

MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Preamble

Having been saved by God through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, I rejoice that I have been adopted into the family of God. I acknowledge that this family is made up of all believers, everywhere, but that I have a special relationship with the fellow members of this local church. Therefore, I desire to formally affirm my commitment to these brothers and sisters through this covenant.

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God, in his grace, desires to bring every believer to spiritual maturity by using the members of his church as instruments for purifying and supporting one another. Therefore, in reliance on the Holy Spirit, I agree to help others and be helped by others in this family as we seek to honor God in the way we live with one another. Though I know that I will not do this perfectly, this means that I desire to:

1. Uphold the unity of my church in the bond of peace
 - By praying for God to unify us by His Spirit
 - By practicing mutual submission and rejecting critical attitudes, gossip, and selfish demands to get my own way
 - By being slow to take offense, quick to forgive, and quick to seek reconciliation with other members
 - By submitting to the spiritual leadership of the church
2. Care for my church's health through acts of love
 - By praying for God to meet each other's needs
 - By rejoicing at each other's happiness and sharing each other's sorrows
 - By sacrificially giving to support this church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through the world
 - By giving and receiving loving challenges to destructive behaviors
3. Support the testimony of my church through a lifestyle of mission
 - By praying for God to advance His kingdom in this world
 - By using the gifts God has given me to build up the Body of Christ
 - By demonstrating the love of God to those outside of the church through my words and deeds
 - By leading a holy lifestyle that demonstrates the reality of who I am in Christ and accepting rebuke when my actions contradict the gospel

Signed _____ Date _____

Printed name _____