

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Real Church, for a Real People, Living in a Real World

WELCOME TO DISCOVERING CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

We're glad you are here to learn more about Life Community Church. This class is an introduction to our church family. Since we have members from many different church backgrounds, this class was designed to clearly explain who and what our church is.

THE BASIS FOR THE CLASS

"You are a member of God's own family -- and you belong in God's household with every other Christian." Ephesians 2:19 (LB)

KEY TRUTHS

1. The church is a **family**
2. God expects you to be a **member** of a church family.
3. A Christian without a family is an **orphan**.

THE GOAL

The goal is to commit oneself to **Christ** and to the **church family**.

WHAT MAKES LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH A FAMILY?

Four Things Unite Us:

- Our Salvation (What God has done for us)
- Our Statements (Why we exist as a church)
- Our Strategy (How we fulfill our purpose)
- Our Structure (When and where we fulfill Our purpose)

OUR SALVATION

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

Most people live their entire lives without ever knowing “why”! They exist year after year with no idea of why they live or God’s purpose for their lives. The most basic question a person can ask is, “What is the meaning of life?”

Everyone wants to be happy. People try many ways.

Some look for happiness by acquiring possessions.

Some look for happiness by experiencing pleasure.

Some look for happiness by gaining prestige and power.

But real happiness comes from understanding my **Purpose in Life**.

I. WHY AM I HERE?

1. God made me to **love** me!

God says, “I have loved you with an everlasting love.” Jeremiah 31:3.

“Even before the world was made, God had already chosen us to be His through Our union with Christ – because of His love, God had already decided that through Jesus Christ He would make us his children – this was God’s pleasure and purpose.” Ephesians 1:4-5 (GN)

2. We were created to **enjoy** a personal relationship with God and to **manage** all of the rest of God’s creation! This makes us special!

“So God created human beings, making them in His image. He blessed them, and said, - live all over the earth and bring it under control. I am putting you in charge.” Genesis 1:27-28 (LB)

Jesus said, “I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness!” John 10:10

3. When we know and love God, and live in harmony with His purpose for our lives, it produces tremendous benefits in our lives:

Clear Conscience
Romans 8:1

Life & Peace
Romans 8:6

Help with Weakness
Romans 8:26

Purpose
Romans 8:28

Confidence
Romans 8:31

Security
Romans 8:39

Power & Strength
Philippians 4:13

Fulfillment
Philippians 4:19

Freedom
John 8:32, 36

This is the kind of lifestyle God intends for us to live. Why then aren’t most people really happy?

II. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

Man has a natural desire to **be boss**, - and to ignore God's principles for living.

"Look out for number 1. Do you own thing."

"If it feels good, do it – regardless of what God says about it."

"It's my life and I'll do what I please!"

The Bible calls this attitude: **SIN**

"All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, and each of us has turned to his own way," Isaiah 53:6

"If we say that we never sin, we are only fooling ourselves, and refuse to accept the truth,"
1 John 1:8

Sin keeps us from a close relationship with God. It causes us to fear God and try to live our lives outside of His will.

"The trouble is that your sins have cut you off from God," Isaiah 59:2 (LB)

"all have sinned and fall short of God's glorious ideal," Romans 3:23

When our relationship with God is not right, it causes problems in every area of our lives - - marriage, career, relationship, finances, etc.

WHEN PEOPLE HAVE PROBLEMS, THEY OFTEN TRY MANY, DIFFERENT WAYS OF COPING BEFORE TURNING TO GOD

"There are ways that seem right to man, but they only end in death." Proverbs 16:25

Even when we know that our deepest need is God; we often try wrong ways of getting to know Him:

"My mother was a Christian, so.."

"It doesn't matter what you believe, just be sincere."

"I'll give up all my bad habits."

"I'll work real hard and earn it."

"I'll be religious and go to church."

III. WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?

Jesus Christ said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me!" John 14:6

God Himself came to earth as a human being to bring us back to Himself. If any other way had worked, Jesus Christ would not have had to come. The Way is a Person!

JESUS HAS ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF YOUR SIN PROBLEM!

"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
Romans 6:23

God did this for us because He loves us and wants us to know Him.

“God demonstrated (proved) His love for us in that while we were still separated from God by sin, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

“God is on one side and all people are on the other side, and Christ Jesus is between them to bring them together, by giving His life for all mankind,” I Timothy 2:5

God has already done His part to restore our relationship to Him. He took the initiative. Now he waits for each of us to individually accept what He has done for us.

