

the heart of



LIFEPOINTE
CHURCH

who we are, what we do & why we do it

CHURCH

IS NOT

SOMETHING

YOU GO TO,

IT'S

A FAMILY

YOU BELONG TO.



WHAT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP MEANS



*You are a member of God's
very own family . . . and you
belong in God's household
with every other Christian
(Ephesians 2:19 – Living Bible)*



The church is a
family



God expects me to be
a *member* of the family



A Christian without
a family is an *orphan*



**The Bible speaks often
of the importance of
church membership.**



**In the New Testament,
believers clearly identified
themselves with a specific
local body and were
challenged to become
devoted participants.**



At LifePointe, we have
summarized the
components of
church membership
using what we call
THE 6 G'S.



*I want you to know how people who are members of God's family must live. God's family is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of truth.
(1 Timothy 3:15 – God's Word Translation)*



Grace



I receive Christ
as my Lord & Savior



*God saved you by his grace
when you believed. And you
can't take credit for this;
it is a gift from God.
(Ephesians 2:8 – New Living Translation)*



*We have been ransomed
through his Son's blood, and we
have forgiveness for our failures
based on his overflowing grace.
(Ephesians 1:7 – Cotemporary English Bible)*



Growth



I commit myself to
deepening my faith



Now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him.



Then your faith will grow strong
in the truth you were taught . . .
(Colossians 2:6-7 – New Living Translation)



God wants us to grow up,
to know the whole truth and tell it
in love - like Christ in everything.
(Ephesians 4:15 – The Message)



Group



I join with others to fulfill
God's purposes



*Since we are all one body in
Christ, we belong to each other,
and each of us needs all
the others.*

(Romans 12:5 –New Living Translation)



So continue encouraging each other and building each other up, just like you are doing already.

(1 Thessalonians 5:11 – Contemporary English Bible)



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(Colossians 2:6-7 – New Living Translation)



Gifts



I invest myself
in meaningful ministry



*Each believer has received a gift
that manifests the Spirit's power
and presence. That gift is given
for the good of the whole
community.*

(1 Corinthians 12:7 – Voice)



*God has given each of you a gift.
Use it to help each other.
(1 Peter 4:10 – New Life Version)*



Giving



I use my financial
resources to support
the church



*On the first day of every week
each of you should put aside
some of your money. Give a
certain part of what you
have earned.*

(1 Corinthians 16:2 – New Life Version)



*Every Sunday each of you
must put aside some money,
in proportion to what you
have earned . . .*

(1 Corinthians 16:2 – Good News Bible)



*You people are robbing me,
your God . . . You are robbing
me of the offerings and of the
ten percent that belongs to
me. . . . I challenge you to
put me to the test.*



*Bring the entire ten percent
into the storehouse . . .*

(Malachi 3:8, 10 – Contemporary English Version)



Going



I tell others
about how they
can know Jesus



*Go to all peoples everywhere
and make them my disciples:*
*baptize them in the name of
the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit . . .*
(Matthew 28:19 – Good News Bible)



*Be wise when you engage
with those outside the faith
community; make the most
of every moment and
every encounter.*



*When you speak the word,
speak it gracefully (as if
seasoned with salt), so you
will know how to respond
to everyone rightly.*

(Colossians 4:5-6 – The Voice)



WHY CHURCH
MEMBERSHIP
MATTERS



Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do,



but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near.

(Hebrews 10:24-25 – New Living Translation)



Church membership
matters because it

validates

my commitment



**We were formed for a family,
specifically God's family,**



and that we were designed
to find fulfillment not just
through what we *consume*
but through what we
contribute.



The difference between an
attender and a member is
the difference between
living together and
getting married.



COMMITMENT.



A lot of people want to date
the church, but they don't
want to get married.



**I become a Christian by
committing my life to Christ.**



I become a member of a church by committing myself to other Christians.



I say, "That's going to be
my church home where
I'm going to give and
be given to,



where I'm going to serve
and be served, where I'll
love and be loved."
(Rick Warren)



Let's Pray