

MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Bent Oak Church

Having received the Gospel of Jesus Christ by faith and having submitted my life to Christ's Lordship as demonstrated first by water baptism and having participated in the community of Bent Oak Church, I, _____ seek to commit myself more deeply to this church, and membership there in, based upon the promise of this covenant stated and signed below:

I commit to walking inline with the truth of the Gospel and its implications, working to build deeper affections for and commitment to the glorification of God in worship.

I commit to continued participation in the gathering of this body of believers as well as caring for each through prayer, friendship, and the supporting of one another's needs. I acknowledge that this commitment will require careful stewardship and sharing of my time, energy, emotions, finances, and possessions.

I commit to careful consideration in the use of my Christian freedom, caring deeply that my conduct and actions should not become a stumbling block for other believers.

I commit myself in voluntary submission to the governance of the church's eldership, submitting to their teaching, the Church's statement of belief, and the Biblical process of church discipline.

I commit to regular participation in communion as a remembrance of Christ's sacrifice and as an ongoing commitment to worshiping with these believers, gathered together.

I commit to the message of the Gospel, received through scripture and preaching, and to the task of working its implications deeper into my life and conduct. These areas are not limited to, but include:

Carefully working-out my faith in the context of my sexuality. Embracing chastity before marriage and fidelity within the confines of a heterosexual marriage. This chastity and fidelity requires the forgoing of premarital sex, pornography, adultery, and homosexual acts.

Understanding the Gospel's implications for all relationships present in my life. I will work to show honor to parents, share the gospel with my children, develop and participate in deep friendships, work diligently to demonstrate a gospel centered marriage, sacrificing and caring for my spouse—agreeing to walk through steps of reconciliation before pursuing divorce.

Refraining from illegal drug use, drunkenness, gossip, unethical business and financial practices, and other sinful behavior which would, in their practice, tarnish the witness of the church and risk shipwrecking my faith.

And when I am found to be in sin, such as those listed above, I commit to practice confession and repentance and seek reconciliation with other believers.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, binding us together into His people, this church. Amen.

Date _____

Name _____

Signature _____