



MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

“Making known the supremacy and glory of Jesus Christ in Mid-County and advancing His purposes to the ends of the earth.”

Why Church Membership?

According to the New Testament, the church is not a place you attend or a building you go to, but it is a collection of people who have been saved by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ (Eph 2:19-22; 1 Thess 1:1; Phlm 1-2). The church is the body of Christ, a local community of believers who have covenanted together to be committed to Christ and to each other. While all Christians are a part of the universal Church, we believe God’s Word calls us to be devoted to a specific local church (Acts 2:42-47, 20:28; 1 Cor 12:27; Heb 10:24-25)

Covenant membership at Cornerstone Church represents a commitment to live on Jesus’ mission together. As a family of believers, we covenant to regularly gather together, to submit ourselves to one another under biblically qualified pastors, to love one another, and to help one another grow up in every way into Christ (Eph 4:15). We believe that God, in his sovereignty, has placed each of us in this community, among these people, in this day, for a purpose (Acts 17:26-27).

The membership covenant is a general acknowledgement of our Christian obligations to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord that we may reflect God’s glory through this local church. The Cornerstone Church covenant includes a statement of faith, a statement of basic belief, the obligations of Cornerstone Church Elders to its members, and the obligations of its members to Cornerstone Church.

Statement of Faith:

Covenant members of Cornerstone Church must be baptized followers of Jesus Christ affirming the following:

- I am a Christian saved from the eternal wrath of God by faith in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior through his death and resurrection, by which I am assured of eternal life (John 3:16-18; Rom 3:23-26)
- Because of the gracious and saving work of God in my life, I have been made a new creation in Christ. I am eager, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to live in a manner worthy of the gospel, seeking to please the Lord in all things (Eph 4:1; 1 John 1:9; 2 Cor 5:17)
- In obedience to Scripture, I have been baptized as a believer to personally identify with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, and to publicly demonstrate my new identity as a disciple of Jesus (Col 2:12; 1 Pet 3:21)
- I affirm the core Christian beliefs in the Cornerstone Church Statement of Basic Beliefs.
- I have read the Cornerstone Church Affirmation of Faith. While I understand that I must not fully embrace all of the beliefs in the Affirmation of Faith, I recognize that the church ministry and teaching will be guided and shaped by these beliefs.



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Obligations of Cornerstone Church Pastors to Its Members:

God entrusts elders or pastors of a local church to protect, lead, equip, and care for the corporate body and her individual members.

As Elders of Cornerstone Church, we covenant:

- To appoint elders and deacons according to the criteria assigned to them in Scripture
(1 Tim 3:1-13, Titus 1:5-9, 1 Pet 5:1-4)
- To prayerfully seek God's will for our church community and steward her resources to the best of our ability based on our study of the Scriptures and following the Spirit
(Acts 20:28; 1 Pet 5:1-5)
- To care for you and seek your growth as a disciple of Christ, in part by equipping you for the work of ministry
(Matt 28:16-20, Eph 4:11-16, Jas 5:14, Heb 13:17, 1 Pet 5:1-4)
- To provide teaching and counsel from the whole Scripture
(Acts 20:27-28; 1 Tim 4:16; 2 Tim 4:1-5; Titus 2:1, Gal 6:6)
- To be on guard against false teachers and teachings
(Matt 7:15; Jn 10:12-13; Acts 20:28-31; 1 Tim 1:3-7; 1 John 4:1)
- To lovingly oversee the exercise of discipline when necessary, for the glory of God, for the restoration of the one being disciplined, and for the health of the church as a whole
(Matt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 5; Gal 6:1; Jas 5:19-20)
- To set an example and join members in fulfilling the obligation of church membership stated in the church covenant
(Acts 20:28; 1 Tim 4:12; Titus 2:7-8; 1 Pet 5:3)



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Obligations of Cornerstone Church Members to Its Leaders and the Body

One of Cornerstone Church's greatest convictions is that church membership should be meaningful. Therefore, we believe it is important to covenant together as a church family. As covenant members of Cornerstone Church, we affirm this covenant with one another, by God's grace, for our growth, and ultimately for the glory of God.

As a member of Cornerstone Church, I covenant to:

- **GATHER** as part of the body of Cornerstone Church by:
 - Submitting to the authority of Scriptures as the final arbiter on all issues (*Ps 119; 2 Tim 3:14-17; 2 Pet 1:19-21*)
 - Participating regularly with Cornerstone Church by attending weekly services, engaging in gospel-centered community, and remembering and celebrating Christ in communion (*Ps 84:4-10; Acts 2:42-47; Titus 3:14; Heb 10:23-25*)
 - Submitting to the appointed Elders of the church and diligently striving for unity and peace within the church (*Eph 4:1-3; Heb 13:17; 1 Pet 5:5*)
- **GROW** as a disciple of Jesus Christ by:
 - Pursuing the Lord Jesus Christ in my own personal discipleship by reading the Bible, praying, living in community with other believers, and practicing spiritual disciplines (*Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; 1 Cor 9:24-27; Eph 5:1-12; 1 Thess 5:12-22*)
 - By God's grace through the power of the Holy Spirit, walking in holiness in all areas of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ. Members should strive to put certain attitudes and actions to death while stirring and stimulating love and good deeds through the Spirit. (*1 Pet 1:13-16, 4:1-3*)
 - Receive righteous and loving discipline when approached biblically by fellow believers and Church Pastors (*Ps 141:5; Matt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 5:9-13; Heb 12:5-11*)
- **GIVE** to the mission and ministry of Cornerstone Church by:
 - Sacrificially and cheerful stewarding the resources God has given me, including time, talents, spiritual gifts, and finances. This includes regular financial giving, serving, and participation in community (*Matt 25:14-30; Rom 12:1-2; 2 Cor 8-9*)
- **GO** in obedience to Jesus Christ's command to make disciples by:
 - Supporting the vision and mission of Cornerstone Church to glorify God by making disciples. To live my life as a witness to the grace and truth of Jesus (*Matt 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor 5:17-19*)
- To do the following should I leave the Church for righteous reasons:
 - To notify the appropriate Church Leadership
 - To seek another church with which I can carry out my biblical responsibilities as a believer



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By becoming a covenant member of Cornerstone Church, I commit to participating in the life of the church as a disciple of Jesus. I accept the responsibility to notify Cornerstone Church leadership if at any time I can no longer commit to this covenant, or if I have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding Cornerstone Church. I understand that this covenant is in place to help shape and encourage Godly character in my life. As such, I commit to meeting with a church leader at the time of covenant renewal for follow-up, encouragement, and help in my pursuit of following Jesus with this church body.

Name: _____

Date of Membership Interview: _____

Basic Information:

Home Address: _____

Birth Date: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Can we text you (SMS)? Y / N

Email: _____

Church History:

Were you previously an active member of a local church? Y / N

If so, please tell us your previous church name: _____

Were you baptized as a believer after coming to faith in Jesus Christ? Y / N

Your Family:

Are you married? Y / N Does your spouse attend Cornerstone Church? Y / N

Spouse Name: _____ Spouse Birth Date: _____

Child 1 Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Current Age: _____

Child 2 Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Current Age: _____

Child 3 Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Current Age: _____

Child 4 Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Current Age: _____

Child 5 Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Current Age: _____

What is one area in your walk with Jesus that you hope to grow in over the next year?



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How do you feel that God has called you to serve in the church? What are your spiritual gifts? Passions in ministry?

Do you have any special prayer requests?

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.