IV. WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?

1. **Admit** that God has not been first place in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from every wrong.” I John 1:9

2. **Believe** that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that He rose again on Easter, and is alive today,

“If you confess that Jesus is your Lord, and you believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

3. **Accept** God’s free gift of salvation. Don’t try to earn it.

“For it is by grace you are saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

Our relationship to God is not restored by anything we do, but on the basis of what Jesus already did for us!

4. **Invite** Jesus Christ to come into your life to be the director (Lord) of your life.

“To all who receive Him, He gives the right to become children of God. All we need to do is to trust Him to save us. All those who believe this are reborn! – not in a physical rebirth but from the will of God!” John 1:12-13

“Jesus says, ‘listen! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in.’ “ Revelation 3:20

YOU CAN TAKE THESE STEPS BY PRAYING A SIMPLE PRAYER OF COMMITMENT TO GOD:

“Dear Jesus, thank you for making me and loving me, even when I’ve ignored you and gone my own way. I realized I need you in my life and I’m sorry for my sins. I ask you to forgive me. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. Please help me to understand it more. As much as I know how, I want to follow you from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept your gift of salvation. Please help me to grow now as a Christian.”

“Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.” Romans 10:13

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING BAPTIZED

I. WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

1. To follow the example set by **Jesus**.

“At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river.” Mark 1:9

2. Because Christ **commands** it.

“Jesus said, ‘Go then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and then teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.’ Matthew 28:19-20

3. It demonstrates that I really am a **believer**.

“-many of the people who heard Him believed and were baptized.” Acts 18:8

“We know that we have come to know Him, if we obey His commands,” I John 2:3

II. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BAPTISM?

1. It illustrates Christ’s **death, burial, resurrection**.

“Christ died for our sins – He was buried – and He rose again,” I Corinthians 15:3-4

“For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ.” Colossians 2:12

2. It illustrates my **new life** as a Christian.

“When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!” II Corinthians 5:17

BAPTISM DOESN’T MAKE YOU A BELIEVER – it shows that you ARE a believer. Baptism does not save you, only your faith in Christ can do that. Baptism is like a wedding ring – it is the outward symbol of the commitment you made in your heart.

III. WHY BE BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION?

1. Because **Jesus** was baptized that way.

“As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water.” Matthew 3:16

2. Every baptism in the **bible** was by immersion.

(Example) “- then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water –“ Acts 8:38-39

3. The word “baptize” means “to **die under** water.”

The Greek word baptizo means, “to immerse or dip under water.”

4. It best symbolizes a burial and resurrection!

The founders of denominations agree:

*Martin Luther - - “I would have those who are to be baptized to be entirely immersed, as the word imports and the mystery signifies.”

*John Calvin - - “The word ‘baptize’ signifies to immerse. It is certain that immersion was the practice of the ancient church,”

*John Wesley - - “buried with Him, alludes to baptizing by immersion according to the custom of the first church.”

IV. WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

Every person who has **believed** in Christ

“Those who believed and accepted His message were baptized - -“ Acts 2:41

“Simon himself believed and was baptized. . .” Acts 8:13

“But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News – and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women,” Acts 8:12

At Life Community Church, we wait until our children are old enough to believe and understand the true meaning of baptism before we baptize them.

Some churches practice a “baptism of confirmation” for children. This ceremony is intended to be a covenant between the parents and God on behalf of the child. The parents promise to raise their child in the faith until the child is old enough to make his own personal confession of Christ. This custom began about 300 years after the Bible was completed.

This is different from the baptism talked about in the Bible, which was only for those old enough to believe. The purpose is to publicly confess your personal commitment to Christ.

At Life Community Church, it is a membership requirement that every member must have been baptized the way Jesus demonstrated, even though many of us were “confirmed” as children.

There is no reason to delay. As soon as you have decided to receive Christ into your life, you can and should be baptized. If you wait until you are “perfect”, you’ll never feel “good enough”!

Can my family be baptized together?

Yes! If each family member understands fully the meaning of baptism, and each one has personally placed his/her trust in Christ for salvation, we encourage families to be baptized at the same time. It is a wonderful expression of commitment.

What should I wear when I am baptized?

Women should wear shorts and a top rather than a swimsuit. Men may wear a swimsuit. Bring a change of clothes, a towel, and a plastic bag for your wet clothes.

Will I have to say anything?

No. Pastor Hal or another pastor will introduce you, briefly lower you under the water, and then you can leave the baptistery, and dry off. We encourage you to invite all your relatives and friends to attend your baptism.

V. WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

AS SOON AS YOU HAVE BELIEVED!

