

Connection Pointe Membership Covenant

Our Membership Covenant is made available to members to express their commitment to this local body of believers and their desire to pursue the Lord together. The covenant clarifies the biblical obligations of the members and the church to each other. Our hope is that it serves as a tool for reflection and growth toward holiness.

The covenant is birthed out of our love for the church body and its individual members whom we hope will experience the fullness of joy which is found in the presence of the Lord. The primary purpose of this covenant is to serve as a teaching document with three functions:

- To clarify the biblical obligations and expectations for both the elders and pastors of Connection Pointe and the individual members to the Connection Pointe body.
- To establish teaching and doctrinal parameters for the Connection Pointe body.
- To serve as a tool for reflection and growth toward holiness.

Each of these functions is in accordance with the covenant's overall vision to provide an accessible explanation of the Scriptures in hopes that Connection Pointe would grow in the grace and truth of Jesus Christ.

Obligation of Connection Pointe Leadership to its members:

- We covenant that your pastors and elders will meet the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures (1 Timothy 3:1-13; 5:17-22; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4).
- We covenant to seek God's will for our church community to the best of our ability as we study the Scriptures and follow the Spirit (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-5).
- We covenant to care for you and seek your growth as a disciple of Christ, in part by equipping you for service (Ephesians 4:11-13) and praying for you regularly, particularly when you are sick (James 5:14).
- We covenant to provide teaching and counsel from the whole of Scripture (Acts 20:27-28; Galatians 6:6; 1 Timothy 5:17-18).
- We covenant to be on guard against false teaching (Acts 20:28-31).
- We covenant to lovingly exercise church discipline when necessary for the purpose of restoring you to God and to the Church (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5; Galatians 6:1).
- We covenant to set an example and join you in fulfilling the duties of church members (1 Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 3:17; 1 Timothy 4:12).

My obligation to Connection Pointe as a member:

- I have read and understood the Connection Pointe doctrinal statement and will not be divisive to its teaching. I also understand the importance of submission to church leadership and will be diligent to preserve unity and peace (Ephesians 4:1-3;

Hebrews 13:7, 17).

- I covenant to submit to the authority of Scripture as the final arbiter on all issues (Psalm 119; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- I will maintain a close relationship with the Lord Jesus through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and practice of spiritual disciplines. My relationship will be evident through my participation in weekly worship services, serving inside and outside the church, and a life that glorifies Jesus (Psalm 105:1-2; Psalm 119:97; Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:23-25; 2 Peter 1:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22). I will follow the command and example of Jesus by participating in the sacred practices (sacraments) prescribed to His Church:
 - By being baptized after my conversion (Romans 6:3-5; Matthew 3:13-16; Matthew 28:19-20).
 - By remembering and celebrating the person and work of Christ through communion (1 Corinthians 11:24-29; Matthew 26:26-28)
- I will steward the resources God has given me, including my time, talents, and treasure (Proverbs 3:9-10; Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 5:22-26; Ephesians 4:1-16; 5:15-18). This includes regular financial giving, service, and participation in community that is sacrificial, cheerful, and voluntary (Romans 12:1-8; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 12:7-31; 1 Peter 4:10-11).
- I will not function in leadership or as a member in another church family (Hebrews 13:17).
- I covenant to protect the unity of my church (Philippians 2:2; Colossians 3:14)
- I covenant to support, pray for and submit to the Pastors, Elders, and leadership of Connection Pointe. (Hebrews 13:17; Ephesians 1:22-23).
- I covenant to submit to discipline by God through his Holy Spirit, to follow biblical procedures for church discipline in my relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ, to submit to righteous discipline when approached biblically by brothers and sisters in Christ, and to submit to discipline by church leadership if the need should ever arise (Psalm 141:5; Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Corinthians 5:1-5; 2 Corinthians 2:5-8; Galatians 6:1-5 8; 1 Timothy 5:20; 2 Timothy 2:25; Titus 1:9; 3:10-11; Hebrews 12:5-11; Revelation 2:5-7, 14-25).
- I covenant, by God's grace, to walk in holiness as an act of worship to Jesus Christ, who has saved me from my sin that I could live a new life (2 Corinthians 5:17). Believers should strive to put all sinful actions and attitudes to death, while stirring and stimulating good deeds through the Spirit.