

Member Covenant

Having been led by the Spirit of God to accept Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, and on the profession of our faith in Him, having been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we do now prayerfully and seriously make this covenant with God and with one another.

We determine, therefore, by the grace of God and in the power of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and strength; to uphold its doctrine, ordinances and discipline according to the teachings of the Scriptures; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations; to identify and cultivate our spiritual gifts and dedicate our energies to the service of Christ's Kingdom; to seek to lead others into its fellowship to the end that His Kingdom may be promoted.

By God's help we further agree to seek the salvation of those who do not know Christ. To give no person cause to speak evil against us, we will seek to be just in our dealings, to be faithful to our commitments, to set the proper example in our attitude and conduct, and to avoid conversation harmful to others and inappropriate anger. We will exercise self-discipline and cultivate purity in our lives.

We pledge to watch over one another as true brothers and sisters; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian love in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

Moreover, when we move from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the principles of God's Word and the spirit of this covenant.

Therefore, some of the implications are practically lived out in the following ways...

- Commit to attend quarterly member meetings
- Commit to community group
- Regularly attend Sunday gathering
- Commit to faithfully serve in a ministry area at TMB
- Commit to financially support TMB by way of tithe & offering
- Commit to take responsibility for and be responsible to TMB members
- Submit to and hold accountable church leadership

Signature:	Date:
Print Name:	



Appendix

What is a church covenant?

A church covenant is a promise – a promise made to God, to a local church, and to one's self. A church covenant is a summary of how we agree to live. While our statement of faith is a good summary of what we believe, our church covenant is a summary of how we agree to live – more importantly, it is a summary of how God would have us live. It does not include every explicit command regarding obedience, but it does give a general summary of what it means to live as a disciple of Christ. (9 Marks)

We have included some Scripture references that elaborate on content written in the covenant.

Read Hebrews 10:24-25 - Encourages us to pursue fellowship with one another.

Read Acts 2:42-47 - Demonstrates the concern the early church had for one another.

Read Matthew 18:15-17

How does it instruct us to handle conflict within the church?

Read Galatians 6:1-2 - Speaks to the aim when one is struggling with sin.

Read Ephesians 4:2-3 - Speaks to how we should pursue unity.

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

Read Hebrews 13:17 - Speaks of the high accountability for those in leadership.