



### Mutual Expectations

- I. What CrossLife CC Expects from Every Member
  - A. Regular attendance (Hebrews 10:25)
    - 1. Worshiping together corporately should be a *top* priority each Sunday morning.
  - B. Regular giving (2 Cor 8-9)
    - 1. "C.R.O.S.S.-centered" giving means that our financial giving is *cheerful, regular, overgenerous, sacrificial, and sowing* (2 Cor 8-9). We give for the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel as we strive to honor the Lord with the "firstfruits" (Prov 3:9) of all our labor.
  - C. Commitment to discover and use spiritual gifts (Rom 12, 1 Cor 12)
    - 1. Every member should seek to *discover and use* his/her spiritual gifts to build up the body of Christ.
  - D. Commitment to grow in understanding and application of God's Word (2 Tim 3:16-17)
    - 1. Every member should be *regularly studying* God's Word.
    - 2. Every member should be *daily desiring* to live out God's Word.
  - E. Commitment to a LIFE Group (Acts 2:42-46, "One Anothers")
    - 1. Sunday morning worship is corporate celebration.
    - 2. But every member needs to be a part of a smaller, more intimate group in order to experience the deeper aspects of Christian community and the *sharing of life together*.
    - 3. Not a church with small groups, but a church of small groups.
  - F. Commitment to servanthood as a way of life (Mk 10:45, Gal 5:13)
  - G. Commitment to becoming more Christ-like (Gal 4:19, Gal 5:22-23)
    - 1. Every member should desire for Christ-likeness.
    - 2. Every member should desire the Fruit of the Spirit in their lives.
  - H. Commitment to unity as one body under Christ's Lordship (Eph 4:1-6)

- I. Commitment to maintaining a proper relationship with church leaders (1 Tim 5:17, Heb 13:17)
  - 1. Submit to their authority since they have been called by God to lead the church and will give an account.
  - 2. Respectfully share your insights/input with them.
  - 3. With loving concern for the unity of the body of Christ, share your concerns with them before they become gossip or damaging.
  - 4. Pray for them regularly.
- J. Commitment to evangelism and discipleship (Matt 28:18-20)
  - 1. Share the gospel with unbelievers.
  - 2. Seek to be discipled and to be a discipler.
  - 3. Actively consider who to invite to church and/or LIFE Groups.
- K. Commitment to pray for the church (Phil 4:6)

## II. What Members Can Expect from CrossLife CC

- A. Care for every member (1 Pet 5:2)
  - 1. For spiritual, and even physical needs, each member will be shepherded in both word and deed.
- B. Teaching for every member (Jn 21:17, 2 Tim 3:16-17)
  - 1. The church will always place the Word of God as central and supreme to nourish each member's mind and heart, that each member will grow in the knowledge of God and in the application of His truth to life.
- C. Equipping of every member (Eph 4:11-12)
  - 1. The church will seek to equip each member for service through teaching, fellowship, LIFE Groups, and other church ministries.
- D. Discipline for members whenever necessary (Matt 18:15-17)
  - 1. The church will hold every member accountable to his or her commitment to Jesus Christ and to His body.
  - 2. The church will lovingly approach a member if there is a straying away from faith and godliness.
  - 3. The church will dismiss a member from membership because of:
    - a. A blatant disregard for the leadership authority.
    - b. Refusal to repent from obvious sin.
    - c. Espousal of clearly heretical beliefs.
- E. Prayer for members (Philippians 1:3-11)
  - 1. The church will pray for each member and their family, lifting up burdens, cares, requests, as well as praises to the Lord.