



PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH

Loving God. Loving One Another. Reaching the World.

Church Membership Covenant

As those who have been brought to faith in Jesus by the powerful working of God's Holy Spirit, and having been baptized as believers, we pledge with God's help to the following commitments:

- We will submit to the Scriptures as the final authority on all issues of belief and life. (Ps. 119; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21)
- We will hold fast to the Gospel of Jesus for our life and salvation, putting no confidence in our flesh for our standing, status, or security before God and His people (Matt. 11:28-30; Rom. 3:20-25; Gal. 2:20-21; 6:14; Phil. 3:3; Col. 1:21-23).
We will center our lives on Jesus and His mission, as our Head, trusting and obeying Him as we seek to make disciples among our neighbors, neighborhoods and the nations (Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 8:34-38; Acts 1:8, Colossians 1:15-20).
- We will pursue our Lord Jesus Christ through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship and practicing the spiritual disciplines (Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; 1 Cor. 9:24-27; Eph. 5:1-21; 1 Thess. 5:12-22)
- We will actively, consistently, and joyfully participate in the corporate life of the church, serving in its ministries, engaging in groups, and attending weekly services to worship, receive God's Word, and observe the Ordinances (Acts 2:42-47; Heb. 10:24-25).
- We will submit to our Elders, and other appointed leaders of the church, out of reverence to and in recognition of the loving authority of our Lord Jesus Christ (Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 5:5)
- We will seek to exemplify true Christ-centered community, paying attention to the many "one-anothering" commands in the New Testament, striving to maintain the unity of the Spirit by loving, serving, caring for and admonishing one another by the abundant supply of God's grace (Jn. 13:34-35; Acts 4:32-37; Rom. 12:9-10; 2 Cor. 13:11; Eph. 4:1-6; 4:25-5:2 Col. 3:9, 1 Thess. 4:18, James 5:16).
- We will seek to discover, strengthen, and use our spiritual gifts for the glory of God as we all grow into full maturity in Christ. (Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:12-31; Eph. 4:13; 1 Pet. 4:10-11).
- We will cheerfully, sacrificially, and regularly give to support the ministries and expenses of the church, to relieve the poor and needy, and to advance the spread of the gospel through all nations (Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-37; 2 Cor. 8:9; 9:6-12).
- We will honor marriage as a permanent and exclusive covenant between one man and one woman for the sake of demonstrating the Gospel to the world, while striving to honor and provide friendship and spiritual family to those who are single among us (Matt. 19:3-12; Eph. 5:22-33; Heb. 13:4).
- We will declare God's mighty acts to the next generation, partnering with our parents as we nurture them in Jesus. (Psalm 145:4, Deut. 6:4-7, Eph. 2:8-9, Titus 2:11-14).
- We will embrace as members those due to physical health conditions are unable to keep all the practices of this covenant. We will seek to serve them as our homebound members in need of support, encouragement, prayer, and fellowship (Is. 1:17; Matt. 25:36; James 1:27).
- We will hold one another accountable to this covenant, exhorting and equipping one another to keep these promises and seeking to gently restore those who persistently live contrary to them (Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5:6-7; Gal. 6:1; Eph. 4:25).
- We will, upon leaving this congregation, notify the appropriate leaders and, as soon as possible, unite with another church that seeks to embody the spirit and doctrine of this covenant for God's glory (Eph. 4:4-6).

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of our Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.