



Covenant Life church

Membership Process

The local church is the vessel through which the glory of God and the gospel goes forth among all nations. Given the importance of the church's mandate to make known the wisdom, glory, and gospel of God, we believe that membership in the local church ought be God-honoring and meaningful. Understandably so, membership in a local church is one of life's most important decisions.

The process for covenanting together with us in membership is as follows:

Stage 1- Introduction. The first stage for membership with Covenant Life is to prayerfully and thoughtfully complete and submit this "Introduction Questionnaire."

Stage 2- Conversation with elders. It is the desire of our leadership that each potential member have spent some time with the elders of CLC. The purpose of this conversation is to foster community with those desiring membership as well as to provide an outlet for any lingering questions about the church to be asked. Our hearts desire is to know you and for you to know us.

Stage 3- Attend "Foundations." "Foundations" class is the opportunity for you to hear about all things Covenant Life. Your attendance does not obligate you to join, but will give you an understanding of who we are, who we hope to become, what we believe, our church's covenant, and a host of other things that will be helpful in understanding the "DNA" of Covenant Life Church.

Stage 4- Covenant together with the congregation. After completing these three stages of membership, upon a recommendation to the congregation from the elders, and the approval of the congregation, individuals will be invited to publicly affirm and sign our church covenant. If accepted, the congregation will then corporately affirm that Covenant Life Church add these individuals to the membership of Covenant Life Church.

We look forward to learning more about God's grace in and through your

life. Thanks for your interest in membership at Covenant Life Church. If there is anyway we can serve you at any point during this process, please do not hesitate to let us know. By Christ's wounds and for His glory,

The elders of Covenant Life Church

I. Biographical Information

Tell us a little about your background & family

How long have you lived in the area, where are you from, & if you are employed, with whom?

How did you find out about Covenant Life Church?

Upon first visiting, what brought you back to Covenant Life Church?

II. Personal Spiritual History

Tell us about your conversion (life before a relationship w/ Jesus, point of conversion, life since having a relationship w/ Jesus).

Describe your relationship with the Lord in the last six months.

Have you been baptized after your conversion to Christ? If so, by what mode (sprinkling, pouring, christening, immersion, etc)? At what church were you baptized? If not, are you willing to be baptized?

Please list the last several churches where you have been a member or attendee:

church	member/attendee	time	reason left
Christ Baptist Church transfer	attendee	2004-2009	job

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2-

3-

4-

If you have been a member of another church, at what church is your membership?

Are you currently, or have you ever been under any level of church discipline at any church? If so, please explain the situation. Has this issue been fully resolved?

III. Personal Commitment to Covenant Life Church

Have you read the Statement of Beliefs of Covenant Life Church (available at <http://covenantlifetampa.org/about-us/beliefs>)? If so, do you believe and embrace these beliefs? Which beliefs do you have questions about, or disagree with? What are your places of disagreements with these beliefs?

Have you read the Covenant Life Church covenant? If so, do you personally embrace these covenant commitments? Please explain the areas about which you have questions or disagreements.

How long have you been attending Covenant Life Church? Given the opportunity, what would you change about Covenant Life? We are confident that your feedback here will help us develop into a more healthy church.

Have you attended a Foundations seminar? If so, when?

Are you involved with (or have you attended) a missional community (if so, which one)?

IV. Other information

Our hope is that you will continue pursue membership at Covenant Life Church. The elders will be in touch with you soon after submitting this Introduction form to arrange a time to meet with you personally. We will use this information to make those arrangements.

Address	Phone (h,w,c)	Email
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Membership conversations with the elders of Covenant Life Church usually take place on a weekday/weeknight in your home or an agreed upon location.

III. Submitting the Introduction form

Please seal this form in an envelope before submitting. Here is how to best submit your Introduction form:

- 1-Hand the sealed envelope (with the form included) to one of the pastors...please label the envelope "Introduction form"
- 2-Drop the sealed envelope (w/form) into the offering plate during the corporate worship service...please label the envelope "Introduction form"
- 3-Mail the form to :
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