

[REVISION_1.02] MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

1. MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1. Membership in Park Chapel Christian Church, Inc. is accomplished with the approval of the Elders by expressing a desire to be a member, declaring a confession of faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9-10), expressing repentance, and by having been obedient to the Lord Jesus' teachings from the Scriptures, which includes baptism by immersion, and verbally expressed agreement with the Statement of Faith.

2. AFFIRMATION

- 2.1. After expression of the desire and approval, active membership will be granted upon observance of any one of the following:
 - 2.1.1. By baptism (immersion) at Park Chapel Christian Church or an organized offsite event of the church following a profession of faith as a believer in Christ Jesus as personal Savior;
 - 2.1.2. By a confession of faith before the congregation, having been baptized by immersion in another Bible-believing church of like faith and practice; or
 - 2.1.3. By restoration, if having been removed from membership, the sin or sins involved have satisfactorily invoked repentance which is outwardly evident.

3. BIBLICAL EXPECTATIONS OF A MEMBER (BIBLICAL LIFESTYLE)

- 3.1. Submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final arbiter on all issues of faith and practice (Ps. 119; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; 2 Pet. 1:19-21).
- 3.2. Pursue the Lord Jesus Christ through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and practice of spiritual disciplines (Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; 1 Cor. 9:24-27; Eph. 5:1-21; 1 Thess. 5:12-22).
- 3.3. Participate in the life of Park Chapel Christian Church with regular attendance of worship services, engaging in gospel-centered community, and serving those within and outside the church (Acts 2:42-47; Titus 3:14; Heb. 10:23-25).
- 3.4. Follow the command and example of Jesus by participating in the ordinances prescribed to His Church:
 - 3.4.1. Baptism, by immersion, after conversion (Matt. 28:19).
 - 3.4.2. Participation in the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:23-26).

- 3.5. Support Park Chapel Christian Church with the resources God has provided, including time, talents, spiritual gifts, and finances (Matt. 25:1-30; Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 8-9).
- 3.6. Submit to the Elders, pastors, and other appointed leaders of the church and diligently strive for unity and peace within the church (Eph. 4:1-3; Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 5:5).
- 3.7. To encourage the body of Christ and be held accountable to one another. (Pro. 27:17; 1 Cor. 12:26-27; Eph. 5:21; Gal. 5:25-26; 1 Thess. 5:11)

4. PRIVILEGES AND LIMITATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1. Experience life in community with other Christ followers. (John 13:34; 1 Pet. 3:8; 1 John 4:7)
- 4.2. Only active members of Park Chapel Christian Church at least eighteen years of age shall be entitled to vote. There shall be no proxy or absentee voting. The eligible membership of the church may only exercise voting privileges in those areas that are defined and limited by the bylaws. Members may not vote to initiate any church action, rather the vote of a member is to confirm and ratify the direction of the church as determined by the Elders.
- 4.3. Membership in this church does not afford the members with any property, contractual, or civil rights based on principles of democratic government. Although the general public is invited to all of the church's worship services, the church property remains private property.
- 4.4. The Elders have the authority to suspend or revoke the right of any person, including a member, to enter or remain on church property. If, after being notified of such a suspension or revocation, the person enters or remains on church property, the person may, in the discretion of the Elders be treated as a trespasser.

5. MEMBERSHIP STATUS

- 5.1. Members place themselves in an "Inactive" status when attending, serving, and giving have ceased over a consecutive 12-month period. (See sections 3.3 & 3.5)
 - 5.1.1. Inactive members will be considered "Active" when regular attendance and participation in church activities resumes; observed through giving, registrations for service activities, or joining groups of prayer, study, and fellowship.
- 5.2. Membership in Park Chapel Christian Church is terminated when a member:
 - 5.2.1. Dies.
 - 5.2.2. Requests a letter of transfer to another church.
 - 5.2.3. Establishes membership at another church.
 - 5.2.4. Voluntarily terminates his or her membership for any reason.
 - 5.2.5. Is dismissed by the Elders of Park Chapel Christian Church pursuant to the Church Discipline.

6. CHURCH DISCIPLINE

- 6.1. In the event a member becomes an offense to the church and its good name by reason of immoral or un-Christian conduct, the Elders shall first attempt to bring the member to repentance (Matt. 18:15-20). Should the Elder's efforts be unsuccessful, the Elders have the authority of scripture to remove the member from the church body (after earnest efforts to bring the member to repentance), revoking membership as referenced in Section 5.2.5. Park Chapel Christian Church will continue to attempt to gently restore those that are removed from fellowship. With respect to this provision, the church's forbearance, delay, or failure to act upon the dismissal of a member shall not thereafter be construed as a waiver of the church's right to later act to dismiss that member or another member.