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Church Basics 101: The Committed Church

Selected Scriptures

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Why is Church Membership Important?

Because of the ...

- Biblical Examples of Church Membership
 - Acts 2:41; 2:47; 4:4; 6:1; 6:7; 11:21-22; 16:5; also see Acts 18:27; Romans 16:1; Colossians 4:10; 2 Corinthians 3:1-2

 - 1 Corinthians 5

- Biblical Expectation of Church Membership
 - Hebrews 10:24-25

 - Hebrews 13:17

 - 1 Corinthians 3:9-16; 1 Timothy 3:15; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 5:23; Matthew 18:12-14

COVENANT OF MEMBERSHIP

Oakhurst Evangelical Free Church

Having been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, by his enabling grace, solemnly and joyfully covenant with God and with each other.

1. We will endeavor, by Divine aid, to live in a way that consistently honors Jesus Christ, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and remembering that, as we have been voluntarily buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave, there is on us a special obligation to now lead a new and holy life.
2. We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
3. We will walk together in brotherly love, as becomes the members of a Christian Church, exercise affectionate care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require.
4. We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others.
5. We will rejoice with each other's happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows.
6. We will endeavor to bring up such as may at any time be under our care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by a pure and loving example to seek the salvation of our family and friends.
7. We agree with the Statement of Faith of OEFC and will refrain from propagating any scriptural interpretations that differ from those set forth in it.
8. We will submit to the authority of the church leadership, for they are keeping watch over our souls as those who will have to give an account.
9. We will work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church, as we sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines. We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry; for the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.
10. We will, if and when we move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.