

Agreement Among the Members of Covenant Life Church

Having been united with the risen Lord Jesus Christ through repentance and faith I commit, by his grace, to the following agreements with members of this church:

To live under God's gracious and authoritative rule as recorded in Holy Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

To observe the sacraments of Baptism (Matthew 28:18-20), signifying entrance into the family of God, and the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26-29), signifying ongoing fellowship with God.

To gather regularly with the people of God in this church family for worship, preaching, prayer, communion, fellowship, and edification (Galatians 4:4-7; Hebrews 3:12-14, 10:24-25; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Isaiah 2:3; Psalm 99).

To preserve the unity of the Spirit by loving others and pursuing peace as befits the family of God (Matthew 5:9; Ephesian 4:1-6, 32, 5:1-2; Galatians 5:13-15; Philippians 2:1-11; Hebrews 12:14).

To live a holy life in accordance with my death to sin and resurrection to new life, which I have experienced by faith in Christ (Romans 6:1-4).

To pursue loving care and discipline of the members of this church if they stray from Christ and to submit to the same discipline should I stray from Christ (Matthew 18:15-20).*

To follow the elders of this church as they follow Christ in his Word, considering their teaching and lives in light of Holy Scripture (Acts 17:10-12; 2 Timothy 1:13-14; Hebrews 13:7, 17).

To maintain Gospel ministry for the salvation of all people locally, nationally, and globally as God provides opportunity (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:6-8).

To give my time, talents, and financial resources as God provides for the building up of this church, the relief of the poor, and the proclamation of the Gospel both here and abroad (1 John 3:16-18; 2 Corinthians 8-9; Acts 2:42-47).

To support the Statement of Faith of this church.

To notify the elders of this church if I decide to cease formal membership here and to seek membership elsewhere so that I might carry out similar Gospel ministry with a new church family (Hebrews 10:24-25).

Name of Member

Name of Elder

Signature of Member and Date

Signature of Elder and Date

* see also the church's policy on Church Discipline

Commitments of the Elders to Members of Covenant Life Church

In addition to abiding by the membership agreement, the elders of Covenant Life Church commit to the following:

To care for the church (Acts 20:28) in the fear of God (2 Corinthians 5:9-11) under the rule of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 5:4) by the power of the Holy Spirit, praying for the grace of God to be upon this church.

To teach and counsel the whole of Scripture (1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 4:1-2; Titus 2:1) and to equip the saints for the work of ministry (Ephesians 4:11-12).

To hold fast to the good news of Jesus Christ crucified and risen from the dead (2 Timothy 2:8-10; Galatians 1:6-10).

To lead the church in worshiping Jesus Christ together and obeying him in the ordinances of Baptism (Matthew 28:18-20) and the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:23-27).

To steward the financial and material resources of this church with integrity to advance the mission of Christ (Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 8:20-21).

To shepherd the church with loving care and to discipline its members should they stray from following Christ (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Peter 5:1-3).

To guard the church against false teaching and false teachers (Acts 20:28-31; 2 Timothy 1:14; Titus 1:9).

To uphold the Statement of Faith of this church in our teaching and our lives.

To be an example to this church for her well-being and edification and to lead in a gracious way as our God has revealed to us in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:17; 1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:7-8; 1 Peter 5:1-3).

The Elders of Covenant Life Church