

Pioneer Church -- Membership Covenant

By God's grace, we have been brought together as those who have repented and believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. We have been united to Him and now give corporate affirmation to one another's citizenship of His Kingdom. With reliance upon Him, we do now solemnly and joyfully reaffirm our covenant with each other.

We will submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final Word on all matters of life and doctrine. (2 Timothy 3:14-17)

We will sacrificially work and pray for harmony, the unity of the Spirit, and the bond of peace. (Romans 15:5-6; Eph. 4:1-3; Colossians 3:14)

We will regularly attend the church's gatherings and faithfully pray for one another. With God-given wisdom and humility, we will walk together in Christ-like love, serve one another, exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other, seek to faithfully strengthen one another, and offer genuine forgiveness to one another. We will encourage one another at all times, and admonish one another as occasion requires. We will use our words to build up one another and glorify God rather than speaking lies, deceit, slander, or gossip.

(Matt. 7:1-5; Colossians 3:13-14; Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thess. 5:11; Hebrews 3:13; Hebrews 10:23-25; 1 Peter 4:10)

We will collectively labor to lead our children and youth in the training and instruction of the Lord, and we will faithfully seek the salvation of our family, friends, and neighbors. (Ephesians 6:4; 1 Peter 3:1-2)

We will rejoice at each other's happiness and bear each other's burdens and sorrows. (Romans 12:15)

With God's help, we will live carefully in the world by resisting sin, denying ungodliness and worldly desires, and actively pursuing holiness. We will remember that our symbolic burial and resurrection in baptism testifies to a special obligation we now have to live a new and holy life. (Philippians 1:27; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 7:1)

We will work together to maintain a faithful Gospel witness in our worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrine through the preaching of the Bible, the administration of believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the exercise of church discipline, according to Jesus's teachings in Matthew 18, when necessary. (Matthew 18:15-20; Acts 2:38; 1 Cor. 5:9-13; 11:26; 2 Timothy 4:2)

We will contribute cheerfully to the expenses for the ministry of the church, the needs of our neighbors, and the spread of the Gospel around the world.

 $(\mathsf{Mt.}\ 5:13\text{-}16;\ 28:18\text{-}20;\ 2\ \mathsf{Cor.}\ 9:7;\ \mathsf{Gal.}\ 6:10;\ \mathsf{Jm.}\ 1:27;\ 1\ \mathsf{John}\ 3:17\text{-}18;\ 3\ \mathsf{John}\ 8)$

If we leave this congregation, we will join another Gospel-preaching church as soon as possible, so that we can continue to carry out the spirit of this covenant and obey the principles of God's Word.

We will faithfully pray and ask God to help us be ever-growing in our knowledge, love, and obedience of Him, for our good and His glory.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen. (2 Cor. 13:14)

I have read and agree to uphold the Pioneer Church Cover	nant:
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