

# The Church at Litchfield Park: What It Means to Be a Member

## Becoming a member of a church:

- Identifies you as a believer (see Ephesians 2:19, Romans 12:5). Together, not separated, we are His body (1 Corinthians 12:27).
- Provides a spiritual family to support and encourage you in your walk with Christ (Galatians 6:1-2, Hebrews 10:24-25).
- Gives you a place to discover and use your gifts (1 Corinthians 4:7).
- Places you under the spiritual protection and guidance of its leaders (Hebrews 13:17, Acts 20:28-29, 1 Peter 5:1-4).
- Involves you in the lives of others and provides accountability (Ephesians 5:21, James 5:19).



## There are four ways to join The Church at Litchfield Park:

- **Affirmation of Faith:** This is the decision to publicly profess one's faith in Christ; it is available to those who have not previously joined a church or made a profession of faith. Baptism is required, either prior to or at the time of membership.
- **Reaffirmation of Faith:** This is the means available to those who are baptized Christians and/or have held previous membership in a church and have been inactive for a number of years, or whose church will not grant a letter of transfer.
- **Transfer of Membership:** For those who presently have an active membership in a church that will grant a letter of transfer.
- **Associate Membership:** This is available to those who desire to continue their membership in a home church and also wish to become a member of our church.

## What we offer you on your journey:

- **Our church operates as a FAMILY.** This means that we operate on the basis of relationship rather than rules. You will find spiritual brothers and sisters here.
- **Our church operates as a FELLOWSHIP.** We are diverse, but united because the same Spirit has given grace to the whole. You will find people who support one another and who will support you.
- **Our church operates as a BODY.** As different parts of the body of Christ, we are different from one another, yet we each contribute what no other could to the united whole.

## What do we ask our members to pledge:

- **Your actions** – to live Christian lives, and to attend regular church worship and celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- **Your gifts** - to share in the life and work of the Church, and to contribute regularly to the Church's support and benevolences.
- **Your service** - to pursue diligently the spiritual well-being of the community.