

Faith Community Covenant

***I will protect the unity of our church.**

...By acting in love

...By encouraging Christ-followers to speak and act according to the truth

...By following those God has called as leaders

Romans 14:19 *So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.*

1 Peter 1:22 *Now you can have sincere love for each other as brothers and sisters because you were cleansed from your sins when you accepted the truth of the Good News. So see to it that you really do love each other intensely with all your hearts.*

Ephesians 4:29 *Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.*

Hebrews 13:17 *Obey your spiritual leaders and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your soul, and they know they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this joyfully and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.*

***I will share the responsibility of our church.**

...By praying for our health and growth

...By personally inviting people to trust in Jesus Christ

...By welcoming and serving others as if I were serving the Lord

1 Thessalonians 1:2 *We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly.*

Luke 14:23-24 *So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.'*

Romans 15:7 *So accept each other just as Christ has accepted you; then God will be glorified.*

***I will serve the ministry of our church.**

...By a passionate pursuit of Christ-Likeness

...By regular and sacrificial giving

1 Peter 4:10 *God has given gifts to each of you from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you.*

Ephesians 4:11-13 *He [Jesus] is the one who gave these gifts to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church the body of Christ, until we come to such unity in*

our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature and full grown in the Lord, measuring up to the full stature of Christ.

1 Corinthians 16:2 On every Lord's Day, each of you should put aside some amount of money in relation to what you have earned and save it for this offering. Don't wait until I get there and then try to collect it all at once.

2 Corinthians 9:10 For God is the one who gives seed to the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will give you many opportunities to do good, and he will produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

***I will support the message of our church in this community.**

...By faithful participation in our community

...By cultivating a servant-heart

...By pursuing a God-honoring reputation with those inside and outside the church

Hebrews 10:25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near.

Philippians 1:27 ...you must live in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ, as citizens of heaven.

Philippians 2:3-7 Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself. Don't think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and what they are doing. Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form.