

# The River Church Membership Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Saviour and been baptized, and being in agreement with the River's vision, values, and statements of faith. I now feel led by the Holy Spirit join in a membership covenant with the River Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and the other members to be:

## 1. Unified

- By acting in love toward others in and out of the River Community
- By refusing to gossip
- By following and supporting the leadership (this doesn't mean we all have to agree. We can agree to disagree. We strive towards unity in diversity)

*"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together." Rom. 15:19 (Ph)*

*"Have a sincere love for your fellow believers, love one another earnestly with all your hearts." 1 Peter 1:22 (TEV)*

*"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs..." Eph. 4:29*

## 2. Connected

- By praying for the River's health and growth
- By praying for the leadership of the River Church (full-time and volunteer leadership team)
- By inviting our friends & neighbors to experience Jesus – inviting people to dive into the River.
- By warmly welcoming those who visit our River Community in whatever form.
- By practicing genuine hospitality to all people – have people in all walks of life into your home.

*"To the church ... we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly." 1 Thess. 1:2*

*"The Master said to the servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes, and urge the people there to come so my house will be full.'" Luke 14:23 (NCV)*

*"So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." Rom. 15:7 (LB)*

## 3. Engaged

- By discovering my spiritual SHAPE (spiritual gifts, heart or passion, natural abilities, personality traits, and Life Experience) and seeing how God wants to redeem all of it.
- By participating with the leadership of The River as they seek to empower me to serve one another.
- By committing to an ongoing spiritual journey & pursuing wholeness.
- By developing a servant's heart and serving one another, especially the most forsaken people in our community and the world – we hope to become more like Jesus through caring about the things that He cares about.

*"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you..." 1 Peter 4:10 (Ph)*

*"God gave...some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." Eph. 4:11-12*

*"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ...who took on the very nature of a servant..." Phil. 2:3-4,7*

**4. Supportive**

- By being in community with others in The River community
- By celebrating regularly in a Simple Church and/or Celebration Worship Gathering.
- By striving to live a godly life empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- By being authentic, transparent and vulnerable.
- By being generous with your ... time, money and talents.
- By not participating in or by renouncing Masonry or any other secret society

*"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another." Heb. 10:25*

*"But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ." Phil. 1:27 (Ph)*

*"The wicked borrow and never repay, but the godly are generous givers." Psalm 37: 21*

*"For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by His poverty, you might become rich." 2 Corinthians 8:1-15*

*"They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life." 1 Timothy 6: 17-19*

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