

## **Membership Covenant**

The purpose of this document is to summarize our commitment to God and one another as one body in Christ.

Having been, as we trust, brought by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and to give up ourselves wholly to Him and no other; we do now solemnly and joyfully commit with each other to walk together in Him with love as our hallmark, God's word as our authority, and Christ as our Lord. We do, therefore, in His strength, for His glory, and for the good of His people, pledge to God and one another to commit to the following goals:

- 1. We commit to pursue the preeminence of Jesus Christ and the glory of God in all things (1 Cor 10:31; 2 Cor 5:9; Col 1:18; 3:17; 1 Pet 4:11)
- 2. We commit to submit to the Holy Bible as the authority and rule of our life and practice (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:3-4, 19-21).
- 3. **We commit to Trinity Bible Church as our immediate spiritual family and partner to aid in fulfilling its mission and purpose**. We pledge to promote the worship of God in obedience to Christ's commands, baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God; to strive for the advancement of this church in love, unity, holiness, humility, knowledge, service, joy, and peace (Acts 2:42; Rom 1:12; 12:5; 1 Cor 14:12; Eph 4:12, 15-16; Col 4:17).
- 4. **We commit to attend the public worship of God regularly**. We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together (Heb 10:25; Col 3:16).
- 5. **We commit to exercise Christian love and mutual care as members one of another;** to exercise the 'one anothers' of the NT (John 13:34-35; 15:12, 17; Rom 12:3-16; 13:8; 15:7; Gal 5:13; Eph 4:2, 25, 32; Phil 2:2-4; etc.) and to protect and care for our children, widows, elderly, and those dependent upon us (Jas 1:27; Acts 6:1; 1 Tim 5:3, 8; 1 John 3:17).
- 6. We commit to follow the biblical procedures of conflict resolution and corrective discipline if ever such need arises. We submit to the instructions given in Scripture concerning offenses and corrective discipline (Matt 18:15-17; Gal 6:1-2; 2 Thess 3:6, 14) and consent to be bound by the corresponding policy outlined in the TBC bylaws.
- 7. **We commit to family and personal devotion to Christ in our private and public life;** through self-discipline, Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and other disciplines of the faith (Col 1:18); to pursue and uphold the sanctity of marriage (Matt 19:4-9; Eph 5:22-33), to disciple our children and all under our care in the instruction of the Lord (Eph 6:4), and to personally live in a manner worthy of the Lord (Eph 4:1; Col 1:10; 1 Thess 2:12).
- 8. We endeavor to serve and use whatever giftedness God has given us individually for the building up of the church and the work of the ministry (Eph 4:11-16; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Rom 12:1-8; 1 Cor 12:7-31).
- 9. **We endeavor to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry among us**; to the support of this church, the relief of our poor, and the spread of the gospel (2 Cor 8–9).
- 10. We endeavor—in a spirit of gentleness, humility, and love—to hold one another accountable in our profession of faith (Rom 15:1; Eph 4:25; 5:21; Col 3:16; 1 Th 5:14; 1 Tim 1:19; 2 Tim 4:2; Heb 3:13; Ja 5:19; 1 Jn 5:16).