



LIFE CHURCH

REACH
TEACH
UNLEASH



LIFE'S JOURNEY

As a replant, Life Church embodies resilience and transformation. With a rich history rooted in faith, we remain committed to serving God and our community. Pastor Bill Sargent, who has been in ministry since 1997, faithfully served as Student Pastor for three years at Life Church before stepping into leadership when the church faced a pivotal moment.



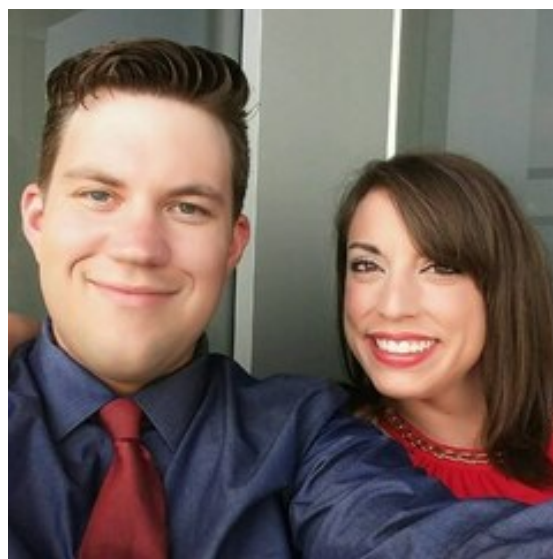
Following the former pastor's departure, Bill answered God's call to lead. Church elders restructured the bylaws to strengthen the congregation and foster transparency. With God's guidance and the dedication of its members, Life Church navigated this season of change and emerged stronger, more purposeful, and eager to share God's blessings and wisdom with the community.

Life Church is a welcoming and diverse community, home to individuals from all walks of life. We embrace authenticity, acknowledging our imperfections as we seek to follow Christ. Our services and ministries—such as Men's and Women's Groups and Life Groups—offer meaningful opportunities to connect and grow. Together, we pursue God with honesty, humility, and a passion for living out His purpose.

LIFE'S LEADERS



LEAD PASTOR/ELDER: BILL SARGENT
WOMEN'S GROUP LEADER: SARAH SARGENT



XD/ELDER - CHRIS SCHWARTZ



ELDER/FACILITIES: TIM KELLIS
CLOTHING CLOSET: PATTI KELLIS



LIFE KIDS DIRECTOR: JC KELLIS



WORSHIP LEADER: BUD BAKER



WELCOME TEAM LEADER
KRISTI TATRO



MEN'S GROUP LEADER/ELDER
DAVE ALEXANDER

LIFE'S VISION AND MISSION

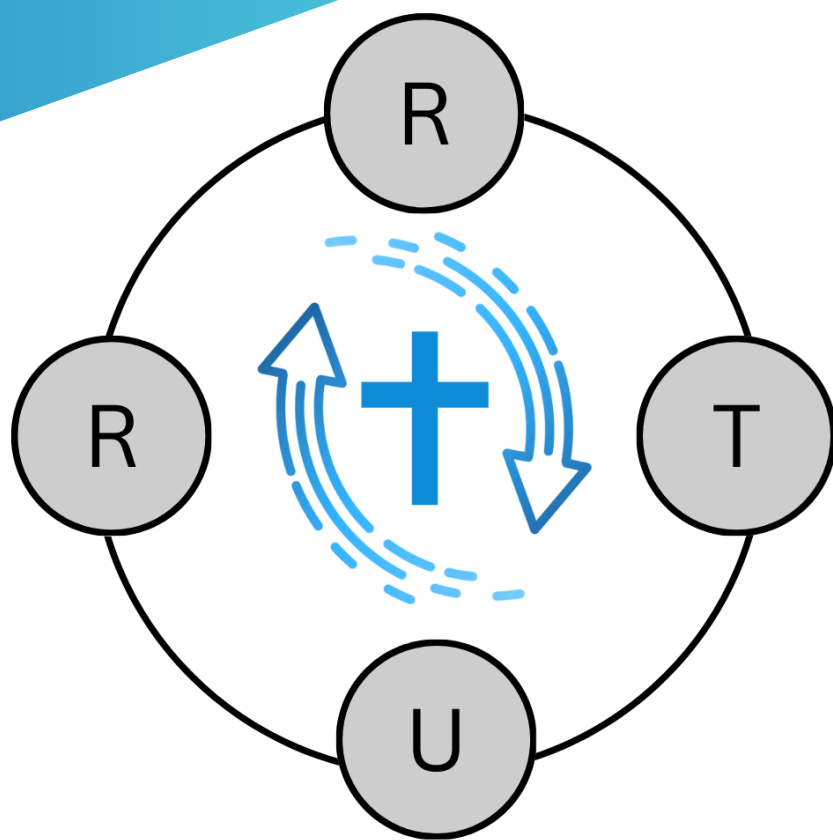
- Vision: Christ transforming the world through Broken, Scarred, Restored... HIS People.

