

Becoming a Member of Lakeshore City Church

“So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.”

- 1 Thessalonians 2:8

To become a member of Lakeshore City Church, one must fulfill the following requirements:

- a) Has repented of his or her sins and put his or her faith in Jesus Christ and had this proclamation of faith affirmed by Lakeshore City Church through water baptism or confirmation of water baptism by another church.
- b) Generally, must be sixteen years of age or older depending on the individual's spiritual maturity.
- c) Has a correct understanding of the Gospel that can be communicated verbally in an elder-lead interview. This understanding does not require precise or lofty language, but should touch on the subjects of:
 - 1) Depravity and corruption due to sin. The need for a Savior to pay the penalty for our sin.
 - 2) Justification by Christ dying on the cross for our sins, paying the penalty of God's wrath for us.
 - 3) Christ being the propitiation for our sins.
 - 4) Sanctification that follows conversion.
 - 5) Glorification upon our physical death and entrance into heaven.
- d) Is not a current or active member of another local church body. This will require communication with the previous church.
- e) Has regularly attended services at Lakeshore City Church.
- f) Has attended the officially sanctioned class on membership taught by an elder or elder-appointed leader at Lakeshore City Church.
- g) Understands church discipline as taught by Matthew 18:15-17 (see section 5) and submits to this level of accountability by other members and leaders of Lakeshore City Church.
- h) Commits to discipleship, serving, and giving at Lakeshore City Church and has signed the member covenant.

The Role and Expectations of a Member at Lakeshore City Church

“Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.”

- Colossians 1:28

Members of Lakeshore City Church are expected, and held accountable to, the following:

- a) A commitment to discipleship within the church body. This includes participating in elder endorsed discipleship groups.
- b) A commitment to meeting with other members outside of official services.
- c) A commitment to accountability, understanding that your actions affect the entire church body. This includes submitting to church discipline when a sinful action has been committed, of which repentance is the proper response.
- d) Holding other members accountable to their actions, with love as the primary motivator. Taking an active role in guiding and helping other members to grow in holiness, being active in their lives as they train for godliness.
- e) Serving in a ministry, or some capacity, at Lakeshore City Church. Christians are called to serve. Areas available for serving include, but are not limited to: set-up and teardown, children's ministry, women's ministry, men's ministry, worship team, resource table, and discipleship.
- f) Assumes responsibility for the financial health of the church. Members give financially to the church with joy, knowing that the giving is used to glorify Jesus Christ and proclaim His Gospel in both word and deed (Acts 2:44-47).
- g) Being in consistent prayer for the church body, constantly praying for needs and growth among other members.
- h) A commitment to the study of Scripture and its application in daily life.
- i) To be active in the sharing and proclaiming of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; seeking to save the lost.
- j) If God has called a current member to leave Lakeshore City Church, the member must meet with an elder to discuss the reason(s) for leaving in order to leave in good standing.