



Membership Covenant

Recognizing that the local church is the primary means by which God's kingdom advances, Countryside Bible Church members enter into this Membership Covenant, declaring our union with Christ and our commitment to one another. We believe our purpose is to cultivate a community of Christ-followers who bring glory to God. To fulfill this mission, we pledge to faithfully teach and live out God's Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit. We will actively engage our world as agents of transformation, prioritizing the essential functions of the Body of Christ: gathering for worship, building meaningful relationships, and reaching out to our community.

This Covenant outlines our commitment to one another, Christ, and fulfilling His mission. As members of the Body of Christ, we understand our interdependence and joyfully embrace these essential values:

- As members of Christ's body, we commit to love one another as He has loved us. We will strive to maintain the unity of the Spirit, fostering an environment of peace and mutual support. This includes thinking the best of one another, praying for each other, and speaking the truth in love. When disagreements arise, we will address them biblically, extending grace and seeking reconciliation. By living out these principles, we will demonstrate the transformative power of the Gospel to a watching world.
- We pledge our deepest allegiance to Christ and His kingdom. Recognizing that our true identity, sense of belonging, and ultimate purpose are found in our heavenly citizenship, we find our greatest treasure in Christ Himself and His mission. Our hope and ultimate rest are firmly anchored in Him. Therefore, we will strive to avoid anything that distracts us from living a life pleasing to Christ. We commit wholeheartedly to worshipping Him and extending love to one another, our neighbors, and even our enemies.
- We commit to proclaiming Christ in word and deed, actively resisting sin and pursuing righteousness in all aspects of our lives. We will prioritize personal Bible study and prayer as essential disciplines, recognizing that they are vital for our spiritual growth. We understand that our lives serve as a testimony to those around us, and we believe that the Holy Spirit uses God's Word to transform hearts and bring others to salvation.
- We commit to joyfully and regularly participate in the weekly gatherings of the Countryside family for worship, prayer, and fellowship. We recognize the importance of these gatherings for our spiritual growth and the encouragement of one another. Therefore, we will prioritize attending these meetings, coming prepared in heart and mind to worship God and inspire one another to love and serve others.

- We commit to honoring and submitting to those the Lord has appointed as leaders of Countryside Bible Church. We understand that these leaders serve Jesus Christ, the Head of the church, and are accountable to Him for their shepherding of His flock. Therefore, we will pray for our leaders, treat them with respect, and encourage them in their work while loving and admonishing them as fellow partners in the ministry of Christ.
- We commit ourselves to actively serving the ministry and family of Countryside Bible Church, as well as our global partners. We recognize that the church is God's instrument for advancing His mission worldwide. Therefore, we will joyfully and consistently support the ministry and financial needs of the church by generously sharing our spiritual gifts, time, talents, creativity, and resources.
- We recognize the vital role our membership at Countryside Bible Church plays in fostering our spiritual growth and strengthening our witness to the world. Therefore, we will speak positively about our church in our daily lives and approach church matters with prayerful consideration. If the Lord leads us to move to a new location, we commit to actively seeking and joining another biblically faithful church where we can continue to live out the commitments of this covenant and remain obedient to the teachings of God's Word.

May we, through the power of the Word and the Holy Spirit, faithfully keep this covenant, reflecting God's truth and love to the world until the Lord Jesus returns to make all things new. Amen.

By signing below, I affirm that I have read and understood the Countryside Membership Covenant and willingly commit myself to the values and responsibilities outlined above, relying on the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____