



TWO WEEK COURSE

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WHAT IS MEMBERSHIP

SHORT DEFINITION

Biblical Membership is the body of Christ.

Romans 12:4-5, For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

LONG DEFINITION

Biblical Membership is the outward demonstration of one's inner commitment. It is a public, intentional, formal, and deliberate covenant with a local assembly of believers.

This commitment is to identify with Christ and His followers, be taught the Scripture, submit to God's ordained authority structure, to selflessly serve other believers, and to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ together.

OUR IDENTITY

Lifeway Baptist Church is:

- Baptist
 - We baptize professing believers.¹
 - Lord's Supper is done in remembrance.²
 - We practice "close communion."
- Independent
 - We govern ourselves.
- Fundamental
 - Origin and Authority of Scripture, Sufficiency of Scripture, and Gospel Fidelity³

2 Timothy 3:16, All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷ That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

LBC is not:

- "Lifeway Independent, Fundamental Baptist Church"

¹ Acts 2:38; Acts 16:29-34

² Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

³ 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1

OUR IDENTITY

IND. BAPTIST

God-Centered

Gospel-Saturated

Grace Structured

Aim at the Inner Man

Doctrine is a Joy

Scripture Motivated

IFB

Man-Centered

Gospel-Preaching

Law Structured

Aim at the Outer Man

Doctrine is a Weapon

Fear Motivated

OUR CONSTITUTION

Our Identity

Covenant

Doctrinal Statement

By-Laws

CONNECT



Lifeway Baptist Church

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CORE VALUES

Core Values are non-negotiable

- They are directly connected to the Gospel and Christian living.
- Lifeway has other high values
 - Human life & God's design
 - Unity & Fellowship
 - Expository Preaching
 - Biblical Counseling
 - Congregational Singing
 - Missional Living

VISION & MISSION

Our Vision

- We desire to see others truly find and love Jesus forever.

Our Mission

- We long to see the vision of our church fulfilled through making disciples, maturing believers, and multiplying ministry.

SERVING & GROWING

Ephesians 4:1-16

- A Christian's life displays the Gospel.
- Unity is a must for a church.
- God has equipped the church.
- The church is enabled to build itself up.

Ephesians 4:11-12, And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹²πρὸς the perfecting of the saints, εἰς the work of the ministry, εἰς the edifying of the body of Christ:

Individually

- Counting everything as loss to know Christ.⁴

Serving at Lifeway

- Using your spiritual gift to edify the body.⁵

Growing at Lifeway

- You grow by plugging into the community.⁶
- You grow by serving.

⁴ Phil. 3:8

⁵ Eph. 4:12-16

⁶ Acts 2:44-47

SERVING & GROWING

Growing in Community

- Sunday School
 - Overview of biblical books
 - Stories of grace
- Sunday Worship
 - Congregational singing/prayer
 - Expository preaching
- Sunday Evening
 - Children's & Teen ministry
- Wednesday's
 - AM Bible Study
 - PM Home Groups (every other week)
- Monthly Men's Study
- Biblical Counseling Training

SERVING & GROWING

Using your Spiritual Gift

- Every Christian has at least one gift.
- It is likely you have a blend of gifts.
- You reveal and affirm your gift by serving.
- We believe sign and confirming gifts were temporary.

Knowing your Spiritual Gift

1. Evangelist (Eph. 4:11)
2. Exhorting (Rom. 12:8)
3. Faith (1 Cor. 12:9; 13:2)
4. Giving (Rom. 12:8; 1 Cor. 13:3)
5. Helping/Serving (Rom. 12:7; 1 Cor. 12:28)
6. Leading/Administration (Rom. 12:8; 1 Cor. 12:28)
7. Mercy (Rom. 12:8)
8. Prophecy/Preaching (Rom. 12:6)
9. Shepherd/Teacher (Eph. 4:11)
10. Spiritual discernment (1 Cor. 12:10)
11. Teaching (Rom. 12:7; 1 Cor. 12:28)

SERVING & GROWING

	SPEAKING	SERVING
UNDERSTAND	If you know Christ, you have been given gifts to be used to build up the church.	
CONVICTION	How is my “area” going to be more like the Kingdom of God?	
INFORMALLY	Pray with a sufferer Welcome visitors Sing with joy	Give: benevolence or camp scholarships Take a meal to a family Visit the downtrodden
FORMALLY	Be a greeter* Play an instrument* Teach Jr. Church+* Biblical Counseling* 1 on 1 Discipleship*	Work in the nursery+* Volunteer to help with funerals Help with VBS+* Serve in the sound booth (Men) Serve as a Deacon*

*Member +Child Protection Policy

MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

Steps to take as you mature in the faith

- Know your faith is in Christ alone
- Attend the Next Steps class
- Pick up a Membership Packet
- Meet with Pastor Doug
- Meet with the Pastors and Deacons
- Allow the church to receive you