



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Thanks for indicating you would like to become a member of CrossLife – a baptist church! Its been great to have you around with us. This info sheet is a way of you getting to know us a little better, and us getting to know you a little better too. Once you have filled this in and returned it to the Church office, the Church Board will appoint a current member of the church to visit with you and talk together about CrossLife, yourselves and how the Lord might have you serve at CrossLife.

What ‘church membership’ means at CrossLife ...

At CrossLife we see membership as a reflection of the Lord’s guidance in bringing someone to CrossLife as their ‘spiritual’ home. It is a local and physical expression of our deeper connection to the broader body of the Lord Jesus across time and geography (1 Cor 12:12-13). To this end membership is ‘open’ at CrossLife, that is, you don’t have to be baptised as a believer to become a member at CrossLife, rather anyone who follows the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and can personally hold to our Statement of Faith can be a member at CrossLife.

What about Baptism?

CrossLife is a Baptist church, which means we hold to the belief and practise of *believers’ baptism*. This means that Christian people get baptised **after** they have started following the Lord Jesus, not before. We teach, practise and encourage this approach to baptism because we believe it is the approach the Bible teaches. We do not make it a prerequisite for membership; however members of CrossLife need to be able to hold to that belief, and, maintain before God and with the Church Leadership or Life group leadership a deliberate and prayerful consideration of believers baptism. So you will find some questions about baptism on this info sheet.

What’s the heart of ‘church membership’ at CrossLife...

The heart of church membership at CrossLife is how we serve and contribute in and through CrossLife. We believe members of the church must not be consumers of the church, but servers of the church. God gives gifts to each one of us for the good of others, and calls us to use them accordingly (1 Cor 12:7). If anything, becoming a member means we give more to the church, not less. You could say it’s not so much the ‘privileges of membership’ but the ‘responsibilities of membership’! These are set out in our Constitution at I.C. So you will find some questions here about what you love doing and how you see yourself serving others at CrossLife, including how you might have done this in a previous church if that’s relevant to you.

Thanks again for wanting to make this further commitment to the Lord here at CrossLife. Please take the time to prayerfully answer these questions and return the sheet to our Church office. The next step is that someone will give you a call to visit with you and together you will provide a written report to the Church Board.

1. Some info about you ...

Name: _____ Date: _____
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Address: _____
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Phone:..... Email:.....

When did you become a Christian? Date: Age:

When (or at what age) were you:

Baptised: Date/Age:..... Church/Denomination:

Confirmed: Date/Age:..... Church/Denomination:

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2. If relevant please tell us about your involvement in your previous church ...

Which was your previous church?

How long did you worship there?

What are your reasons for having left your previous church?

What ministry(s) did you exercise there?

a) Within the church:

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b) Outside the church:

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Reason for coming to CrossLife?:

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If you are seeking to transfer your membership from another church, do you wish our Church Secretary to process this for you? YES / NO

3. Some of your reflections on membership at CrossLife ...

Why do you wish to come into membership with CrossLife?

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What do you desire to contribute to the life of the church?

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What spiritual gifts/abilities do you think God has given you?

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Do you understand and agree with the Statement of Faith of CrossLife?

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Thanks for taking the time to fill this in!!
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