



HEARTLAND MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

As those who have experienced the grace of a life changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ, we have the opportunity to reflect the character of Christ through the pursuit of certain attitudes and actions and the rejection of others. The Scriptures refer to this reality as “living by the Spirit” (Rom. 8). The requirements of this membership covenant are in no way intended as an addition to the biblical obligations of a believer. Rather, this document functions primarily as an accessible yet non-exhaustive explanation of what the Scriptures teach about the obedience that faith produces.

I covenant...

- **to submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final arbiter on all issues** (Ps. 119; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; 2 Pet. 1:19-21).
- **to pursue the Lord Jesus Christ through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and practice of spiritual disciplines** (Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; 1 Cor. 9:24-27; Eph. 5:1-21; 1 Thess. 5:12-22).
- **to follow the command and example of Jesus by participating in the ordinances prescribed to His Church:**
 - by being baptized after my conversion.
 - By regularly remembering and celebrating the person and work of Christ through communion.
- **to regularly participate in the life of Heartland Church by attending weekly services, engaging in discipleship, and serving those within and outside of this church** (Acts 2:42-47; Heb. 10:23-25; Titus 3:14).
- **to be committed to taking the gospel to our neighbors and to the nations** (Matt. 28:19-20, Acts 1:8)
- **to steward the resources God has given me, including time, talents, spiritual gifts, and finances. This includes regular financial giving, service and participation in community that is sacrificial, cheerful, and voluntary** (Matt. 25:14-30; Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 8-9; 1 Pet. 4:10-11).
- **By God’s grace and through the power of the Holy Spirit, to refrain from activities that the Scriptures would deem sinful or foolish, and to walk in holiness while stirring and stimulating love and good works.** (1 Pet. 1:13-16, 4:1-3, Rom. 14:14-23)
- **to take seriously the responsibility of Christian freedom, especially actions or situations that could present a stumbling block to another** (1 Cor. 8:1-13).
- **to do the following when I sin:**
 - **confess my sin to God and to fellow believers.**
 - **repent and seek help to put my sin to death** (Rom. 8:13; Col. 3:5; James 5:16; 1 John 1:6-10).
- **to live out, as seen in Scripture, our God-given roles and responsibilities in the context of the family, and to honor any marriage vows we have made before God** (Eph. 5:22–6:4).
- **to take the initiative to pursue a brother or sister in Christ who is living in unrepentant sin or is in danger of abandoning the faith, hoping for restoration and reconciliation, and to submit out of reverence to Christ to church discipline when deemed necessary by the elders of the church** (Matt. 18:15-17; Gal. 6:1; 1 Cor. 5:1-13).

- **to submit to the pastors and other leaders of the church as they instruct us according to God's Word and to diligently strive for unity and peace within the church** (Eph. 4:1-3; Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 5:5).
- **to do the following should I leave the church for righteous reasons:**
 - to notify the elders and meet with elder representation if they request it, as they are charged with keeping watch over my soul
 - to seek another Bible-believing, gospel-proclaiming church with which I can carry out my responsibilities as a believer

I am joining the covenant membership at Heartland Church by:

___ Statement of faith and prior baptism.

___ Baptism

___ Confession of faith and Baptism

___ Transfer of letter

If transfer, include name and address of previous church _____

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Name: _____ DOB: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have children, please fill out the following

Name _____ DOB _____

If joining, indicate by which method below and have them sign covenant

___ Statement of faith and prior baptism.

___ Baptism

___ Confession of faith and Baptism

___ Transfer of letter

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name _____ DOB _____

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