

Membership Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior, and having been baptized by immersion, and being in agreement with The Orchard's statement of beliefs, purpose, strategy and core values, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with The Orchard Church's family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other covenant members to do the follow:

1. I will submit myself to the authority of the Scriptures as the final arbiter in all issues (Psalm 119; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21).
2. I understand and support the doctrinal position of The Orchard Church as outlined in the Statement of Faith.
3. I will commit to assume personal responsibility for my own spiritual growth and that of my family. By God's grace and through the power of the Holy Spirit, I will seek to walk in holiness in all areas of my life, as an act of worship to Jesus Christ (Eph. 4:11-16; Prov. 27; 2 Tim. 2:2; 1 John 2:27; 2 Tim. 2:15; Deut. 6:4-9).
4. I will regularly participate in the life of The Orchard Church by attending weekly services, engaging in biblical community, inviting and welcoming guests, and serving within and outside the church (Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:22-25; Titus 3:14).
5. I will steward the resources God has given me, including time, talents, spiritual gifts and finances. This includes regular financial giving to the ministry of The Orchard Church (Deut. 14:23; Matt. 25:14-30; Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 8-9; 1 Pet. 4:10-11).
6. I will submit to the leadership of the elders and other appointed leaders and will be diligent to strive for unity and peace within the church (Eph. 4:1-3; Heb. 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5).