

Membership Covenant

- 1. Having, as I trust, been brought by God's sovereign grace to repent and believe in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and to give myself wholly to him, and having been baptized upon my profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, I do now, relying on God's gracious help, solemnly and joyfully covenant with my brothers and sisters as one body in Christ.
- 2. I will work together for the continuation of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church, striving to advance Christ's kingdom as I uphold the ordinances, discipline, and doctrines of the church. I will be faithful to meet together as disciples of Jesus in both large (Sunday morning) and small gatherings (community groups), and will use my spiritual gift(s) for building up the church, for promoting the gospel to the lost, and for a mutual progress in the faith. I will contribute cheerfully, sacrificially, and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all the nations. (Acts 2:42-47; 2 Cor. 8-9; Matt. 28:18-20, Eph. 4:15-16)
- 3. I will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, watch over my fellow members in brotherly love; remember them in prayer; aid them in sickness and distress; be slow to take offense; and always be ready for reconciliation. Refusing all gossip and slander, I will seek to always speak the truth in love, admonishing and entreating my brothers and sisters as occasion may require. I will endeavor to bring up those who are under my care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by a loving example and faithful witness seek the salvation of my family and friends. (Heb. 12:14; Eph. 4:1-3; Acts 17:11; Gal. 6:1-2, 10; Col. 3:16; Rom. 12:10)
- 4. I will seek, with God's help, to live carefully in the world, being just in my dealings, faithful in my engagements, and exemplary in my behavior; to abstain from all practices which bring unwarranted harm to the Body or jeopardize my

own or another's faith; to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and I will submit to the Bible's authority in resolving conflicts within the church. Always remembering that, just as I have been buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave, so there is on me a special obligation now to lead a new and holy life. (Rom. 6:1-14; 12:1-2; Eph. 4:25-32; 5:1-2, 15-21; Phil. 2:14-16)

5. I will, if I move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where I can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.