

## Questions and Answers about church membership at TLCC:

### Q: Is Church Membership Biblical?

A: The following elements of membership are described in Scripture:

1. “One another” passages recognize privileges and obligations in relationships of people that share a common bond in Christ’s body, the Church. (Ro 2:10,16; 13:8; 14:13; 15:7-8; 16:16; 1Cor 1:10; Ga 5:13; Ep 4:2, 32; 5:19-21; Co 3:13,16; He 10:24-25; 1 Pe 1:22; 4:9-10)
2. “Us” and “we” terms describe actions and commitments those of us “in the church” are to share with one another. (He. 10:24-25; 3:12-14)
3. In the Bible Elders of Churches are commissioned to shepherd the flock. One cannot determine who is part of and not part of the flock unless there is a formal association with the local body. (1 Pe. 5:1-5; Ac 20:28-30; He. 13:17)
4. Church discipline assumes that members should be held accountable for their actions and kept from continued fellowship if willful sin persists. (2 Thess. 3:11-15; 1 Cor. 5:9-13; Ti 3:10-11)
5. None of the above underlined practices can be done without a formal list of those who have made a commitment to the local body of believers.

### Q: What are the Benefits of Becoming a Member at TLCC?

- Audio/Video Technician
  - Communion preparation
  - Fellowship/Kitchen support
  - Building maintenance & service
  - Adult’s/Children’s choirs
- Q:** **What is the purpose of Church Membership?**

A: To help you grow as a Christian in a sense of community with Jesus’ Body which is the Church.

1. To give those outside of Christ a tangible picture of the love, passion, and purpose of Jesus as lived out in the Church family.
2. To help the members and leadership of T.L.C.C. know who wants to be involved in a growing relationship with Christ and our church community. This in turn helps us develop practical methods of providing organization, support and accountability as we grow in maturity and size.
3. To develop the power of “synergy” in furthering His Kingdom’s purpose! The more the Church cooperates, the more the Body coordinates it’s strengths, the more we “members” rely on each other in Jesus’ name and the greater His glory becomes and the lesser our human weakness is felt.

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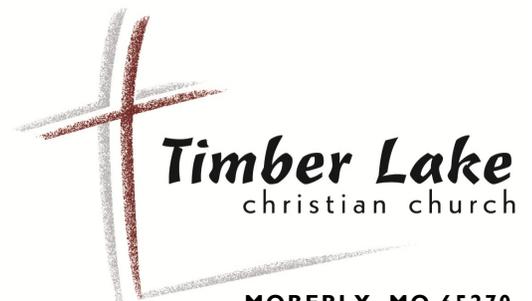
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# Church Membership

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# What does TLCC teach about church membership?

A: Greater opportunities for serving Jesus Christ and His body. The following ministry tasks require membership to participate.

- CARE group leader
- Sunday school teacher
- Worship ministry praise team
- Youth Sponsor
- Shut-in Communion
- Ministry Leadership

Greater influence in major decisions such as leadership, bylaws, and ministry opportunities.

1. A New Member's packet will be given to you by one of the Elders, and you will be invited as a guest to one of the quarterly New Member's dinner after a Sunday service.
2. A New Testament Church study, Pictorial Directory, Active Membership Directory with Policies and Procedures will be provided.

## Q: What is Expected of Church Members at TLCC?

A: They must be a Christian. Only individuals who have chosen to be baptized (immersed), accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior can be a member. Young children are always a part of T.L.C.C.'s ministry, although infant baptism is not found in Scripture. Baby recognition is not related to membership

TLCC members are expected to be committed to the biblical concept of "Koinonia."

## 'KOINONIA'

### As a member of Timber Lake Christian Church I intend to...

- ... bring my spiritually surrendered self to worship, learn, and serve others as often as possible
- ... model the grace God has given us as a united body seeking - His purpose first, our leadership's vision for ministry second, my lost neighbor's need third, my brother and sister in Christ's good fourth, and my personal preferences in the area of non essentials last.
- ... work with tenacious excellence expressing grace toward other people's ideas.
- ... refuse to allow perpetual conflict go unaddressed.
- ... communicate with loving honesty.
- ... honor and value those I follow and those I lead.
- ... relentlessly pursue personal purity and integrity.
- ... be my Christian brothers' and sisters' champions.
- ... work on my knees.

TLCC visitors and members are invited to attend the Core Beliefs, Spiritual Disciplines, and Spiritual Gifts classes so they will know what the Bible teaches, how to grow as a Christian, and how to find unique opportunities to serve others.

TLCC members are expected to share in the responsibilities and privileges of helping our church grow financially by giving, numerically by witnessing to others outside the church, and spiritually by praying for and serving others that are inside our church.



*In Christ we who  
are many form  
one body  
—Rom 12:5*

## Q: What Do I Need to Do to Become a Member of T.L.C. Church?

A: Once you are an immersed believer you may decide if you want to be regarded as a member of T.L.C.C.. Those desiring to be united with us and are already immersed are asked to make a public profession of faith in Christ at the close of any public service. A decision card should be filled out and turned into the office as soon as possible.

## Q: Is Membership at TLCC Essential to Participate in its Ministry?

A: For many ministry tasks, yes, but not all. The following ministry tasks are available to those considering membership but not yet committed.