

ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

A church is more than a place to go on Sundays . . .

Many Christians falsely believe that they can simply “attend” a local church to fulfill God’s plan and desire for their lives. Being a part of a church should be more than that. It is formally coming into accountability of the elders and members of the church. It is taking ownership of the resources and decisions of the church. It is fully participating in the ministries of the church. It is being supported by the church when in need.

At Living Hope, we have instituted the membership as a way of allowing people to be fully committed to the life of the church and for the church to fully committed to the life of the church and for the church to fully commit to the members. Becoming a member is not simply filling out a card but rather a process.

The process allows a person to learn about the person to learn about the church and for the church to learn about the person.



There are two basic questions to ask yourself as you become a member of Living Hope.

- 1. Do you know Christ?**
- 2. Can you adopt yourself to the spiritual family of Living Hope?**

PROCESS

The 1st step is to fill out the membership application and set up a short interview with a pastor.

The 2nd step is to participate in the membership classes held typically on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of February, May, August and November at 9:00 am.

At the conclusion of the membership classes, you will be invited to formally join the church through signing a covenant and participating in a ceremony during the service. This normally occurs on the third Sunday of the month.

During the membership class, you will learn a great deal more about the church including its purposes, history, vision, values, doctrines, bylaws and structure. You’ll also learn how you can use your gifts, talents, experience and resources to serve. In addition, you’ll learn what it means to encourage, meet with, and hold accountable the other family memberships.

Prayerfully consider this decision and feel free to talk with one of the pastors or the deacon in charge of the membership process.

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Living Hope
Community
Church



How can I become a member of this church?

Application for Membership

Personal Information:

Name:		Birthdate		Affinity group:	
Cell phone:		Email:			
Address:					
Children & Birthdates:					

Church Background (list the churches you have attended with the most recent first):

Name of church	Dates attended	Member?	Reason for leaving
Living Hope Community Church			N/A

Spiritual History (The basic requirement for membership at Living Hope is that you must be a Christian.)

What did you believe in order to become a Christian?
Briefly describe when and how you became a Christian.
Have you been baptized? If so, when?
Any comments?

Process:

1. Please fill out the application fully.
2. Meet with pastor or elder of the church for an interview.
3. Sign up for the membership class with the deacon in charge of the

Interview w/ Pastor or Elder:

(Please meet with a pastor or elder of the church for an interview and have the interviewer sign here prior to membership class.)

date of interview:
name of pastor/elder:
Pastor/elder signature:
comments: