

TCSC Membership Covenant

The Church of St. Charles believes that every follower of Jesus Christ has been placed into a covenant relationship of love and commitment to God and to other believers. When a believer agrees to become a member of The Church of St. Charles, he is formally acknowledging this relationship as well as committing to faithfully fulfill his responsibilities to other believers within The Church of St. Charles. It is expected that every believer seeking membership in The Church of St. Charles make a public and formal acknowledgement of this covenant relationship and his responsibilities in it by signing this TCSC Membership Covenant. While the signing of this covenant is an individual and personal act it is not a private act. Your commitment to Jesus Christ and the local manifestation of his church - The Church of St. Charles is a personal and public act.

I, _____Print Your Name_____, having been empowered and led by the Holy Spirit, have repented of my sin and have received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I have, on the profession of faith in Jesus, been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. I now, in the presence of the All-Knowing God, solemnly and joyfully enter into a covenant with The Church of St. Charles.

I will faithfully and consistently participate in the regular meeting together of this church for worship, prayer, Bible study, fellowship, communion, and baptism.

I will engage in the personal study of the Bible and fellowship with the Lord and engage in family devotions for the purpose of training myself and my family in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

I will endeavor to live in a manner consistent with the teachings of the Bible following after the manner of Jesus our Lord, who is our example.

I will seek peace with all people especially believers striving for the advancement of the church in knowledge and holiness. I will be diligent to avoid unwholesome talk – gossip, crude joking and language as well as divisive talk knowing that these things destroy the fellowship of believers.

I will humbly submit to the leadership of this church in accordance with the teachings of the Bible.

I will promote the biblical understanding of marriage as between one man and one woman, of the family and of divorce understanding that God hates divorce. I will seek to preserve marriage submitting to the biblical regulations regarding marriage and divorce.

I will promote and work toward the unity of the church in its doctrinal beliefs with a humble and teachable heart. In this regard, I am willing to be taught according to the Statement of Faith (What We Teach) of which this church believes and teaches.

If there arises an area of disagreement on doctrinal convictions, I will exercise the freedom to engage in God-honoring and edifying discussions and to ask questions for the purpose of increasing understanding, promoting unity and maintaining peace.

I will, at no time, promote or accept heretical beliefs or practices always maintaining the Bible as the final authority for belief and practice.

I will submit to the disciplinary policies and procedures of the church if at such a time discipline may be deemed necessary by the church elders. I understand that all church

discipline is ultimately for the restoration of the sinning believer to the fellowship of Christ and his church.

I will endeavor to engage in the spread of the gospel through personal evangelism and the giving of time and other resources to the ministries of the church that work for the spread of the gospel both locally and globally. I understand that I have a personal responsibility to be intentional in the proclamation of the gospel by mouth and by lifestyle.

I will give cheerfully and freely of the financial resources of which God has given me, not under compulsion but as I am able, for the support of the church in its varied ministries and the meeting of its expenses.

I will properly utilize my spiritual giftedness in service to Christ for the edification of the church serving in the manner in which the Holy Spirit has gifted.

I will accept and fellowship with all members of the church regardless of ethnicity, "race", gender, educational level, social, economic or other background.

I will remain faithful to The Church of St. Charles in membership and if a time arises that I sense the Lord leading me elsewhere, I will consult with the Elders. If I must leave the church, I will unite with a likeminded church where I can carry out the spirit of this covenant.

I, having understood my covenantal relationship and responsibilities in The Church of St. Charles, affix my signature and date confirming my commitment.

Signature

1st Elder Signature

Print Name

2nd Elder Signature

Date

Date