



**CROSS COMMUNITY  
CHURCH  
MEMBERSHIP COVENANT**

## Statement of Basic Beliefs

This is a brief, summary statement of our key beliefs and doctrinal positions. A full doctrinal statement with cited Scripture is provided at the end of this covenant.

**WE EXIST  
TO SEE  
LIVES  
CONTINUALLY  
TRANSFORMED  
BY THE  
GOSPEL  
OF JESUS  
CHRIST.**

### We Believe...

-The Bible, the Holy Scriptures, are true, sufficient, and our final authority for all matters of faith and life.

-There is only one true God, who is the Creator of heaven and earth. He has no creator, no beginning, and no end, and has eternally existed as 3 distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

-All of humanity, both by birth and by participation, has sinned and is in need of salvation.

-The just and deserved penalty for sin is both physical and spiritual death.

-Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God who was born of a virgin. He is both fully God and fully man. He alone has lived a life totally and completely free of sin.

-Jesus Christ made atonement for sin by dying as a sacrificial substitute for the sins of man to pay the penalty for sin.

-Jesus Christ physically rose from the dead, ascended to heaven to be seated at the right hand of the Father, and will one day physically return.

-There will be a future physical resurrection from the dead. Only those who have repented of their sins and placed their faith in Jesus Christ will be raised to eternal life. Those who do not repent of their sins and turn to Christ for salvation will be raised to eternal destruction.

-Only through faith in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and repentance of sin can humanity be justified before God and experience true, eternal life and joy. There is no other man, god, religion, or system by which man can inherit eternal life. This is found in Christ and Christ alone.

-The Church is the Body of Christ and bride of Christ, which includes all of the redeemed throughout all of history; believers from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.

-The Family is foundational institution of human society and marriage is an expression of God's covenant relationship to His people. As Christ is the bridegroom and the church His bride, so marriage has been ordained by God as a reflection of the Gospel and is to be between one woman and one man as husband and wife, committed to one another in covenant relationship. Further, children are a heritage and blessing from the Lord. Their life begins at the moment of conception and they should be celebrated and afforded the same protection and rights as all of humanity, which has been made in the image of God.

## What is a covenant?

A covenant is an agreement made between two parties that involves promises made to one another. The Hebrew word for covenant can be expressed as “betweenness,” emphasizing the relational nature of its foundation. But a covenant is much more than a contract or simple agreement. While a contract may focus on one particular skill or gift, a covenant involves a person’s total being. The Cross Community Church Membership Covenant includes your personal statement of faith, the commitment of Cross Community Church to our members, and the commitment of members to the covenant family.

## Personal Statement of Faith

-I am a follower of Jesus Christ who has been saved by grace through placing my full faith and trust into the perfect life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I understand that eternal life and salvation from my sins can be found in no other name but Jesus Christ alone. (John 3:16-18)

-I have repented of my sins, have become a new creation in Jesus Christ, and have surrendered my life to Christ as he **continually transforms me by the message of the Gospel.** (2 Cor. 5:17; Romans 12:1-2)

-In obedience to Scripture and the example of Jesus Himself, I have been baptized by immersion to identify with

the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, and to publicly declare my commitment as a follower and disciple of Jesus Christ. (Matt. 3:13-17, 28:19-20; Col. 2:9-12)

## My Personal Story of Belief and Baptism

Your testimony is your personal story of how you came to know Christ as your Lord and Savior. A testimony consists of 3 key elements:

1) **Your life before you met Christ.** What was your life like before you put your faith in Christ for salvation? Even if you came to know Christ at a very early age, what struggles did you experience as you learned to more fully grasp your faith?

2) **How you came to know Christ.** Who led you to Jesus? What were the circumstances? What opened your eyes to help you realize your need for salvation?

3) **Your life since you came to know Christ.** Since you became a follower of Jesus, how have things changed for you? How has God been working through you as one of His children?

**Use the blank page labeled “My Testimony” at the end of the covenant guide to write out your testimony. If you have not been baptized check the box so we can follow up with you.**

## Commitment from Cross Community Church to Covenant Members

-We commit to personally pursue all that God is for us in Christ Jesus, to keep a close eye on our living and on our teaching, and to exalt the name of Jesus Christ above all names.