“Those who believed – were baptized – that day!” Acts 2:41

“Then Philip began with the scripture and told him the Good News about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water, and the man said, ‘Look, here is water! Why shouldn’t I be baptized right now?’ Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may,’ the man answered, ‘I believe that Jesus is the Son of God.’ So they went down into the water and Philip baptized him.” Acts 8:35-38

THE MEANING OF COMMUNION/LORD’S SUPPER

Jesus never asked His disciples to remember His birth. But He did instruct them to remember His death and resurrection. He gave the church two visible symbols (called “ordinances”) as reminders of His death. These two ordinances are: Baptism and The Lord’s Supper. The Lord’s Supper is an object lesson that represents a great spiritual truth for believers.

I. WHAT IS COMMUNION (LORD’S SUPPER)? (I CORINTHIANS 11:23-26)

1. It is a **simple act**.

“The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread – “ (vs.23)

2. It is a **reminder**.

“-and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; eat it in remembrance of me,’ “ (vs.24)

3. It is a **symbol**.

“In the same way, he took the cup, saying, this cup is the new covenant in my blood; drink it to remember me,” (vs.25)

4. It is a **statement of faith**.

“For whenever you eat the bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes back.” (vs.26)

II. WHO SHOULD TAKE THE COMMUNION/LORD’S SUPPER?

Only those who are already **believers** (Mark 14:22-26)

“For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment upon himself.” II Corinthians 11:27-28

III. HOW DO I PREPARE MYSELF FOR THE COMMUNION/LORD’S SUPPER?

“Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the lord. A person ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup,” I Corinthians 11:27-28

By –

1. Self-Examination - - I Corinthians 11:27
2. Confessing My Sins - - I John 1:9
3. Recommitment - - Romans 12:1
4. Restoring Relationships - - Matthew 5:23-24

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Our Purpose is summarized in a single sentence based on two key scriptures:

“We Believe in a Great Commitment to the Great **Commandment** and the Great **Commission** will grow a great church.”

The Great Commandment: Matthew 22:36-40 “Jesus said, ‘Love the Lord Your God with all your heart. . . soul. . . and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

The Great Commission: Matthew 28:19-20 “Jesus said, ‘Go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.’ “

- To “Love God with all your heart” is “WORSHIP”.
- To “Love your neighbor as yourself” is “MINISTRY”.
- To “Go . . . make disciples” is “EVANGELISM”.
- To “Baptize...” is “FELLOWSHIP.”
- To “Teach them.. . all things” is “DISCIPLESHIP”.

Life Community Church exists:

1. To **Celebrate** God’s presence. (worship)
2. To **Communicate** God’s Word. (evangelism)
3. To **Educate** God’s people. (discipleship)
4. To **Demonstrate** God’s love. (ministry)
5. To **Assimilate** God’s people. (fellowship)

I. WE EXIST TO CELEBRATE GOD’S PRESENCE.

WORSHIP IS EXPRESSING LOVE TO GOD!

“Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only,” Matthew 4:10

“The Father seeks worshippers – and His worshippers must worship Him in spirit and in truth.” John 4:23-24

EXPRESSIONS OF WORSHIP: **Singing** (Ephesians 5:19), **Commitment** (Romans 12: 1–2), **Praying** (Psalm 12: 1–2), **Hearing The Word** (John 17:17), **Giving** (I Corinthians 16:1-2), **Baptism** (Romans 6:3-4), **Meditating** (Habakkuk 2:20), **Lord’s Supper** (I Cor. 11:23-26).

II. WE EXIST TO COMMUNICATE GOD’S WORD

EVANGELISM IS SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS WITH OTHERS!

“His intent was that through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known. . .” Ephesians 3:10

Why our church must never stop growing.

1. Because God **loves people.**

“**The Lord-is patient not wanting anyone to perish, but wants everyone to come to repentance.**” 2 Peter 3:9

2. Because God **commands us to reach out.**
“Go out into the country-and urge anyone you find to come in, so that My house will be full.” Luke 14:23(LB)
3. Because growth is **Gods will.**
“Under Christ’s control, the whole body is nourished-and grows as God wants it to grow.” Eph 4:16(GN)

Jesus said, “I will build my church.” Matthew 16:18

We believe that our church must grow **larger** and **smaller** at the same time.

III. WE EXIST TO EDUCATE GOD’S PEOPLE

DISCIPLESHIP IS WHERE BELIEVERS GROW SPIRITUALLY!

“Let us leave the elementary teaching about Christ and go on to maturity,” Hebrews 6:1

IV. WE EXIST TO DEMONSTRATE GOD’S LOVE

MINISTRY IS MEETING THE NEEDS OF OTHERS WITH LOVE!

