

The Membership Process

A. Steps to joining the Lighthouse Baptist Church family:

1. Present yourself for membership in front of the Church family at any one of the regularly scheduled services.
2. Attend the “Discovery Class” which is held quarterly and led by Pastor Gillming.
3. Making a Statement of Faith in Christ Jesus, being baptized by immersion in water, or a transfer of letter from a church of like faith and practice.

B. Conditions of Membership:

1. You must be born again with evidence of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. Baptized by immersion in this or another church of like faith and practice.
3. Transfer your letter of church membership letter from another church of like faith and practice.
4. Acceptance of the Statement of Faith of Lighthouse Baptist Church.

Why Make a Commitment to Church Membership?

At Lighthouse Baptist Church we recognize a need for a formal membership. The difference between “attendees” and “members” can be summed in the word commitment. We feel that to ask a Christian to commit themselves to church membership is for four basic reasons:

1. Jesus Himself is committed to the church.

Ephesians 5:25 . . . even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it.

2. The church encourages personal, spiritual growth.

Heb. 10:24-25 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is: but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

3. The church is an antidote to our secular society.

This is an age where very few people want to be committed to anything – a job, a marriage, our nation. This attitude has even produced a generation of “church hoppers and shoppers.” Membership in a particular church swims against the current of America’s “consumer religion.” Membership is an unselfish decision. Commitment always builds spiritual character.

4. The church defines who can be counted on.

Every team has a roster. Every school has an enrollment. Every business has a payroll. Every army has an enlistment. Membership identifies both who we are and who is available to minister.