



LITTLE ROCK
COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

Membership Application

Print name: _____ Birthday: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (home): _____ (Cell): _____

Email: _____

How long have you attended LCF? _____ Have you attended the LCF 101 classes? _____

To become a member of this church a person shall have confessed Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and shall have given evidence of their faith by their conduct. Does this describe you? _____

Membership process:

1. Complete Application and read Church Covenant and Declaration of Faith.
2. Give completed application (page 1) to one of the pastors/elders.
3. Complete membership interview with a pair of pastors/elders. (*One of the elders will contact you to schedule this.*)
4. Your membership will be considered at the next elder's meeting.

The majority of our membership process is worked out in your membership interview. Be prepared to talk about:

1. *Your salvation and spiritual growth.*
2. *Your understanding of the Gospel.*
3. *Your history with our church and other churches you've been a part of.*
4. *How you can be involved in the life of our church.*

Additionally, members must agree to our Church Covenant and Declaration of Faith. Please take a few minutes to carefully read through these documents and consider any questions or concerns you may have. Bring these documents with you to the interview and be prepared to talk about them.

Thank you for considering a deeper commitment to our church and we look forward to meeting with you,

The Elders of Little Rock Community Fellowship

Church Covenant

In becoming a member of Littlerock Community Fellowship, each person is understood to be making the following commitments:

Identification

This is my church. I want to be known as part of this fellowship of believers. Endorsing Littlerock Community Fellowship's declaration of faith, I take my stand with this body of believers to be identified as one of them. As a member of this church, I commit myself to learn, to worship, and to minister, so that we might grow together in the Lord and join together in reaching our world for Christ.

Mutual Accountability

I agree to follow and support the leadership, which God has raised up for our church.

Furthermore, I will do everything I can to encourage and minister to other believers in this fellowship, and I will be open to their encouragement and ministry to me.

I acknowledge that I am accountable to the church fellowship for obedience to the Word. Should I fail to carry out this accountability, I understand I may be subject to the restoration process as set forth by Christ in Matthew 18:15-17.

Moreover, I commit myself to the instruction given in Hebrews 10:24-25: 'And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.' (ESV)

Finally, should I leave this Church for righteous reasons, I commit to, as soon as possible, unite with another church body where I can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

Declaration of Faith

Section 1.

We believe the Bible is God's infallible and final revelation of Himself to mankind and that it is our supreme authority in all matters of faith and practice. The Scriptures in their entirety were inspired by the Holy Spirit, without error in the original writings. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 12:6,119:105; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

Section 2.

We believe there is one God, who is Creator and Sovereign over heaven and earth, perfect in holiness, infinite in wisdom, and measureless in power. This one God eternally exists in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1; 1 Chronicles 29:10-13; Matthew 28:19)

Section 3.

We believe Jesus Christ is God's only begotten Son and that He was born of a virgin and became fully man even while remaining fully God. He was sinless in His life, and He atoned for the sins of the world through the shedding of His blood and by His death on the cross. We believe He rose bodily from the grave and then ascended into heaven, where He serves as our High Priest and Advocate before the Father. Furthermore, we look for His visible and imminent return for His people, who will be with Him for eternity. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Colossians 1:13-20; Philippians 3:20-21)

Section 4.

We believe the Holy Spirit was sent by God to convict the world of sin and to regenerate, sanctify, indwell, comfort, and seal forever those who place their trust in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ at the moment of salvation. It is God's desire that all Christians be filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit for holy living. (John 16:8-9; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 12:13; Ephesians 5:18)

Section 5.

We believe mankind was created in the image of God for fellowship with Him. However, beginning with the fall of Adam and Eve, all have sinned and thus have become separated from God. Through God's love and grace, salvation is granted to all who accept His Son as Savior and Lord, and the natural outgrowth of this salvation will be works that are pleasing to God. (Genesis 1:27; Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:8-10)

Section 6.

We believe the local church is composed of regenerated believers who are united for the purpose of the worship of God, the fellowship and training of believers, and the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ throughout the world. We believe God has established baptism and communion as the two ordinances for the local church. Though commanded by Christ for all believers, these two ordinances are not required for salvation. (Hebrews 10:24-25; Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Section 7.

We believe in the independence and autonomy of the local church: that each New Testament church is free to govern itself without ecclesiastical interference, and should cooperate with other New Testament churches as the Holy Spirit leads; that it is responsible to follow the pattern of the New Testament church and is directly accountable to God. (Matthew 18:17; Acts 6:1-5; 13:1-3; 15:22-23)

Section 8.

We believe God's redemptive purpose will be consummated by the return of Christ to raise the dead, judge all men and establish his glorious kingdom. Those who are apart from Christ shall be eternally separated from God's presence, but the righteous shall live and reign with Him forever. (Matthew 24:30-31; Mark 13:26-27; Luke 12:40, 21:27-28; John 14:1-3; Romans 8:37-39; 1 Corinthians 15:24-27, 15:35-38; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; Revelation 21:1-8)

Section 9.

We believe in the existence of Satan: who originally was created a holy and perfect being, but through pride and wicked ambition rebelled against God, thus becoming utterly depraved in character, the great adversary of God and His people, leader of all other evil angels and wicked spirits, the deceiver and god of this present world: that his powers are vast, but strictly limited by the permissive will of God who overrules all his wicked devices for good; that he was defeated and judged at the cross, and therefore his final doom is certain; that we are able to resist and overcome him only in the armor of God, by the blood of the Lamb and through the power of the Holy Spirit. (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ephesians 6:12; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 John 3:8; Revelation 12:9-11, 20:10)

Section 10.

We believe marriage is the God-ordained union of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. We believe that marriage is a gift from God through which He provides the framework for intimate companionship, sexual expression, and the means for procreation of the human race. We believe that marriage is ultimately meant to display the gracious covenant relationship between Christ and His Church. (Genesis 2:23-24; Matthew 19:3-6; 1 Corinthians 7:1-5, 10-11; Ephesians 5:31-32).