

Lesson 14: LCC Membership

Membership at LCC is a covenant relationship between you and the LCC body. With the help of the Holy Spirit, church leadership takes the following responsibilities:

- To lovingly care for you and seek your growth in Christ (Hebrews 13:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12)
- To provide teaching and counsel from the Scriptures that will span the spectrum of Scripture (Galatians 6:6; Acts 20:27-28)
- To help you in times of need (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35; James 2:14-17)
- To hold our pastors, elders, and deacons to the criteria assigned to them in Scripture (1 Timothy 3:1-13; 5:17-22; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4)
- To pray for you regularly, particularly when you are sick (James 5:14)
- To be on guard against false teachers (Acts 20:28-31)
- To exercise church discipline when necessary (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5; Galatians 6:1)
- To help you become equipped to serve Christ (Ephesians 4:11-13)
- To seek God's will for our church community as we follow the Scriptures and the Spirit (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-5)
- To set an example and join you in fulfilling the duties of church members (1 Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 3:17; 1 Timothy 4:12)

Members of LCC entering into the covenant relationship as the body of Christ affirm the following:

- Our sin nature has separated us from God and put me at enmity with him. Because of my sin, I deserve eternal torment and separation from God's love, mercy, and grace – I deserve hell (Romans 3:10; 23).

- There is only one way to God, salvation, the kingdom of heaven, and eternal life: Jesus Christ. There is no other way. My redemption and the forgiveness of sins is an unmerited gift of grace from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, accomplished by his death and his shed blood on the cross at Calvary (John 14:6; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9). Jesus Christ is exactly who he claimed to be (Matthew 26:64; Mark 14:62; Luke 22:70; John 4:25-26; 6:29; 11:25-27; 14:6-7; 15:5). I recognize that I am a sinner in desperate need of a Savior, and I have turned to Christ and put all of my faith in him alone as my Savior. I confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and that God raised him from the dead (Romans 10:9).
- By grace and through faith (Ephesians 2:8) I have been saved from the bondage and condemnation of my sin and have been delivered into the kingdom of God for the purpose of enjoying and worshipping God forever. United to Christ, in his life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ, I can have assurance of eternal life (John 3:16-18; Romans 3:23-26).
- In obedience to Scripture, I have been baptized by immersion after becoming a believer in Christ as testimony of the work of regeneration that God has performed in me.
- As born-again followers of Christ, members at LCC embrace that walking in love, walking in light, and walking in wisdom (Eph. 5) are beneficial and necessary for the health and unity of the body of Christ.