



Elders to the Rivertown Church Members

Elders Covenant:

To, along with the aid of members, appoint elders and deacons according to the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures (1 Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Ptr. 5:1-4)

To prayerfully seek God's will for our church community and steward her resources to the best of our ability as we study the Scriptures and follow the Spirit of God (Acts 20:28; 1 Ptr. 5:1-4)

To care for and seek the growth of members as disciples of Christ, in part by equipping them for the work of ministry and praying for them regularly (Matt. 28:16-20; Eph. 4:11-16; Jam. 5:14; Heb. 13:17; 1 Ptr. 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)

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 Jn. 4:1)

To lovingly oversee the exercise of discipline when necessary, for the glory of God, the restoration of the one disciplined, and the health of the church as a whole (Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5; Gal. 6:1; Jam. 5:19-20)

To set an example and join members in fulfilling the obligations of church membership stated below (Acts 20:28; Phil. 3:17; 1 Tim. 4:12; Titus 2:7-8; 1 Ptr. 5:3)



Rivertown Church Members Covenant

Having, as we trust, been brought by God's grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to surrender ourselves to him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on his gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other:

We will submit ourselves to the authority of Christ through His Word (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:16-21).

We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ps 133:1; Eph 4:3; Phil 2:2-3).

We will pursue the Lord Jesus Christ through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship and practice of spiritual disciplines (Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Ephesians 5:1-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22).

We will walk together in love, as becomes the members of a Christian church, exercising affectionate care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully admonishing one another when required (Rom 12:10; 15:14). We will not neglect to pray for ourselves and each other (Eph. 6:18).

We will regularly participate in the life of Rivertown Church by attending weekly gatherings, engaging in gospel-centered community, and serving those within and outside of this church (Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:23-25; Titus 3:14).

We will rejoice at each other's happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows (Rom 12:15; Gal 6:2).

We will seek, by the power of Christ in us, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and remembering that, as we have been baptized into Christ's death and have been raised to walk in the newness of his life, so there is on us a special obligation to lead a new and holy life in accordance with the Scriptures (Matt 28:19; Rom 6:4; Phil 2:12; 1 Thess 5:21-22; Titus 2:11-12; 1 Peter 1:14-16).

We will submit to God's discipline by receiving righteous and loving discipline when approached biblically by fellow believers and by following the biblical procedures for church discipline where sin is evident in another, with the goal of repentance and restoration (Psalm 141:5; Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13; Hebrews 12:5-11).



Rivertown Church Members Covenant (cont'd.)

We will endeavor to bring up our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord, and by a pure and loving example to seek the salvation of our family and friends (Matt 28:19-20; Eph 6:4; Col 1:28-29).

We will work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church, as we sustain its worship, doctrines, ordinances, and discipline. (Acts 2:41-47; Phil 1:27; 1 Thess 1:2-3; Jude 3)

We will contribute our time, talents, spiritual gifts, and finances cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations (1 Cor 16:1-2; 2 Cor 8:1-3; 9:6-7; 1 Tim 5:17-18).

We will, should the Lord lead us away from this fellowship, unite with some other church as soon as possible, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word (Heb 10:25).

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 (2 Cor 13:14).