

MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

I PROFESS having been led, as I believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior and, on the profession of my faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, I do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

I ENGAGE, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, faithfully attend worship services, contribute cheerfully, regularly support the mission of the church, and engage in personal and family devotions.

I ALSO ENGAGE to watch over one another in brotherly love, remember one another in prayer, aid one another in sickness and distress, cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech, be slow to take offense, ready for reconciliation, and seek to obey the teachings of Scripture, in both the Old and New Testaments.

I FURTHER ENGAGE to connect to the lost through personal evangelism and missions, to connect ministry by discovering and using my spiritual gifts and to serve others both within the body of Christ and our community at large. I seek to reveal the Lordship of Christ in every area of our lives and serve as a picture of the joy I have found in Christ to the world around us.

I AFFIRM the Statement of Beliefs of First Irving. I commit to fulfill the mission of First Irving, to make disciples locally and globally for the Glory of God, by fulfilling the following surmised expectations:

I. **SUBMIT** to the inerrant and infallible word of God which serves as our ultimate authority in life, faith, and practice (2 Tim. 3:16 & 2 Pet. 1:19-21)

II. **STRIVE** to live a life of holiness worthy of the calling to which you have been called (Eph. 4:1 & 1 Pet. 1:14-16)

III. **GROW** in your relationship with Christ (1 Pet. 2:2 & Col. 2:6-7)

IV. **ATTEND** Sunday worship gathering regularly and actively invest into a small group ABF community (Acts 2:42-47 & Heb. 10:24-25)

V. **DEMONSTRATE AND PROCLAIM** the good news of Christ (Matt. 5:16 & Matt. 28:18-20)

VI. **SERVE** the church by exercising your spiritual gifts and talents (Rom. 12:6 & 1 Cor. 12:7; 27)

VII. **GIVE** financially to the church, regularly and sacrificially (Proverbs 3:9, Malachi 3:10 & Matt. 6:21)

VIII. **SHOW** honor to those that shepherd the church of God (Heb. 13:17)

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IX. **DILIGENTLY PRESERVE** the unity and harmony of the church by rejecting negative speech and gossip (Proverbs 15:1 & Eph. 4:1-3)

X. **SUBMIT** to appropriate Biblical measures of restoration and reconciliation through Church discipline when sin and disobedience in the Church body are confronted. (Matt. 18:15-20 & 1 Cor. 5:9-13)