

MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

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Having trusted in Christ alone as my Lord and Savior, and have followed (or desire to follow) His example in water baptism and having received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues (or I am earnestly seeking), and being in agreement with the Calling, Commitments, Convictions, Core Values, Beliefs and Governance of First Assembly of God Church, I now am called to unite with this local body of Christ. In doing so, I commit myself to the Lord and to the other members of this church and to protect our unity, and to share in, serve, and support the ministries of my church through the following:

1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF OUR CHURCH

- by acting in love toward other members
- by dealing biblically with conflict and refusing to gossip
- by following the leadership (as they follow Christ) and submitting myself to the care and correction of leadership should the need arise

(1 Pet 4:8 NIV) "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."

(1 Pet 1:22 NIV) "Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart."

(Eph 4:29 NIV) "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

(Heb 13:17 NIV) "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you."

2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR CHURCH

- by praying for its growth
- by inviting the unchurched to attend
- by praying for its health and impact
- by sharing my story of grace with others
- by praying for the salvation of non-believers with whom I have a relationship
- by warmly welcoming those who visit and committing myself to community with those who attend

(1 Pet 4:7 NIV) "The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray."

(Luke 14:23 NIV) "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.'"

(Rom 15:7 NIV) "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

(1 Pet 4:9 NIV) "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling."

3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH

- by diligently seeking to discover my gifts and talents
- by being equipped to serve
- by developing a servant's heart
- by faithfully serving in a ministry
- by being in a community group that will know me and help me as I seek to love God and serve others

(1 Pet 4:10 NIV) "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

Eph 4:11 NIV) "It was he [God] who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, (12) to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up"

(Phil 2:3 NIV) "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves."

(Phil 2:4 NIV) "Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

4. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF OUR CHURCH

- by attending faithfully
- by living life as a fully devoted follower of Christ
- by living a godly life
- by living a life of worship
- by giving regularly and graciously as God has graciously given to me
- by committing myself to read, understand, and apply the Bible
- by preparing myself to give a "ready defense" for my faith based on God's Word
- by affirming the inspiration, infallibility, and authority of God's Word
- by availing myself to the tools and resources of the church which are designed to further my understanding of, and deepen my commitment to applying God's Word
- by agreeing in both word and deed with the tenets of faith of the Assemblies of God

(Heb 10:25 NIV) "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

(Phil 1:27 NIV) "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel"

(Rom 12:1 NIV) "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship."

(Mal 3:10 NIV) "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

(2 Tim 2:15 NIV) "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

(2 Tim 3:16 NIV) "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness"

I agree to the tenets of faith in the Bylaws of the First Assembly of God Church, and to the biblical principles of this covenant.

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