

CREEKSIDE BIBLE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having been called, as I believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, and on the profession of the faith that I have been given by God's Grace, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and having willingly submitted to, and affirmed the Bylaws, Statement of Faith, Philosophy of Ministry, and Ministry Distinctives of Creekside Bible Church, I do now in the presence of God most solemnly and joyfully affirm my covenant with the Members of Creekside Bible Church, as one body in Christ.

Of Responsibilities to The Church

I engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit:

1. To walk together with the members of this church in Christian love,
2. To strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and peace;
3. To promote its spirituality and fruitfulness;
4. To sustain its worship, ordinances, and discipline;
5. To welcome, and test biblically, instruction from the Scriptures by The Elders of the church which accords with our *Statement of Faith*, seeking to grow toward biblical unity in the truth;
6. To joyfully and respectfully submit to the authority of The Elders of the church;
7. To contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, and the expenses of the church.

"To the church.... We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers"
(1 Thessalonians 1:1-2)

"Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce" (Proverbs 3:9)

"God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)

"Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things" (Hebrews 13:18)

"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you" (Hebrews 13:17)

"And he gave...shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ"
(Ephesians 4:11-12)

Of Service in Ministry

I also engage to:

1. Actively seek to discover, develop, and use my gifts in service of Our Lord through an ongoing ministry in/of this Church.
2. Participate in the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations,
3. Maintain family and personal devotions,
4. To educate my children in the Christian faith;
5. To seek the salvation of my kindred and acquaintances.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10)

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.... But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing" (James 1:22, 25)

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“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus...taking the form of a servant” (Philippians 2:3-5, 7)

Of Safeguarding The Testimony of The Church

I also engage to safeguard and support the unity and testimony of this church, and commit to:

1. Walk by The Spirit, not gratifying fleshly desires, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts;
2. Be just in my dealings, faithful in my engagements, and exemplary in my behavior;
3. Avoid all tattling, back-biting, and excessive anger;
4. Be zealous in my efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior remembering that, as I have been voluntarily buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave, there is now on me a special obligation to lead a new and holy life.

Of Safeguarding The Unity of The Church

I further engage to:

5. Watch over the members of this church in brotherly love;
6. To not neglect the assembling together with the members of this church;
7. To remember this church, it’s members, and Elders in prayer;
8. To faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require;
9. To be hospitable to the members of this church and aid them in sickness and distress;
10. To cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech;
11. To be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay.

“Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ” (Philippians 1:27)

“Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near” (Hebrews 10:25)

“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God” (Romans 15:7)

“So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding” (Romans 14:19)

“Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart” (1 Peter 1:22)

“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear” (Ephesians 4:29)

Also, I agree that when I remove from this place, I will as soon as possible, unite with a likeminded church, where I can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God’s Word.

Signed

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