(John 15:5; 1 Timothy 4:16; Philippians 2:9; Psalm 45:17)

-We commit as Pastors/Elders and staff in church leadership to model and embody the criteria assigned to us in Holy Scriptures as pastors, elders, deacons, and staff, respectively.

(1 Tim. 3:1-13)

-We will commit to seek God's will for our church to the best of our ability as we immerse ourselves in Scripture and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. (1 Peter 5:1-5)

-We will not seek to impose a personal agenda or use the platform God has given us for our own personal glory, and will carry out the task of leading and shepherding our covenant community with the utmost sincerity. (Philippians 1:15-18; Acts 20:28).

-We commit to pray and care for you, and to do everything within our power, by the grace of God, **to see your life continually transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.** (1 Peter 5:2; Romans 12:1-2)

-We commit to teaching the whole counsel of the truth of Scripture in love, submitting ourselves to its final authority in all matters of doctrine and living. (Acts 20:27)

-We commit to being on guard against false teachers both within and outside of our midst. (Acts 20:28-31).

-We commit to lovingly and graciously exercise church discipline as necessary and in accordance with Scripture with the hope of bringing those who have fallen into sin back into full repentance and restoration. Additionally, we commit to submitting ourselves to church discipline, repentance, and restoration should it become necessary in our own lives. (Matt. 18:15-20).

-We commit to serving and leading with the utmost integrity and transparency, and will faithfully steward all financial and material resources God entrusts to us for the furtherance of His Kingdom and His glory. (1 Cor. 4:2).

-We commit, by God's grace, to model our core values of Gather, Grow, Give, and Go. (1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 3:17).

## Commitment to the Vision of Cross Community Church

Cross Community Church exists **to see lives continually transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.** As a covenant member of Cross Community Church, I will support this vision in every way, and will not seek to impose any other agenda. I understand that Cross Community is intentionally seeking to

both **engage** those who are far from Christ and to **equip** the church for service through the message of the Gospel, and that we will be engaged both locally and globally in intentionally seeking those who are far from Christ, making disciples and planting more churches.

## **Commitment from Covenant Members to Cross Community**

-I commit to submitting myself under Scripture as the final, perfect, and unchanging authority on all issues of faith, practice, ministry, doctrine, and Christian living. (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

-I commit to regularly and faithfully **GATHER** on a weekly basis for corporate worship. Individually and corporately, I will pray for our congregation and leaders. (Heb. 10:23-25)

-I commit to **GROW** in my faith as one who is being **continually transformed by the message of the Gospel**. I understand that God's design for his church is to live in covenant relationship with one another and I will commit to belonging to a Community group. (Acts 2:42-47).

-I will commit to **GIVE** of my time, my talents, and my treasure. I will give of my time and talents to serve within the local church body, and I will joyfully and enthusiastically give of my financial resources for the advancement of the

Kingdom and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (Acts 20:35).

-I commit to **GO** and make disciples. I have a story to share of how God has transformed my life by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I will engage my world with the message of the Gospel, invite them to what God is doing within the Church, and, as God leads, to pursue His calling to take the Gospel to our community, our state, our country, and our world. (Matt. 28:19-20).

-I commit, by God's grace, to walk in holiness and righteousness of life as an act of worship for Jesus Christ. I am committed to relational and spiritual purity and will actively fight against against the sin and temptation in my life. Should I fall into ongoing sin, I will confess to my fellow brothers or sisters in Christ and seek help in overcoming the sin that is holding me down. (2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 13:12-14; Col. 3:5-11).

-I understand that the pastors, elders, staff, and covenant members of Cross Community will be expected to re-affirm and renew this covenant with one another on an annual basis as as a mutual reminder of the covenant promise we have made with one another. (Matt. 5:37).

**“I will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations. Therefore nations will praise You forever and ever.”**

**-Psalm 45:17**

I have read, in its entirety, the Cross Community Church membership covenant and Statement of basic beliefs. I fully support Cross Community's vision **to see lives continually transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ**, and will participate in living out this vision through **Gather, Grow, Give, and Go**. I agree to uphold this covenant, to support these basic beliefs, and to walk in humble unity under the direction of the Pastoral Leadership and Elders of the Cross Community Church. (Eph. 4:1-3).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## My Testimony

1. Your life before you met Christ.
2. How you came to know Christ.
3. Your life since you've met Christ.

**If you need to be baptized,  
please check here.**