

Becoming a Member

Why Should I Become a Member of Spirit of Life Fellowship Church?

Finding a church can be difficult, but when you find the right one, you know you are home. Making a formal commitment to a church is an important step on a journey of faith. Membership provides a point of reference from which you can venture out on a life-long journey of faith. Membership also brings you into a fellowship of other members who are on faith journeys of their own. The Christian life is a life lived by faith-filled individuals who gather as a community of faith in Jesus Christ. Being a member helps foster an ever-growing community that provides a safe place to ask questions and listen for the voice of our loving and living God.

Who can be a member of Spirit of Life Fellowship Church?

Membership at **Spirit of Life Fellowship Church** is open to all baptized Christians. Therefore, even if you were baptized in another Christian denomination, you are welcome to join Spirit of Life.

What if I have never been baptized?

You are still welcome here at **Spirit of Life Fellowship Church**! We encourage you to explore and learn more about our church by asking one of our church leaders and visiting our website at www.solfellowship.com. If you like what you find there, we happily invite you to consider our *New Members Class*.

Is Membership required to attend services?

No. Everyone is welcome at our services! However, Membership is required if you want to become team member of one of our ministries. We hope that all who consider Spirit of Life to be their spiritual home will make a formal commitment and become a member.

What does a Member have to do?

There are five basic requirements for becoming a Member of Spirit of Life Fellowship Church:

- **Baptism**

Membership is open to all baptized Christians. You will need to register your baptism with Spirit of Life Fellowship Church. If you have a copy of your baptismal certificate, or if you need to obtain one from the church where you were baptized, our staff will happily assist you in registering your baptism with Spirit of Life.

- **Regular Attendance**

Membership is all about involvement. The most important aspect of membership in any church is communal worship. The gifts of life and grace God offers in Jesus Christ and the comfort and strength we receive from the Holy Spirit are truly holy things. The response to these gifts is the work the people of God undertake in worship. In our weekly communal worship services, we pray, we sing, we read scriptures, and we experience the presence of God. All of these acts are offered in thanksgiving and praise to God. Making communal worship a regular part of your church involvement, strengthens and renews us collectively and, in turn, it deepens our relationship with Him as a whole.

- **Invest Time**

Whether it's a worship service or a volunteer opportunity, Membership takes time. We know that time is a scarce commodity, but the only way to truly be a part of a faith community is to spend time within it. Time is God's gift to us for life and love. How better to show our thankfulness for God's goodness and mercy than by giving back some of our time to God?

- **Invest Talent**

Every Christian has unique talents that God has given them and which God calls us to use. The places we find to use those talents are known as our *ministries* - the place God calls us. Someone once referred to ministry as the intersection of a person's greatest love with the world's greatest need. Our unique God-given talents have places where they can meet the world's greatest needs. At Spirit of Life, the many opportunities for faith exploration and faithful service allow us to discern our ministry - our callings to serve the world. Membership at Spirit of Life Fellowship Church means a commitment to find and invest your God-given talents.

- **Invest Financial Resources**

Spirit of Life Fellowship Church is a completely self-funded. Without the pledges and donations of our members and friends, it would be difficult to offer the spiritual resources that we currently do. Tithes, offerings, and donations help us budget for the year, and offer each of us a chance to renew our commitment to the work of Spirit of Life Fellowship Church in the City of Los Angeles.