We believe God will use His people for His will, transforming the world through the broken, scarred, and restored. He has called you where you are at, meaning you are a vessel and light bearer to those around you.

- Mission: To Reach, Teach, and Unleash... repeat

Our mission is the great commission (Matthew 28:16–20). We believe that we need to reach the lost where they are at. Teach and disciple them to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ. And finally to unleash them to reach, and teach more. This circular path is a lifelong pursuit, and mission for us to reach the lost. Discipleship goes beyond teaching—it involves training, preparing, and equipping believers to reach others and carry on the cycle.





- Reach: Create opportunities through Sunday Services, outreach events, ministry projects, and more to help our church connect and share the Gospel with the lost.
- Teach: Provide Biblical lessons through teaching opportunities, Sunday Service, Life Groups, One on One discipleship and more. Strengthen and equip our members and prepare them to make other disciples.
- Unleash: Release our members to reach the lives of those God has placed around them.
- Repeat: Expand God's church by continually reaching, teaching, discipling, and empowering individuals to use their gifts, talents, and resources to advance the Kingdom.



STRUCTURE OF LIFE CHURCH

What Life Church Believes

1. Salvation: Salvation is a gift of grace, received solely through faith in Jesus Christ alone, apart from works.
2. Trinity: There is only one true and living God, the Creator of heaven and earth, who exists eternally in three distinct yet divine persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
3. Jesus Christ: Jesus Christ is the Son of God, who died on the cross to pay the penalty for the sins of the world.
4. Faith: People must have faith in Jesus Christ to be saved
5. Repentance: People must turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus Christ
6. Forgiveness: People can receive forgiveness for their sins through their faith in Jesus Christ
7. Baptism: Is a sacrament and the first act of obedience which symbolizes one's faith and expression of following Jesus Christ.
8. Disciples: We are called to make disciples.

Bylaws:

Life Church operates under established bylaws that guide and govern its business practices. You can review the bylaws here: <https://www.monroelife.church/pages/life-church-bylaws>

Association:

Life Church operates as an independent congregation while being affiliated with the Southern Baptist Association, SEND Network, and Ohio Valley Baptist Association. We are also blessed to partner with First Baptist Church Seymour, Sherwood Baptist Church, and Faith Baptist Lakeland.

Elder Board:

The Elder Board serves as a leadership body responsible for providing spiritual oversight, guidance, and accountability to the congregation and church staff. Their key roles typically include:

1. Spiritual Leadership: Guiding the church community in prayer, worship, and adherence to biblical principles.
2. Teaching and Shepherding: Supporting the preaching ministry, teaching God's Word, and helping nurture the spiritual growth of church members.
3. Church Discipline: Addressing spiritual and relational matters with wisdom, grace, and biblical counsel to protect the unity and health of the church.
4. Oversight and Governance: Assisting in making key decisions regarding the church's mission, vision, finances, and overall direction.
5. Accountability: Providing guidance and accountability to the Lead Pastor and church staff, ensuring their alignment with the church's mission and biblical values.
6. Care for the Congregation: Offering counsel, prayer, and support to members during times of need or crisis.

