



MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES

While we have many VISITORS and FRIENDS in our church, it is our FAMILY MEMBERS who become the recipients of the highest possible spiritual care that our church has to offer. In addition to our regular schedule of services and programs, here are the benefits of membership:

A PLACE YOU CAN CALL HOME

There's something good about "belonging." The purpose of membership is exactly that...it's an adoption into a family of believers and a church you can call home.

PERSONAL PASTORAL CARE

While it is one thing to *know* a Pastor, it is quite another to know one as "*my* Pastor." As a member of Living Word Ministries, you have Pastor Vance and the LWM pastoral team here for your help. The pastoral staff always places members first in their ministerial care.

PRAYER SUPPORT

We believe God hears and answers believing prayer! Therefore, members of this church are prayed for on a consistent basis. When LWM members inform the church of a special need, their requests are earnestly prayed for!

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Many times people face difficulties in their family, marriage, job, etc., and they need extra spiritual direction and support. The pastoral staff is available to meet with members seeking Biblical counsel. To set up an appointment with a pastor, simply complete a Spiritual Direction Request form at the Information Centers or Church Office.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

In the event of a serious illness or major surgery, church members who inform us of their situation will be visited while in the hospital by either a pastoral staff member or one of our trained lay-leaders.

WEDDING SERVICES

We realize that getting married is one of the most important events in a person's life. We consider marriage a sacred, lifetime commitment before God. LWM invests considerable pre-marriage ministry time to help a couple prepare for the union of marriage. At least one of

them must be a member of LWM to have access to our premarital ministry and have their wedding conducted here.

EXPECTANT MOTHER'S MINISTRY

If desired, new moms will receive home-delivered meals following the birth of their child. To request this help, members may obtain a form at the Information Centers prior to the birth of their baby.

CHILD DEDICATION

After the birth of a child, members may participate in a special Baby/Child Dedication service conducted by Pastor and Mrs. Vance.

FUNERAL SERVICES AND SUPPORT

In the event of the death of an immediate family member, church members receive access to LWM's funeral services, support and follow-up.

ACCESS TO SPECIAL FINANCIAL MEETINGS

Church family members have the right to know the details of the financial operation of this ministry. Such special meetings will generally be held once a year; they will only be available to members.

VOTING RIGHTS UNDER OUR BY-LAWS

Under our corporate by-laws, only LWM members have voting rights in certain circumstances.

BENEVOLENCE

When LWM members face a dire financial crisis affecting their food, clothing, or shelter, they can formally request benevolence from the church by contacting the Church Office and filling out a "Benevolence Request" form. The need is reviewed by a Benevolence Committee.

USE OF THE LWM BUILDING FOR EVENTS

People at times will ask to use part of the church building for a birthday party, a baby shower, etc. Only members have the privilege to rent rooms at LWM, according to availability. Forms to rent our facilities are available at the Information Centers.

ACCESS TO YOUR PASTOR'S ANOINTING

Jesus gave ministry gifts to men, including pastors (Eph. 4:8,11-16). The gift of a pastor is given to the local church. The anointing that rests on a man - the grace of God to stand in a spiritual office - imparts a blessing to those who are called under that ministry. Such a grace works for members.

More facets of care and support will be added as we continue to organize and grow. Pastor Vance and the leaders of LWM want our members to flourish. Let's serve each other - together - and trust the Lord to enlarge our capacity to bless the members of our church. Faithful is the Lord who called us, who also will bring it to pass!

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