



Temple Baptist Church of Sullivan, MO  
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# Membership Covenant

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Upon our profession of faith in Jesus Christ and having been baptized, we solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ. The conditions of this covenant are in no way intended as an addition to the biblical obligations of a believer. Rather, the covenant functions primarily as an accessible, yet non-exhaustive, explanation of what the Scriptures teach about the obedience that faith produces.

### I believe

- that I am a sinner and that the penalty for sin is death, both physical and spiritual. (Genesis 2:15-17, 3:19, 6:5; Psalm 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:23, 5:8, 12, 6:23 7:18; Ephesians 2:1-3, James 1:14-15)
- that Jesus is who He claimed to be: the eternal Son of God, born of a virgin, fully God and fully human. (Isaiah 53:6; Matthew 1:20, 26:64; Mark 14:62; Luke 2:52, 22:70; John 1:1-4, 4:25-26, 6:29, 8:58, 11:25-27, 14:6-7, 15:5, Colossians 1:15-20, Hebrews 1:1-3)
- that Jesus Christ died as my substitute to pay the penalty for my sin and, therefore, I am saved by faith in Jesus Christ, through His death and resurrection. (John 1:29, 3:16-18, 10:1-18; Romans 3:23-26, 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 1:4, 1 Peter 3:18)
- that Jesus Christ physically rose from the dead, physically ascended to heaven, and will one day physically return. (Matthew 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-53; John 1:20-21:25; Acts 1:11; 1 Corinthians 15:12-34; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Hebrews 9:28; 1 John 3:2; Revelation 1:7)
- that by trusting in the person and work of Jesus Christ alone, I am reconciled to God and made a new creation in Christ. (John 3:18, 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:21-26; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Timothy 2:5-6)
- that through baptism I personally identify with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and publicly demonstrate my commitment as a disciple of Jesus. (Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21)

### I agree

- with the Bylaws, Core Values, and Statements of Faith of Temple Baptist Church.
- with the importance of submission to church leadership and will be diligent to preserve unity and peace. I will adhere to TBC's position on primary theological issues, and I will not be divisive over secondary issues. I will be slow to take offense and always ready for reconciliation. (Ephesians 4:1-3; Hebrews 13:7, 17)
- with the importance of walking together and watching over one another in Christian love and will endeavor to remember others in prayer, aid others in sickness and distress, encourage others to aim for holiness and motivate others to be zealous in their efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior. (Eph. 5:2; James 5:16; Heb 10:24)
- to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge and holiness thereby sustaining its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines. (Eph. 4:13; Col 1:10; 2 Peter 1:3-8)

### I covenant

- to submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final arbiter on all issues, believing that all sixty-six books are true and sufficient. (Ps. 119; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21)
- to pursue the Lord Jesus Christ through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and missional living. My relationship will be evident through my participation in weekly worship services, engaging in biblical community and serving those within and without The Church. (Luke 18:1; Acts 2:42-47, 17:11; Heb. 10:23-25; 1 Cor. 9:24-27; Eph. 5:1-21; 1 Thess. 5:12-22)
- to steward the resources God has given me--time, talents, spiritual gifts, and finances for the support of the ministry, the expenses of The Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. Believing that membership involves financial obligations, I will support The Church and its causes with regular financial giving that is sacrificial, cheerful, and voluntary. (Matt. 25:14-30; Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 8-9; 1 Peter 4:10-11)
- to submit to discipline by God through the Holy Spirit and to follow biblical procedures for church discipline in my relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ. (Ps. 141:4; Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Cor. 5:1-5, 6:1-8; 1 Tim. 5:20; Titus 1:9)

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- to walk in holiness as my spiritual act of worship (Rom. 12:1-2).
- to practice chastity before marriage and fidelity in heterosexual marriage by abstaining from practices such as cohabitation, adultery, pornography, and fornication. (Job 31:1; Prov. 5; Rom. 13:12-14; 1 Cor. 6:9-7:16; Heb. 13:4)
- refrain from illegal drug use, drunkenness, gossip and other sinful behavior as the Bible dictates. (1 Cor. 8:7, Gal. 5:19-21)
- I agree to confess my sins to God and seek help from Christian brothers or sisters to put my sin to death. (Rom. 8:13; Col. 3:5; 1 John 1:6-10)

### **My Commitment to the Mission of TBC:**

Temple Baptist Church exists for the glory of God through lives transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

- I have read the mission statement of Temple Baptist Church and will endeavor to live out this mission as a diligent, faithful disciple of Jesus, that my identity would be in Him, my worship would be for Him, my fellowship would be through Him, and my interaction with the culture would be for His glory.

I understand that this covenant obligates me to the members of Temple Baptist Church and is an acknowledgment of my desire to unite with this body, submit to its leadership, and live in a manner worthy of the Gospel. I will endeavor to carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word. When I need help in this endeavor, it is my responsibility to seek help from the leadership of TBC or other Christian brothers or sisters.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_