

# COVENANT MEMBERSHIP

## THE DUTIES OF COVENANT MEMBERSHIP

### 1. For members:

- a. Protect the gospel.
  - i. In my own life (Philippians 1:27).
  - ii. In my church (Galatians).
- b. Pray for my church family (Romans 12:12).
- c. Gather regularly (Hebrews 10:25).
- d. Seek to make connections that will be mutually beneficial in discipleship (Romans 1:11-12; 2 Timothy 2:22).
- e. Find ways to serve the body (Galatians 5:13; 1 Peter 4:10).
- f. Share:
  - i. My faith (evangelism)
  - ii. My resources
  - iii. My need
  - iv. My self
- g. Love my church family:
  - i. Rejoicing with them in blessing.
  - ii. Weeping with them in hardship.
  - iii. Bearing with them in weakness.
  - iv. Forgiving them in waywardness.
  - v. Believing the best about them and hoping the best for them.
  - vi. Refusing gossip and slander in favor of commendation and encouragement.
  - vii. Pursuing peace and working for reconciliation in all things.
- h. Conduct myself in the world in a manner consistent with the gospel, pursuing holiness and denying fleshly indulgence (Philippians 1:27).
- i. Uphold justice and righteousness and love of neighbor (Matthew 23:23).

## 2. For Leaders:

- a. Preach and protect the gospel (2 Timothy 4:1-2; Jude 3)
- b. Shepherd the flock (1 Peter 5:1-3; Ezekiel 34)
  - i. Feed them faithfully.
  - ii. Strengthen the weak.
  - iii. Bind up the broken.
  - iv. Heal the sick.
  - v. Gather the scattered.
  - vi. Look for the lost.

Gathering

Connecting

Serving

Sharing

<p>When we gather, the gospel is not only declared in the things we sing and say; it is displayed in the things we do. We make our gatherings a priority by attending when we can.</p>	<p>It's in the context of relationships that truth can be declared with love and that love can be displayed in truth. We are learning to meaningfully connect in order to help one another grow in discipleship.</p>	<p>Jesus loved us by serving us with His life. Our service displays this love and opens the door for declaration of that love. We are learning to display what we declare by sacrificial service.</p>	<p>Having received the love of Christ, we are called to share it. We do this by declaring it and by displaying it to and with each other. Disciple making is a community responsibility.</p>
<p>Gathering Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Services</li> <li>• Bible Classes</li> <li>• Fellowship gatherings</li> </ul>	<p>Connecting Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small groups</li> <li>• Discipleship relationships</li> </ul>	<p>Service Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's, youth, hospitality, facilities, and much more...</li> </ul>	<p>Sharing Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your family and friends</li> <li>• Your neighbors</li> <li>• Your co-workers</li> <li>• Outreach events</li> </ul>