

# Gospel Fellowship of Sussex

## *Covenant of Membership*

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Having sincerely trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior through personal faith in Him, and having followed Him in baptism subsequently, and being in agreement with Gospel Fellowship's Confession of Faith, I now wholeheartedly desire to unite in membership with the Gospel Fellowship family. I do this joyfully, thoughtfully and voluntarily. As God enables, I seek to contribute actively toward the church's purposes of mutual edification, fellowship, and accountability. I understand my church leadership commends this congregation to:

- Faithfully participate in worship, outreach, relationships, discipleship and stewardship (WORDS), and a regular celebration of the Lord's Table.
- Work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace relationally. This church seeks to pursue peace with all people, especially believers, being slow to take offense and eager to reconcile when love is offended. It seeks to show no favoritism and aims to demonstrate genuine fellowship with all Christian people who seek to worship with us.
- Work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace doctrinally. This church seeks to demonstrate a teachable spirit and aims to teach faithfully according to the more extensive Statement of Faith, which it acknowledges to be an accurate summary of biblical truth. It stands to reject all heretical beliefs and practices, claiming Scripture as the final authority.
- See spiritual gifts within the body used for the common good. It aims to work for the furthering of a faithful evangelical ministry in sustaining worship, spiritual disciplines and scriptural doctrines. The church promotes parents to seek salvation among the entire family unit and all its people to seek salvation among circles of friends, co-workers, acquaintances and all people groups.
- Seek to demonstrate to its individuals, and to the world around them, the significance of holy life in the body of Christ. It aims for a personal life that is above reproach, a life that is just, honest, and faithful in its responsibilities and commitments. It aims for a personal life that abides by the standards of sexual purity and ethical integrity as Scripture teaches. It emphasizes that we have been buried by baptism and raised again through the work of Christ, and there is upon us a special obligation to lead a new and holy life by the grace of God.
- See to develop a submissive spirit to the Word of God and a receptive heart to the counsel of the elders in matters of correction. Lovingly assume responsibility to participate in the correction of sinning fellow believers for the purpose of resolution, restoration and reconciliation.

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- Watch over all other members in love, remembering one another in prayer, helping them in sickness and distress, promoting their spiritual growth, humbly admonishing them when in sin, and stirring them to love and good deeds. This congregation aims to rejoice with one another in their happiness and bear their burdens with tenderness and patience.
- Contribute cheerfully, regularly and generously to the support of its ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel to all nations. This church promotes the individual commitment of time, money, and possessions to the cause of Christ in being a faithful steward of Him.
- Seek to remain faithful to this church in membership. When called by God's providence to move elsewhere, the church encourages its members in transition to unite with some other church where they may continue carrying out the spirit of this covenant and following the principles of God's Word.

In summary, this church seeks to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love others as Christ loves us. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

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