“By this shall all men know that you are my disciples – that you have love for one another.” John 13:35

The heartbeat of Life Church will be our **Life Groups (small groups)**. Every partner needs to be a part of one.

Every member is a **minister**.

Every task is **important**.

Every member is a “10” in **some area of your life**.

V. WE EXIST TO DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD’S PEOPLE

FELLOWSHIP IS BRINGING OTHERS INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST

The foundation of relationships and ministry growth is facilitated through fellowship in a **Life Group**.

Goals of Life Groups

1. to develop relationships
2. to minister to each other
3. to provide a safe environment to discuss spiritual issues and growth in a relevant way.

Life Church Mission Statement

Help people discover God and the abundant life in Him.

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“For God is not a God of **disorder**, but of **peace**. Everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.” 1 Corinthians 14:33, 40

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH DETERMINES IT’S STRUCTURE

1. The church is a Fellowship.

Acts 2:42-They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

A top priority in a fellowship is **harmony** and **unity**.

“**Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.**” Ephesians 4:3

Implication: A good structure promotes unity and downplays **differences**.

1 Cor 11:17-18-in the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. 18 In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you.

2. The church is a Family.

“You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds,” 1 Peter 3:8 (LB)

So we operate on the basis of **relationships** and not **rules**.

“Don’t reprimand a senior member of the church, appeal to him as a father. Treat the young men as brothers, and the older women as mothers. Treat the younger women as sisters.” 1Timothy5:1-2 (PH)

3. The church is a Body.

1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 5:23

We are a body – not a business! We are an organism – not an organization.

Therefore, we function on the basis of spiritual **gifts** and not **elected offices**.

In an organization “maintenance” becomes the focus but in an organism “ministry” is the focus.

We need to have as simple a structure as possible to maximize **ministry** and minimize **maintenance**.

The people are the **ministers** and the pastors are the **administers (administrators)**.

4. The church is a Flock.

It is to be cared for and led by **shepherds**.

“Jesus asked Simon Peter. ‘Do you really love me?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ answered Peter. Then take care of my sheep.’ John 21:16-17

Three different terms are used in the New Testament to refer to the same church leaders:

“**POIMEN**”-Shepherds 1 Peter 5: 1 – 2

“**PRESBUTEROS**”-Elders Acts 20:17-18,28

“**EPISCOPOSO**”- Overseers Acts 20:17-18,28

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A PARTNER

The difference between “attenders” and “partners” can be summed up in one word: **commitment**.

At Life Community Church, we recognize the need for a formal church partnership, we ask you to commit to partnership for four reasons:

1. **A Biblical reason:** Christ is committed to the church.
“Christ loved the church and he gave his life for it.” Ephesians 5:25
2. **A Cultural reason:** It is an antidote to our society. We live in an age where few want to be committed to anything—a job—a marriage—our country. This attitude has even produced a generation of “church shoppers and hoppers.” partnership swims against the current of America’s “consumer religion”. It is an unselfish decision. Commitment always builds character.
3. **A Practical Reason:** It defines who can be counted on. Every team must have a roster. Every school must have an enrollment. Every army has an enlistment. Partnership identifies our family.
4. **A Personal Reason:** It produces a spiritual growth. The New Testament places a major emphasis on the need for Christians to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth. You cannot be accountable when you’re not committed to any specific family.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME AS A PARTNER?

At Life Community Church we never ask partners to do more than the bible clearly teaches. We only expect partners to do what the bible expects every Christian to do. These responsibilities are spelled out in the Partnership Covenant.

The Partnership Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and having been baptized, and being in agreement with Life Community statements, strategy, and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Life Community church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other partners to do the following:

1. **I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH**
...By acting in love toward other partners -Rom. 15: 19
...By refusing to gossip- Eph. 4:29
...By following the leaders- Heb. 13:17
2. **I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH**
...By praying for its growth-1 Thess. 1: 2
...By inviting the unchurched to attend -” Luke 14:23
...By warmly welcoming those who visit - Rom. 15:7
3. **I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH**
...By discovering my gifts and talents- 1 Peter 4:10
...By being equipped to serve by my pastors- Eph. 4:11-12
...By developing a servant’s heart- Phil. 2:3-4,7
4. **I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH**
...By attending faithfully- Heb. 10:25
...By living a Godly life- Phil. 1:27
...By giving regularly- 1 Cor. 16:2, Lev. 27:30
5. **I WILL COMMIT TO A SMALL GROUP**
...By attending regularly
...By praying for others in my small group

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What We Believe

THE BIBLE

- We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, divinely inspired; that it contains no errors in the original manuscripts and preserved by God for us; that it is authoritative for this church and each of us for every age.