The Elder Board operates as servant leaders, working collaboratively to guide the church in fulfilling its mission to glorify God and make disciples.

STRUCTURE OF LIFE CHURCH CONTINUED

Pastors:

Ordained leaders of the church whose primary responsibilities are:

1. **Preaching and Teaching:** Communicating God's Word through sermons and Bible studies to help believers grow in their faith.
2. **Spiritual Guidance and Counseling:** Offering pastoral care, prayer, and biblical counsel for members facing life challenges.
3. **Leadership and Vision Casting:** Providing direction for the church's mission and ministry activities in alignment with biblical principles.
4. **Discipleship and Equipping:** Encouraging and training church members to grow spiritually and serve in ministry roles.
5. **Administration and Oversight:** Collaborating with the Elder Board, Deacons, and ministry teams to manage church operations and make important decisions.
6. **Sacramental Duties:** Leading in ordinances such as baptism and the Lord's Supper.

The role of a pastor is both a calling and a responsibility, focused on nurturing the church's spiritual health and fostering Christ-centered growth within the community.

Deacons and Deaconesses:

Are servant leaders who assist the pastor and congregation by meeting practical needs, fostering unity, and caring for members. Their responsibilities often include:

- Assisting with the administration of ordinances, such as the Lord's Supper.
- Providing care and support to members, including prayer and visitation.
- Helping with benevolence efforts and outreach initiatives.
- Supporting the spiritual and operational needs of the church through service.
- Coordinating hospitality ministries, such as welcoming visitors and church events.
- Providing care and assistance to families in need (e.g., meals during illness or recovery).
- Supporting men's and women's ministry efforts and encouraging spiritual growth among members.

Ministry Leaders:

Ministry Leaders oversee specific church programs and activities designed to support the church's mission and vision. They are responsible for:

- Developing and leading programs such as children's ministry, worship, outreach, or discipleship groups.
- Recruiting and training volunteers for ministry roles.
- Coordinating events and activities in alignment with the church's goals.
- Reporting progress and needs to church leadership for accountability and support.

Together, these roles contribute to the effective functioning of the church by fostering spiritual growth, strengthening fellowship, and advancing the church's mission to make disciples and serve the community.

MEMBERSHIP

Members:

Individuals who have formally joined the congregation, affirming their commitment to the church's beliefs, practices, and mission. Church members are expected to contribute to the spiritual growth of the church, uphold its doctrine, and support its ministries. Membership is seen as a covenant relationship, where both the individual and the church agree to support each other in their faith journey.

Membership Candidates:

Any person may offer himself/herself as a candidate for membership in this Church at any regular church service. The candidate should willingly and joyfully subscribe to the Church Statement of Faith and other provisions of the Church By-Laws. Each candidate for church membership may join in the following ways:

- (a) By Baptism. By public profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and coming as a candidate for baptism by immersion.
- (b) By Letter. By promise of a letter of recommendation from another Baptist Church of like faith and order.
- (c) By Statement. The candidate's statement of prior conversion experience and baptism by immersion in a Baptist Church of like faith and order when no letter is obtainable.
- (d) By Transfer. Persons coming from a church other than Baptist of like faith and order, giving evidence of their Christian experience and asking to be baptized by immersion if they have not previously been so baptized.

Why Membership

As you read the New Testament, you see letters addressed to local communities of believers united by the gospel of Christ (Romans 12:4-5). These believers regularly gathered for worship (Hebrews 10:24-25), held one another accountable (Galatians 6:1), encouraged each other (1 Thessalonians 5:11), and served one another (1 Peter 4:10). They also worked together to advance the gospel, using their spiritual gifts and financial resources to build up the church and support its mission (Philippians 1:5, 27; 1 Corinthians 12).

At Life Church, we believe church membership is biblical and every believer should embrace it.

Members partner with church leadership and other members to carry out the church's mission of Reach, Teach, and Unleash.

Becoming a member shifts your role from observer to participant, from consumer to contributor. By joining, you commit to belonging to a community of Christ-followers where you can worship, serve, grow in faith, and live on mission together.

