

FOUNTAIN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

We believe, having been drawn by the Father into repentance and belief in the Lord Jesus Christ and having been baptized upon a confession of faith, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit that we have been reconciled to God and called into covenant relationship with God's people at Fountain Church.

Therefore, as a member of Fountain Church:

- I will submit to all Scripture as God breathed, believing that is profitable for teaching, correction, training, and reproof, and is the final authority on all issues (**Psalm 119; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21**).
- I will seek the renewal of my mind through regular study of the Word of God, fellowship with other believers, and prayer. (**Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Ephesians 5:1-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22**).
- I will participate in the life of Fountain Church through regular attendance at weekly services, active involvement in a small group, engaging in intentional discipleship, and serving the community of believers. (**Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:23-25; Titus 3:14**).
- I will give generously of the resources God has given me, including time, finances, and spiritual gifts (**Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8-9**).
- I will pursue holiness and seek to kill sin by the power of the Holy Spirit putting to death sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, covetousness, idolatry, anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk. (**1 Peter 1:13-16; 1 Peter 4:1-3**; Colossians 3:5-11).
 - I will practice complete chastity unless married and, if married, complete fidelity within heterosexual and monogamous marriage. Complete chastity and fidelity means, among other things, that regardless of my marital status, I will pursue purity and abstain from sexually immoral practices such as adultery, premarital sex and pornography (**Romans 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 6:15-20; 1 Corinthians 10:8; Ephesians 5:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4**).
 - I will seek to preserve the gift of marriage and agree to walk through the steps of marriage reconciliation at Fountain Church before pursuing divorce from my spouse (**Matthew 19:1-12; Mark 10:1-12; Luke 16:18; 1 Corinthians 7:10-11**); for the role of the church in the process of divorce, see Paul's concern for the resolution of legal matters within the assembly of the church in **1 Corinthians 6**).
 - I will refrain from illegal drug use, drunkenness, gossip and other sinful behavior as the Bible dictates (**Romans 1:28-32; Romans 13:13; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:18; James 3:3-18**).
- I will, for the sake of Christ, pursue a healthy understanding of Christian freedom, not using Christian freedom as an excuse to offend a brother (**1 Corinthians 8:1-13**).
- I will do the following when I sin
 - Repent
 - Confess my sin to God and to the community of believers when appropriate or necessary (**Psalm 141:5; Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13; Hebrews 12:5-11**).
 - Submit to church discipline in accordance with Matthew 18.
- I will refrain from gossip and seek restoration as prescribed in Matthew 18 when a brother sins against me.
- I will follow the leadership of the elders of Fountain Church and diligently strive for unity and peace within the body (**Ephesians 4:1-3; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5**).