



MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.” 1 Corinthians 12:12–13

When anyone enters into relationship with God by grace from, and faith in, the person and work of Jesus Christ, they are entering into two covenants.

The **first** is to journey with God for the rest of their lives and love Him fully.

The **second** is to journey with His other children in the community of the local church. Your partnership in a church is an official recognition of this.

The Purposes of the Veritas Membership Covenant are:

- To join the Spirit in forming an authentic church community that reflects the relationship between the Father, Son, and Spirit.
- To clarify the on-going blessings & responsibilities of each member.
- To encourage consistency, accountability, and loving unity within the church family.
- To accomplish God’s call for the Veritas church family to glorify Jesus and proclaim his gospel.

This agreement does not imply that you will never fall short of the goals, but that the desire of your heart is to fulfill each of the responsibilities stated to the best of your ability. We trust that your commitment will be a personal blessing to your own journey in Jesus, as well as a blessing to those around you.

- With the help of the Holy Spirit, the church leadership covenants the following:
- We commit ourselves to lovingly care for you and seek your growth in Christ. (Hebrews 13:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12)
- We covenant to provide teaching, preaching, and counsel from the Scriptures. (Galatians 6:6; 1 Timothy 5:17-18)
- We commit that this teaching will span the whole counsel of God’s Word. (Acts 20:27-28)
- We commit to helping you in times of need. (Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-35; James 2:14-17)
- We covenant that your elders and deacons (when they are recognized) will meet the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures. (1 Timothy 3:1-13 & 5:17-22; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4)
- We covenant to pray for you regularly, particularly when you are sick. (James 5:14)
- We covenant to be on guard against false teachers. (Acts 20:28-31)
- We covenant to exercise church discipline when necessary. (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5; Galatians 6:1)
- We covenant to make disciples and to equip you to serve Christ. (Matthew 28:16-20; Ephesians 4:11-13)
- We covenant to seek God’s will for our church community to the best of our ability as we study the Scriptures and follow the Spirit. (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-5)
- We covenant to set an example and join you in fulfilling the duties of church members. (1 Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 3:17; 1 Timothy 4:12)

With the guiding help of the Holy Spirit, I, the undersigned, covenant the following:

- I am a Christian who has been saved from my sins by faith in Christ Jesus through grace alone. (Ephesians 2:1-10)
- I have been baptized to give testimony of my identification with the body of Christ and obedience to the Scriptures. (Matthew 28:16-20; Romans 6:1-4)
- I have read and understood the Veritas Statement Of Beliefs and I consent to and will abide by its teaching. I also understand the importance of submission to church leadership and will be diligent to preserve unity and peace. (Hebrews 13:7, 17; Ephesians 4:1-3)
- I will endeavor to maintain a close relationship with the Lord through regular, personal Bible reading, prayer, community, and the pursuit of Biblical spiritual disciplines. My journey in Christ will be evident through my regular participation in the corporate worship gatherings and involvement in a Community Group. (Psalm 119:97, 105; Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:23-25)
- I will strive to properly manage the resources God has given me, including my time, body, gifts & talents, attitudes, finances, and possessions. (Ephesians 5:15-18; Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:1-16; Galatians 5:22-26; Proverbs 3:9-10) This includes regular giving to Veritas that is sacrificial and cheerful. (2 Corinthians 8-9)
- I commit myself to the Veritas church family and agree to aid in fulfilling its missional purpose to make disciples by bring the gospel to Columbus and the world. (Matthew 28:16-20)
- I commit to using the spiritual gift(s) God has given me for the building up of the church, both at Veritas and universally. (1 Peter 4:10-11; Romans 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians 12:7-31)
- I covenant to practice the humility and sacrificial attitude of Christ by considering the needs of others (Philippians 2:1-11), setting aside the works of the flesh, pursuing the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-24), and seeking authentic relationships (Proverbs 17:17).
- I covenant to follow the biblical procedures of church discipline for the purpose of repentance and restoration and will submit myself to discipline if the need should ever arise. (Matthew 18:15-17; Galatians 6:1-5)
- I covenant to submit to the authority of Scripture as the highest authority on every matter that it speaks. (Psalm 119; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

By God's grace and the power of His Spirit, I will seek to faithfully fulfill this covenant.

As a practice of evaluation and ongoing affirmation, I will consider my commitment to this Membership Covenant on a yearly basis through the annual covenant review.

My responsibility will be to notify the Veritas leadership if at any time I can no longer commit to this covenant, or if I have any questions, comments, or concerns.

(member's name)

(elder's name)

(member's signature)

(elder's signature)

I have completed my meeting with an elder of Veritas Community Church on: _____
(date)