



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 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 through the power of the Holy Spirit, to walk in holiness in all areas of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ** (1 Pet. 1:13-16, 4:1-3).
- **Believers should strive to put certain attitudes and actions to death while stirring and stimulating love and good deeds through the Spirit.**
- **to refrain from such activities that the Scriptures would deem foolish** (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 submit to the pastors and other leaders of the church and 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 appropriate staff member.
 - to seek another church with which I can carry out my biblical 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

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___ Transfer of letter

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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The individual who has walked me through the Membership Process: _____