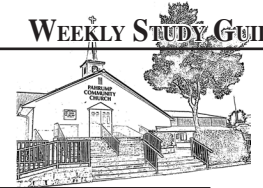




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Church Covenant, Part I

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, we do now, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one in the body of Christ. We engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of the church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship (by attending its services), ordinances, and doctrines; 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. We also engage to maintain family and personal devotions, educate our children in the spiritual life, seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and be an example of Christ-likeness in our conduct. We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offence but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the commands of our Savior, to secure it without delay. We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

—From Pahrump Community Church Constitution, Article IV: *Covenant*

When you enter into covenant you are agreeing to:

1. A _____ with God.

“Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus as our Savior....”

ROMANS 10:9–10

4. The Covenant calls for those at our church to sustain its doctrines. What does that mean? How is that done? Defend your answers.

5. The Covenant commits members to *contribute cheerfully and regularly*. What four specific purposes are listed in the Covenant for these contributions, and what do these mean?

6. List other ways a person can support the church's ministries.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Do you believe membership in a local congregation is important?
2. List some Biblical reasons to support your answer.

If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Keith or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.

2. A _____ of _____.

“...and on the profession of our faith....”

MATTHEW 10:32–33

3. A _____.

“...we do now, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one in the body of Christ.”

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12,14,24–25

4. _____ on _____.

“We engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit....”

EPHESIANS 3:16

5. Live out _____.

“...to walk together in Christian love....”

JOHN 13:35

6. _____ for the _____ of the _____.

a. *“...to strive for the advancement of the church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort....”*

EPHESIANS 4:15–16

b. *“...to promote its prosperity and spirituality....”*

MATTHEW 28:19–20; JOHN 8:31

7. _____ in the _____ of _____.

“...to sustain its worship (by attending its services)....”

HEBREWS 10:25

8. _____ the church’s _____.

“...to sustain its... ordinances....”

1 CORINTHIANS 11:25–26; MATTHEW 28:19–20

9. _____ by the _____.

“...to sustain its... doctrines....”

ACTS 2:42; ROMANS 16:17; JOHN 15:7

10 _____ to the _____.

“...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.”

1 CORINTHIANS 16:1–2; ROMANS 12:6–8

STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is a personal relationship with God important for church membership? Defend your answer.

2. List some specific ways a person can *strive for the advancement of the church*.

3. The Covenant mentions attending church services as a way of sustaining its worship. In what other ways might a person sustain its worship?