

## Affirmation of Commitment (Membership)

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We believe that all Christian believers are called to join with one another in committed fellowship within a local church. We joyfully commit to God and to one another, as we are enabled by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, to live according to the whole counsel of God's Word, the Bible.

We affirm our commitment to the following:

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to repent, believe and receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and profess our complete allegiance to Him, having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God, the angels and this church, most solemnly and joyfully commit ourselves to one another as one body in Christ. Acts 2:38, Mark 9:23, John 11:26 Heb.11:6, John 1:12-13, I Pet. 2:6, Matt. 28:19-20, Romans 8:1.

May the Lord help us to and put our full confidence in everything God has revealed in the pages of Scripture. Until Christ returns, the Bible is our only final authority for all matters of faith and life. Deut. 12:32, Psalm 138:2, Prov. 30:5-6, 2 Tim 3:14-17

May the Lord help us to pray for the unity of the Spirit and for peace, and by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, and if necessary lay down our lives for another. 1 Cor 13:1-13, Eph. 4:1-6, John 13:34, John 15:13

May the Lord help us to seek the salvation of our family members, friends and strangers who have not repented of their sins and trusted Christ; to be in prayer for the spiritual awakening of the lost in our community, and to be a faithful witness of the gospel both here and to the remotest part of the earth. Matt. 28:19, Luke 24:44-48, Acts 1:3-8, Gen 12:3

May the Lord help us to prioritize the call, given to us by God, to care for, bless, and minister to our family members. In our various family situations this will mean seeking to honor and bless our parents, love our siblings, prioritize our spouses, and serve as the primary spiritual shepherds of our children and grandchildren. Gen. 18:18-19, Ex. 20:12, Deut. 6:5-7, Psalm 78, Malachi 2:13-16, Malachi 4:6, Acts 2:38-39, Eph. 5:22-33, Eph. 6:1-4, Col. 3:18-21, Titus 1:6

May the Lord help us to use our gifts to serve and bless this church family and to submit to its leaders as they are faithful to Christ. Hebrews 10:24-25, Hebrews 13:17, I Thess.4:12-15

May the Lord help us to contribute our finances, cheerfully and regularly to support the church, to the relief of the poor, and to the spread of the Gospel through all nations. I Cor. 9:1-27, Prov. 15:15, Job 34:19, Matt. 5:3, Mark 10:21, Luke 4:18

May the Lord help us to not neglect meeting together for corporate worship or Christ-centered fellowship with one another in our homes. Hebrews 10:25, Hebrews 5:5, Acts 2:42-47

May the Lord help us to maintain family and private devotions; to educate our children in the Christian faith and demonstrate the love of Christ in all of our household relationships. Eph. 6:1-4, Psalm 78, Deut. 6:1-9

May the Lord help us to love one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; and to keep ourselves from being polluted by the world. Matt 19:15-20, Col. 2:9-10, Eph.5:1-2, Eph. 6:18, James 2.

May the Lord help us to abstain from gluttony, drunkenness, illicit drugs, and entertainments which jeopardize our own or another's faith. Psalm 1:1-6, Eph. 5:3-12, Col: 3:1-17, II Cor. 12:20, Romans 1:30, Lev. 19:16, Eccl. 10:11, Galatians 5:21, Deuteronomy 21:20, 1 Corinthians 6:10, Proverbs 23:21, Psalm 101:1-2.

May the Lord help us to strive to avoid all gossip and unrighteous anger. We desire to be slow to take offense. We desire to think the best of one another and be ready for biblical reconciliation. Psalm 19:14, Psalm 34:13-14, Eph. 4:29, I Peter 3:8-12, Matt 5:21-26, Titus 3:10, Prov 26:20-26

May the Lord help us, if necessary, submit to biblically defined and regulated church discipline for the purpose of reconciliation with God and one another. Matt. 18:15-20, Heb. 12:11, 1 Cor. 5:1-13, 1 John 2:19, 1 Timothy 1:20, 2 Cor. 2:1-11, Luke 17:4

We eagerly look forward to receiving and participating in the mission, encouragement, teaching, blessing, protection, and fellowship of this body.