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## MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

### I covenant...

- ◆ to submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final arbiter on all issues (**Psalm 119; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 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 Corinthians 9:24-27; Ephesians 5:1-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22**).
- ◆ to love the Lord with all my heart, soul, and might, and to love others as I love myself (**Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 22:37-39**).
- ◆ 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 the Lord's Supper.
- ◆ to participate in the life of Trinity Baptist Church by attending weekly services, engaging in gospel-centered community and exercising my God-given spiritual gifts (**Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:23-25; Titus 3:14**).
- ◆ to contribute 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. (**Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8-9**).
- ◆ to pray with and for the members of my household regularly and to provide Biblical instruction for those under my care (**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**).
- ◆ to walk in holiness by God's grace through the power of the Holy Spirit in all areas of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ (**1 Peter 1:13-16. 1 Peter 4:1-3**).

Below are a few examples of actions addressed in the Scriptures:

- ◇ by practicing chastity and, if married, complete fidelity within heterosexual and monogamous marriage. Complete chastity and fidelity means, among other things, that regardless of my marital status, I will pursue purity and abstain from sexually immoral practices such as adultery, homosexual acts, pre-marital sex and pornography (**Romans 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 6:15-20, 1 Corinthians 10:8; Ephesians 5:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4**).
  - ◇ by refraining from illegal drug use and drunkenness (**Romans 1:28-32; Romans 13:13; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:18; James 3:3-18**).
  - ◇ by taking seriously the responsibility of Christian freedom, especially actions or situations that could present a stumbling block to another (**1 Corinthians 8:1-13**).
  - ◇ by abstaining from gossip, backbiting, murmuring, and negative talk to or about others (**Ephesians 4:29**).
  - ◇ by responding to personal conflict and disagreement according to Scripture (**Matthew 5:23-24; Ephesians 4:31-32**).
  - ◇ by watching over others in brotherly love, remembering others in prayer, aiding others in sickness and distress.
- ◆ to confess my sin to God and to fellow believers and repent and seek help to put my sin to death (**Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5; James 5:16; 1 John 1:6-10**).
  - ◆ to submit to church leadership and diligently strive for unity and peace within the church (**Ephesians 4:1-3; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5**).
  - ◆ to submit to the discipline of God through His Holy Spirit:
    - ◇ by following the Biblical procedures for church discipline where unrepentant sin is evident in another – the hope of such discipline being repentance and restoration.
    - ◇ by receiving righteous and loving discipline when approached Biblically by fellow believers (**Psalm 141:5; Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13; Hebrews 12:5-11**).

As a member of TBC, I understand that I am agreeing to strive to abide by the Membership Covenant, and do my part to fulfill the church's Mission Statement by the power of the Holy Spirit and the grace of God.

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