Membership also clearly identifies who the church leadership is responsible for before God (Hebrews 13:17). The leaders and staff at Life Church are dedicated to praying for and guiding the members, offering instruction, counsel, and care while equipping them to fulfill their missional calling.

MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

What is a Membership Covenant?

A membership covenant with a local church is a commitment made by a Christian to God, the church, its members, and its leadership. It signifies a mutual agreement to grow in faith together and actively engage in Life Church's mission.

Our Covenant:

Life Church Family Covenant

I declare that I have placed my faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized by submersion as a signal to others that I am in Christ Jesus

Therefore, I covenant with the Life Church family to:

- Pursue Jesus intimately and consistently; then allowing Jesus to flow out of me to others (John 17:3, John 14:10)
- Live as a vital part of the Life Church family by being present in gatherings, by participating in service, and by providing for ministry needs through my gifts, talents, and treasures (Hebrews 10:25, 1 Corinthians 12:1-26, 2 Corinthians 9:7, 1 Corinthians 13:3)
- Disciple others how to know Jesus and how to let Him live His life through them (Matthew 28:18-20)
- Be on mission with my Life Church family and the journey God has me on (Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, John 20:21, Mark 16:15)
- Handle all conflict in a biblical manner (Matthew 18:15-20, Ephesians 4:29, Proverbs 11:9)
- Live a life that pleases God and aligns myself with God's truth by living under His Grace (1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Philippians 4:8, Proverbs 10:2, Ephesians 2:8-10)
- I commit to obeying God's will and direction in my life, seeking His guidance in where I serve, worship, and use the gifts and talents He has entrusted to me. I will faithfully follow His lead, striving to make disciples, share His love, and expand His Kingdom for His glory.

In signing this covenant, I promise to live out these principles as I pursue Jesus intimately. I understand that my Life Church family is here to help me walk in Christ and I need them as much as they need me.

I am signing this in response to the Lord Jesus, that has led me to be part of His Life Church Monroe Family.

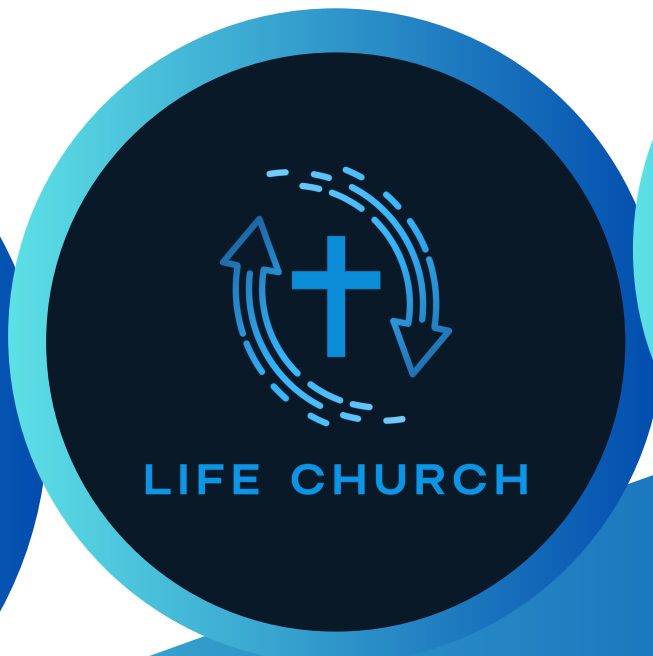
Spiritual Gift Assessment

We invite you to take a Spiritual Gift Assessment to help us better connect you with the ministries of Life Church and fellow members. This will only take about 5-10 minutes to complete, and there are no right or wrong answers—just your honest responses!

At the end of the survey, you'll be asked to provide a church leader's email. Please enter Chris@lifeinmonroe.org for this field. We'll be reviewing the results in our next meeting and look forward to discussing how your unique gifts can be used within our church family.

If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to us. We're excited to learn more about you and how you can get involved!

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