

Covenant Membership

OVERVIEW

Resonate Church exists for the glory of God and the welfare of Nashville. We believe that Jesus is good news for our city in every way, and we desire to live our lives in such a way that demands a gospel explanation.

We believe the church is God's household (Eph. 2:19). We are God's family called to devote ourselves to one another in loving relationship (Acts 2:42) both showing what God is like and calling others to join his family through faith in Jesus Christ. Though the Church is one household with one God and Father over us all, we believe it's important to devote ourselves to a local expression of the family, submitting ourselves to one another under biblically qualified elders for the purpose of ongoing care, equipping and development for ministry, and faithfulness to our doctrine and mission. Our membership covenant is an expression of our desire to learn and live as a family together on mission so that the vision of gospel saturation might take place. Living our lives in this way cannot be done in our own power so this requires the presence of Christ in his people. Fortunately, in Christ, we have the same power (the Holy Spirit) that raised Jesus from the dead!

GOD'S VISION / OUR VISION / OUR MISSION

The vision of Resonate Church is for every man, woman, and child to have a daily encounter with the real Jesus in word and deed.

God's vision is to see the knowledge of the glory of the Lord cover the earth as the waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14). Jesus is the glory of God, and he is the means by which anyone comes to truly know God, and it is Jesus Christ in us who is the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). For people to see the glory of God, Jesus has to come into our lives, change us, and work through us.

Gospel saturation happens when people become disciples of Jesus, committed to leading others to become disciples of Jesus in the places they live, learn, work, and play (all of life). It is our hope that the Resonate Church family might be a part of equipping God's people to realize they are the church sent into ordinary life so God might fill every place with His glory through His people.

Jesus commissioned his disciples to be disciples who make disciples. A disciple of Jesus is committed to bringing more and more of their life under the leadership of Jesus and leading others to do the same. The mission of Resonate Church is not just to grow a Sunday gathering or fill missional communities with people. Our desire is to equip God's people to be disciples who make disciples so gospel-saturation might take place in and through us.

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Membership at Resonate represents our commitment to collectively live on Jesus' mission together in all of life. Together, as a family of believers, we commit to love one another, build each other up into Christ (Eph

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4:15) and lead others to do the same. While all Christians are a part of the universal Church, God's word gives clear instruction to belong to a specific local church.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- I am a Christian saved from the eternal wrath of God by faith in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, through his death and resurrection, by which I am assured of eternal life (John 3:16-18; Rom. 3:23-26).
- I believe Jesus Christ is exactly who he claimed to be; God's eternal son, the Messiah who became flesh; fully God and fully man. The only mediator between God and man. (Isa. 53:6; Matt. 26:64; Mark 14:62; Luke 22:70; John 4:25-26; 6:29; 8:58; 11:25-27; 14:6-7; 15:5).
- I have repented of my sins and have been made a new creation in Christ (1 John 1:9; 2 Cor. 5:17).
- In obedience to Scripture, I have been baptized to personally identify with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, and to publicly demonstrate my new identity as a disciple of Jesus (Col. 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21).

STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE

I agree with the core beliefs of Resonate Church, which are expressed in both the Resonate Statement of Faith, and our six core theological emphases:

1. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is central for our motivation and practice.
2. God acts sovereignly in saving sinners.
3. The continuing presence of the Holy Spirit equips and empowers the saints.
4. God created men and women as equal and complementary image bearers of God.
5. Inaugurated (or Already / Not Yet) Eschatology
6. All believers are sent on Jesus' mission to make disciples.

For more information about our core beliefs, visit : <http://weareresonate.org/visit/what-we-believe>

OBLIGATION OF ELDERS TO COVENANT MEMBERS

- We covenant that your elders and deacons will meet the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures (1 Tim. 3:1-13; 5:17-22; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4).

- We covenant to seek God's will for our church community to the best of our ability as we study the Scriptures, pray and follow the Spirit (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-5).
- We covenant to care for you and seek your growth as a disciple of Christ, in part by equipping you for service (Eph. 4:11-13) and praying for you regularly, particularly when you are sick (James 5:14).
- We covenant to provide teaching and counsel from the whole of Scripture (Acts 20:27-28; Gal. 6:6; 1 Tim. 5:17-18).
- We covenant to be on guard against false teachers (Acts 20:28-31).
- We covenant to exercise the process of restoration (sometimes referred to as church discipline) when necessary (Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5; Gal. 6:1).
- We covenant to set an example and join you in fulfilling the duties of church members (1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 3:17; 1 Tim. 4:12).

MY OBLIGATION TO RESONATE AS A COVENANT MEMBER

- I will commit to: 1) gathering regularly with the family on Sunday (GATHER); 2) making disciples of Jesus in a missional community (GO); stewarding God's resources by giving of my time, talents and treasures to the Resonate family and beyond (GIVE); and 4) having a plan and accountability for growing personally as a disciple of Jesus through the practice of spiritual disciplines (GROW).
- I agree, by God's grace, to walk in holiness as an act of worship to Jesus Christ, who has saved me from my sin so that I could live a new life (2 Cor. 5:17).
- I have read and understood the Resonate Statement of Faith and will not be divisive to its teaching. I also understand the importance of submission to church leadership and will be diligent to preserve unity and peace (Eph. 4:1-3; Heb. 13:7, 17).
- I covenant to submit to the authority of Scripture as the final arbiter on all issues (Ps.119; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).
- I covenant to submit to discipline by God through his Holy Spirit, to follow biblical procedures for church restoration (discipline) in my relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ, and to submit to restoration (discipline) when approached biblically by brothers and sisters in Christ (Ps. 141:5; Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Cor. 5:1-5; 2 Cor. 2:5-8; Gal. 6:1-5 8; 1 Tim. 5:20; 2 Tim. 2:25; Titus 1:9; 3:10-11; Heb. 12:5-11; Rev. 2:5-7, 14-25).

MY COMMITMENT TO THE VISION / MISSION OF RESONATE CHURCH

I have read the vision and mission statement of Resonate Church and commit to participate in this mission as a disciple of Jesus. I commit to live in the light of my new identity in Christ, seeking to serve the ministry of the local and global church for his glory.

I understand that this covenant obligates me to the members of Resonate Church and I willingly place my self in submission to the elders of the church.

I commit, if the Spirit leads us to move from the Resonate Family, to unite with a likeminded church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant. I accept the responsibility to notify Resonate Church leadership if at any time I can no longer commit to this covenant, or if I have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding Resonate Church.

COVENANT MEMBER SIGNATURE | DATE

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