayer, Bible reading, worship, and other spiritual disciplines.
- ❖ **Seeking to grow into my full potential** by discovering my gifts and embracing my uniqueness.
- ❖ **Being an active part of His Church by regularly attending and actively participating** in the life of the church, as this is critically important to my spiritual growth.

I commit to grow in relationships with others by:

- ❖ **Making myself available to others**, which includes proactively seeking others out and building relationships.
- ❖ **Involving myself in a Life Group and/or similar gatherings** where I can connect relationally, grow spiritually, find accountability, and experience Gospel Community alongside others.

I commit to invest in the life of the church by:

- ❖ **Serving others at Life Church**, offering my time, talents, strengths, abilities, passions to serve and contribute to the overall growth, health and mission of the church. (i.e.: Ministry Teams)
- ❖ **Giving a portion/percentage of my income** (tithes, offerings, gifts) regularly, sacrificially and joyfully, as an act of worship to God and an eternal investment in His Kingdom.

I commit to be a messenger of God's love by:

- ❖ **Reflecting Jesus** in my relationships, at work/school, in the community, etc.
- ❖ **Sharing my faith with others who may not know Him** by building relationships outside the church and inviting them to attend church with me.
- ❖ **Serving in the community and abroad**, regularly pursuing opportunities to be a light in the world both individually and alongside others at Life Church.

I commit to protect the unity of the church by:

- ❖ **Supporting, praying for and following our leaders** (elders, pastors) **as they follow Jesus**.
- ❖ **Demonstrating and relentlessly upholding an atmosphere of love, acceptance and grace**, being a source of encouragement to others, avoiding gossip and inappropriate talk, quickly resolving conflicts and misunderstandings in a Biblical manner.

Name (Printed): _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Last church you were a member of: _____

STATEMENT OF FAITH

● **About the Bible**

The Bible is God's written Word to all mankind. It was written by human authors, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error and completely relevant to our daily lives. (*Deut. 4:1-2; Psalm 119:105; 160; 12:5; Isaiah 40:8; Proverbs. 30:5; 2 Timothy 1:13, 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:24-25*)

● **About God**

There is one God, the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in a triune relationship with Himself as one substance in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal, co-existent and co-eternal. (*Genesis 1:1, 26-27; Deut. 6:4; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; John 5:21-23, 14:10; 2 Corinth. 13:14*)

● **About the Father**

God is our heavenly Father, full of greatness. He is all powerful, all knowing, ever present, unchanging, completely worthy of our trust, and above all, holy. He concerns Himself in the affairs of mankind, and intends for human beings to live in fellowship with Himself. He is good, compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in love and is faithful, and He works all things together for good to those who love Him. In His unfathomable grace, He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, for mankind's redemption. It is in Him that we live, move and exist. (*Exodus 3:14; Numbers 23:19; Leviticus 11:44-45; 19:2; Psalm 11:4-6; Malachi 3:6; John 3:16; 4:24; 5:26; 14:1; Acts 17:28; Romans 3:3-4*)

● **About the Son (Jesus Christ)**

Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. He is the Word of God manifest in human form - completely human but, at the same time, completely God. In His incarnational form, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again someday to earth to reign as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. (*Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6; Luke 4:18-19; John 1:1-5, 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:3-5; Romans 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11, Colossians 1:15-16*)

● **About the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son. He is present in the world to guide all believers in truth, to exalt Christ, to bring comfort, and to make mankind aware of their sin and their need for a Savior. He comes to abide in every Christian (by Christian, we mean *Christ-follower* or *disciple of Jesus*) from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, guidance in doing what is right, and ultimately makes us more like Christ. His presence assures us of our relationship with Christ. Furthermore, He gives spiritual gifts to the Christian for works of ministry and service. (*Genesis 1:2; 2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13; 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12; 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; 5:18; Galatians 5:22-25*)

● **About Mankind**

Man was made in the image of God, created to reflect and share in God's glory. But all of mankind is marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin." This attitude separates people from God and causes them to be in rebellion against Him and His ways. Only the grace of God brings human beings into holy fellowship with Him. The sacredness of human life is evident in that God created mankind as the crown of His creation; therefore, every human being possesses dignity and is worthy of respect and love. (*Genesis 1:26-30; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6; 59:1-2; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 3:10-18, 23; Ephesians 2*)

● **About Salvation**

Salvation is God's free gift to us, but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to and Christ-ruled life in faith, we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Christ by faith. (*Romans 5:1,23; 10:9-10, Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6; 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Acts 2:21, 4:12*)

● **About Eternal Security**

Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been saved, you cannot "lose" it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self effort of the Christian (by Christian, we mean *Christ-follower* or *disciple of Jesus*). It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us this security in Christ. (*John 6:39,10:28, 30; 2 Tim. 1:12; Heb. 7:25; 10:10; 14; 13:5; 1 Peter 1:3,5*)

● **About Eternity**

Mankind was created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. Those who are separated from God will ultimately spend eternity in Hell. Those that have received God's salvation will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence. (*John 3:16; 1 John 2:25; Colossians 1:5; John 14:1-4; Luke 12:5; Luke 16:2-25; Revelation 20:15*)