

The Crossroads

Membership Covenant

The leadership and people of Crossroads Church make the following commitments to you as a part of the Body of Christ here at Crossroads:

1. We will value and love you as a member of our church family.

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

2. We will give you Biblical instruction and encouragement to grow as a disciple of Christ.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, -teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

"And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:11-12

3. We will seek to give you opportunities to use your spiritual gifts and talents as you serve the Lord through Crossroads.

"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them ..." Romans 12:6a

4. We will practice accountability, discipline, restoration, and conflict resolution according to New Testament guidelines.

1 Corinthians 5:1-6;11-13

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Matthew 18:15-17

5. We will seek to offer care and encouragement to you in times of need, as the Body ministers to the Body.

"...But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another." 1 Corinthians 12:24-25

As I commit myself to serving the Lord with the people of Crossroads, I freely and sincerely make the following statements and commitments (please initial each statement):

____ "I have received Christ as my Lord and Savior and have been baptized."

____ "I have read and am in agreement with Crossroads Core Beliefs, the Crossroads Vision, Purpose, Strategy, and Structure Statements and the Crossroads Statement on Marriage, Divorce, & Sexuality and the Marriage & Celebration Policies."

____ "I have completed Class 101."

I feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Crossroads Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I will protect the unity of my church

. . . By acting in love toward other members of the Crossroads family

. . . By refusing to speak or listen to gossip

. . . By following the leadership of Crossroads

"Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart," 1 Peter 1:22

"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear." Ephesians 4:29

"Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith." Hebrews 13:17

2. I will share the responsibility of my church

. . . By praying for its spiritual growth and effectiveness in reaching the lost with the Gospel

. . . By inviting the unchurched to attend

. . . By warmly welcoming all who visit

"We give thanks to God always, for all of you..." 1 Thessalonians 1:2

"Go out into the highways and hedges . . . and compel people to come in, that My House may be filled."

Luke 14:23

"Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7

3. I will serve the ministry of my church

. . . By discovering and using my gifts and talents for the Gospel and the Kingdom

. . . By being equipped to serve by my Pastors, Elders, and other leaders

. . . By developing a servant's heart

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 Peter 4:10

"And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:11-12

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:3

4. I will support the testimony of my church

. . . By attending faithfully

. . . By living a godly life

. . . By giving regularly

"not neglecting to meet together . . . but encouraging one another..." Hebrews 10:25

"Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ..." Philippians 1:27

"On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside ..." 1 Corinthians 16:2

5. I will joyfully live in obedience to God's Word and its teachings on sexuality and marriage

... by practicing complete chastity unless married and, if married, complete fidelity within heterosexual and monogamous marriage. Complete chastity and fidelity means, among other things, that regardless of my marital status, I will pursue purity and abstain from sexually immoral practices such as adultery, homosexuality, premarital sex and pornography (Romans 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 6:15-20, 10:8; Ephesians 5:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4).

... by seeking to preserve the gift of marriage and agree to walk through the steps of marriage reconciliation at Crossroads Church before pursuing divorce from my spouse (Matthew 19:1-12; Mark 10:1-12; Luke 16:18; 1 Corinthians 7:10-11. For the role of the church in the process of divorce, see Paul's concern for the resolution of legal matters within the assembly of the church in 1 Corinthians 6).

Your Name (please print) _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Witnessed By _____

Signed for the Purpose of Church Membership

If you currently are a member of another church, please write the name and as much as you know of their address: _____

Signed for the Purpose of Serving in Ministry