

# The Branch Community Church Covenant

The Church is God's primary plan to accomplish His purposes in the world. The church exist to glorify God and followers of Jesus have been graciously invited into God's redemptive plan for the world. Being a part of God's mission on the earth is far more than simply attending worship services. All believers have a vital calling to join God on this endeavor to make His name famous in the whole earth. As a result of the preceding truth, our church believes church membership is meaningful. Thus, our church expects our members to covenant together to fulfill God's purposes and hold one another accountable in order that we might accomplish this high calling.

*The Branch Community Church exist to lead people beyond just good enough to experience fulfillment in Jesus Christ*

## The Branch Community Church Covenant for Elders

1. To, along with the aid of members, appoint elders and deacons according to the criteria assigned to them in Scripture (1 Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Pet. 5:1-4).
2. To prayerfully seek God's will for our church community and steward her resources to the best of our ability based on our study of the Scriptures and following the Spirit (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:1-4).
3. To oversee the growth of members as disciples of Christ and give an account for their growth in grace, truth, and love (Matt. 28:16-20; Eph. 4:15-16; Jas. 5:14; Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 5:1-4).
4. To provide teaching and counsel from the whole Scripture (Acts 20:27-28; 1 Tim. 4:16; 2 Tim. 4:1-5; Titus 2:1).
5. To equip the members of the church for the work of ministry, including future elders and church planters (Eph. 4:11-16; 2 Tim. 2:2).
6. To be on guard against false teachers and teachings (Matt. 7:15; Jn. 10:12-13; Acts 20:28-31; 1 Tim. 1:3-7; 1 Jn. 4:1).
7. To lovingly oversee the exercise of discipline when necessary, for the glory of God, the good of the one disciplined, and the health of the church as a whole (Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5; Gal. 6:1; Jas. 5:19-20).
8. To set an example and join members in fulfilling the obligations of church membership stated in the Church Covenant (Acts 20:28; Phil. 3:17; 1 Tim. 4:12; Titus 2:7-8; 1 Pet. 5:3).
9. To lovingly walk with members during times of grief, pain, or tragedy (John 10:11-18)
10. To come alongside families and singles in our Body in order to cultivate a community that has a biblical view of relationships, family, and the church (1 Cor. 7; Ephesians 5:21-33, 6:1-3; 1 Peter 3:7).

## The Branch Community Church Membership Covenant

1. You believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord and followed your faith in Christ with baptism by immersion. Additionally, your relationship with Jesus shows evidence of regeneration in your life (Romans 5:8).
2. You will commit to join us for corporate worship services and other gatherings of the body (Hebrews 10:25).
3. You will affirm and agree with our Statement of Faith (Titus 2:1).
4. You will pursue unity in the church and seek to support the leadership of the church (Hebrews 13:7).
5. You will diligently try to give the benefit of a doubt to our members and commit to fight against any gossip. Additionally, you will commit to disciple and care for one another (1 Corinthians 13:7).
6. As you live your life outside of the walls of the church you will regularly preach the gospel in words and deeds (Romans 10:13-15).
7. You will fight to be a good steward of your resources and financially support the work of the church (2 Corinthians 9:7; Malachi 3:10).
8. You will commit to fight against the consumeristic attitude in church and rather than be a consumer, fight to serve and build up the church (Ephesians 4:12-16).
9. You will seek and fight to always be a growing follower of Jesus (Hebrews 5:12-14).
10. You will regularly pray for fellow church members and those in our city (James 5:16).

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