

Membership Statement of Fellowship: What Do Members Commit to Do?

As a new people created in Jesus Christ by the power of the gospel, we commit ourselves to one another in the following ways:

1. We will love one another, seeking each other's spiritual and physical welfare as members of one body (John 13:35; Acts 20:35; 1 Corinthians 12:26).
2. We will pursue unity and peace with one another (Ephesians 4:1-3).
3. We will pray for one another (James 5:15-16).
4. We will speak the truth in love to one another, helping each other grow into Christ-likeness and protecting the church from deceptive teachings (James 5:19-20, Ephesians 4:11-16).
5. We will regularly address sin, confess sin, and turn from sin as a way of life (Matthew 18:15-17, 1 John 1:6-10, James 5:16).
6. We will forgive one another, and bear with one another's weaknesses (Ephesians 4:31-32, Colossians 3:12-13).
7. We will gather regularly with each other for worship and mutual encouragement in the faith (Acts 2:46, Heb. 10:24-25).
8. We will faithfully steward the resources God has given us, including our spiritual gifts, abilities, time, and money for the strengthening of the church (1 Corinthians 12:7-31, 2 Corinthians 8:1-9).
9. We will submit to this church's leadership, that they may lead with joy rather than groaning (Hebrews 13:17).
10. We will take part in the church's mission of making disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20).
11. We will, if we leave this church, seek to join another gospel-believing church for worship and mutual discipleship (Hebrews 10:24-25).

In addition to the above, we welcome the help, encouragement, prayer, training, and correction given by other members/church leaders needed to help each of us flourish as blood-bought followers of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that these commitments to one another are impossible to carry out apart from God's grace and empowering Spirit. By God's grace we will grow in these commitments to one another as we behold and treasure Jesus Christ in the gospel, and are increasingly changed into his likeness.