GOD

- We believe that God exists eternally in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These three are one God.
- We believe God created the universe by His Power and word.
- We believe that God is all knowing, all-powerful and ever present.

JESUS

- We believe Jesus Christ was sent by God the Father into the world to save sinners.
- We believe that Jesus Christ was virgin born, sinless in life and mighty in words and deeds.
- We believe Jesus was both God and man, that He was crucified for our sins, and was bodily raised from the dead. He then ascended to His Father's side where He is head of the church and intercedes for believers.
- We believe Jesus Christ is coming again personally, visibly and bodily to reign as Lord.

HOLY SPIRIT

- We believe the Holy Spirit is a person, is God, and has all the divine characteristics. He indwells all believers, baptizes and seals them at the moment of salvation. He fills them in response to confession of sin and surrender to Him.

SALVATION

- We believe that Jesus, through His death on the cross, provided salvation for all. However, to receive salvation one must repent of sin and trust Jesus Christ alone. The true believer is eternally secure and cannot lose his salvation. He may, however, lose his joy by sin and bring the loving discipline of the Father upon himself.
- All who have received Christ will at death depart to be with Christ in

THE CHURCH

- We believe a New Testament church is a local body of baptized believers who has agreed together to worship Jesus Christ, edify the believers, evangelize the lost and minister to others.
- The church has two ordinances: Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
Baptism. Symbolizes the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the new life we have in Him.
Communion/Lord's Supper is a reminder of Christ's death and anticipates His Second Coming.

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OUR LIFESTYLE STATEMENT-What We Practice

Beliefs are not worth much unless they are translated into actions. Based on what the bible teaches, we feel very strongly about the following seven practices:

BIBLE AS OUR SOLE AUTHORITY

“The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us to do what is right.” 2 Timothy 3:15

Since God’s Word is the only completely reliable and truthful authority, we accept the Bible as our manual for living. Our first question when faced with a decision is “What does the Bible say?” We practice daily Bible reading, Bible study, and Bible memorization. The Bible is the basis for all we believe.

AUTONOMY OF EACH LOCAL CHURCH

“Christ is the head of his body, the church. He is the source of the Body’s life-“
Colossians 1 :18 (GN)

Christ is the recognized head of our church, not any person, group or religious organization. While recognizing the value of associating and cooperating with other groups of Christians, we believe every local church should be self-governing and independent from any denominational control.

PRIESTHOOD OF EVERY BELIEVER

“Christ loves us, and by his death he has freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom of priests to serve God “Revelation 1:6 (GN)

“You are – the King’s priests – God’s own people, chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of God.” 1 Peters 2:9 (GN)

The Bible teaches that every Christian is called to “full time” Christian service, regardless of his or her vocation. We practice the truth that every believer is a minister by encouraging every member to find a place of service and ministry. Every believer has direct access to God through prayerful Bible reading.

TITHING

“A tithe of everything you produce belongs to the Lord: it is holy to the Lord.”
Leviticus 26:30

At Life Community Church we practice tithing for the support of Christ’s Body, the church, as God commands. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard of giving.

IMMERSION

“For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ – “ Colossians 2:12 (GN)

We practice baptism by immersion under water – the way Jesus was baptized, and the way the Bible commands.

SPIRIT-LED LIVING

(Jesus said) “I am the Vine, you are the branches. If you abide in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; but apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

We believe the only way possible to live the Christian life is by God’s power within us. So we seek to practice daily dependence on God’s Spirit to enable us to do what is right. (Philippians 2:13, Ephesians 5:18)

TELLING OTHERS ABOUT CHRIST

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for hope that you have.” 1 Peter 3:15

It is the responsibility of every Christian to share the Good News with those whom God brings us into contact. We practice personal sharing about Christ and inviting friends to church.

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Partnership Commitment

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Anniversary date _____

E-Mail Address _____

Sex: Male Female Date of Birth _____

Single Married Widowed Divorced

My occupation is: _____

Type of Business: _____

I have the following experiences & interests: _____

Children's Name(s) & Birth dates: _____

My spouse's name (if not attending tonight): _____

How would you describe your relationship with Christ?

- Seeking and Open Committed Christian New Christian
 Christian but I need to grow closer to Christ

1. Have you committed your life to Jesus Christ and trusted Him for salvation?

Yes When? _____ Where? _____

No

2. Have you been baptized by immersion after you committed your life to Christ?

Yes When? _____ Where? _____

No

3. Do you desire to follow, by making a commitment to, the Life Community Church Partnership Covenant?

Yes, I do.

4. Which night(s) would be most convenient for you to attend a life Group?

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Please sign name and date _____