



MEMBERSHIP COVENANT 2023

PART 1: OUR LOVES

What we treasure most in light of our identity in Christ as “new creations” (2 Cor 5:17), “children of God” (Jn 1:12) and “followers of Jesus” (Matt 16:24).

1. LOVE GOD

We are a Great Commandment people (Mk 12:30)! We love God because He first loved us (1 Jn 4:19-21). This is all of who we are, loving God, in all of what we say, do, think and decide (Ps 42:1-2). LOVE GOD is at the heart of every other love!

2. LOVE PEOPLE

Loving our neighbour means loving each and every person we come across because we are all image bearers of God (Mk 12:31). This love is both costly and generous, because Jesus (in His love) *gave up* so much and gave *us* so much (1 Pet 4:8).

3. LOVE THE GOSPEL

The Gospel is Jesus Christ; His life, death, burial, resurrection, ascension and anticipated return (1 Cor 15:1-11). It is the truth of who God is and all that He has done for us applied to our sinful lives through personal repentance. The Gospel is the power of God to salvation for all who believe (Rom 1:16-17).

4. LOVE THE BIBLE

We love the Bible because we believe that it is the inerrant, infallible Word of God, absolutely essential for our lives (Ps 119:105). The Bible is our final authority, transforming who we are (Heb 4:12), so that we might serve Him with greater faithfulness and fruitfulness (2 Tim 3:16-17).

5. LOVE THE CHURCH

The Church is not a building, it is the gathering of God's people, made up of many parts and a picture of Christ to the world (1 Cor 12). We love the Church through a passionate commitment to it (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37), regularly meeting together (Heb 10:24-25), and using all our gifts for God's glory (1 Pet 4:10)!

6. LOVE THE MISSION

Our mission is about local, national and global disciple making (*Matt 28:16-20*)! We love the mission meaning we are all about disciples who make disciples and churches that plant churches throughout our city, nation and world (*Isa 52:7*). We believe all of this is only ever possible as we rely on the power of the Holy Spirit (*Acts 1:8*)!

7. LOVE THE FUTURE

We are deeply encouraged by the truth that this life is not the end, God has prepared a place for us in eternity; a new heaven and a new earth (*Jn 14:1-3*). We love the future because we will be with Jesus, enjoying Him forever. This compels us to be who He calls us to be today (*1 Pet 1:3-9*).

PART 2: OUR VISION

As we look to Jesus, we look to live a life characterised by these 3 areas.

WORD CENTRED: the final authority of God's Word at the heart of every area of our lives.

PRAYER FUELLED: a daily reliance on God through Biblical, faith filled, specific prayer.

SPIRIT FILLED: a 'keep on being filled' life in the Spirit; earnest for the gifts, displaying the fruits.

PART 3: OUR GOSPEL HABITS

7 practical ways that we apply our faith in daily life and in the truth of the Gospel (*1 Cor. 15:1-11*).

1. **COURAGEOUS FAITH:** Heb. 10:19-39
2. **EMPOWERED LOVE:** Gal. 5:6-26
3. **TOTAL FORGIVENESS:** Col. 3:12-14; Eph. 4:25-32
4. **JOYFUL SERVICE:** Phil. 2:1-18
5. **INTENTIONAL EXCELLENCE:** Col. 3:12-25
6. **IRRATIONAL GENEROSITY:** 2 Cor. 8:1-15
7. **WORSHIPFUL REST:** Matt. 11:28-30

I recognise, agree and partner with the VISION, LOVES and GOSPEL HABITS of our membership covenant. I seek to apply these truths as I rely on His power and live for His glory.

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