



## The Crossing Church Membership Covenant

### I covenant...

1. To submit to the authority of The Scriptures as the final word on all issues of life, faith, and practice (Psalm 19, Psalm 119, 2 Timothy 3:14-17)
2. To seek the Lord Jesus Christ through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship with His Body, and practicing other spiritual disciplines (Luke 18:1, Acts 17:11, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Ephesians 4:24-5:21)
3. To follow the command and example of Jesus by participating in the ordinances prescribed to His church:
  - a. To receive Believer's Baptism
  - b. To regularly remember and celebrate the person and work of Jesus Christ through communion
4. To regularly participate in the life of The Crossing Church by attending weekly worship gatherings, engaging in a missional community, engaging in intentional discipling relationships in a "DNA" group or desiring to be a part of a discipleship group like DNA, and serving those within and outside of this church (Acts 2:42-47, Hebrews 10:23-25, Titus 3:14)
5. To be a faithful steward of all that God has given me – time, talents, spiritual gifts, and finances. I will give financial gifts, service, and time that is sacrificial, cheerful, and voluntary to the life of The Crossing Church. (Matthew 25:14-30, Romans 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 8-9, 1 Peter 4:10-11).
6. To walk in holiness in all areas of life through the power of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of God, for the glory of God. (1 Peter 1:13-16, 4:1-3).
7. To maintain total sexual purity until married. If married, I will maintain complete faithfulness to my spouse. Fidelity and faithfulness requires purity and abstaining from all forms of sexual immorality such as adultery, premarital sex, and pornography. (Romans 13:11-14, 1 Corinthians 6:15-20, 10:8, Ephesians 5:3, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8, Hebrews 13:4).
8. To seek marriage reconciliation under the direction of my elders should my marriage become troubled enough to consider divorce. I will honor marriage as a commitment until death. (Matthew 19:1-12, Mark 10:1-12, Luke 16:18, 1 Corinthians 7:10-11).
9. To abstain from illegal drug use, drunkenness, gossip and other sinful behaviors as described by the Bible (Romans 1:28-32, 13:13, Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 5:18, James 3:3-18).
10. To refrain from activities that the Scripture would call foolish (Romans 14:14-23).
11. To recognize the teaching on Christian freedom, especially actions that could present a stumbling block to others (1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Romans 14).
12. To strive to fulfill the "one anothers" of the New Testament in how I relate to my family of faith. [For example: love one another, forgive one another, serve one another with love, submit to one another, bear with one another, admonish one another (John 13:34-35, Ephesians 4:32, Galatians 5:13, Ephesians 5:21, Colossians 3:13, Colossians 3:16).] There are approximately 59 such references in the New Testament that refer to a healthy church fellowship and I commit to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to obey those commands and edify the body of Christ.

**If the above covenant is openly violated, I commit to:**

1. Confess my sin to God and to fellow believers when warranted.
2. Repent and seek God's help to put my sin to death (Romans 8:13, Colossians 3:5, James 5:16, 1 John 1:6-10).
3. To submit to the elders and other appointed leaders of the church and fight for unity and peace within the church (Ephesians 4:1-3, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Peter 5:5).
4. To follow the biblical procedures for church discipline when sin is evident in another – with the hope of repentance and restoration.
5. To receive grace-filled, loving discipline when approached by a brother or sister in Christ (Matthew 18:15-20, 1 Corinthians 5:9-13, Hebrews 12:5-11).

If at some point I choose to leave the church for righteous reasons, I will notify the appropriate elder and/or missional community leader, and I will seek membership in another church where I can participate in the life of that church as a follower of Jesus Christ.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Member)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Missional Community Leader)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_