

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME AS A MEMBER?

At First Family Church, we would never ask our membership to do more than the Bible teaches. We only expect our members to do what the Bible would expect every Christian to do. These responsibilities are spelled out in our Membership Covenant.

THE FFC MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having received Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and Lord, having been baptized in water by immersion, and being in agreement with the FFC Doctrinal Statement, I believe that the Holy Spirit is leading me to unite with the FFC family. In doing so, I commit myself to God, and to the FFC Membership to fulfill the four objectives mentioned below:

1. I WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE *UNITY* OF MY CHURCH THROUGH:

- Both acting and reacting to one another in love.

I Peter 1:22, *"...in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart."*

- Using my speech to contribute to this oneness and not to create dissension.

Ephesians 4:29, *"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers."*

- Submitting to the Church's leadership.

Hebrews 13:17, *"...Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief for that would be unprofitable for you."*

2. I WILL SHARE THE *RESPONSIBILITY* OF MY CHURCH THROUGH:

- Praying for its numerical and spiritual growth.

1 Tim. 2:1-3, *"I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men... For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

- Inviting those who are un-churched to attend.

Luke 19:10, *"...for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."*

- Welcoming those who do visit our services.

Romans 15:7, *"Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God."*

3. I WILL SERVE THE *MINISTRY* OF MY CHURCH THROUGH:

- Discovering my spiritual gifts and abilities and then using them.

I Peter 4:10, *"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."*

- Allowing myself to be equipped by the leadership to serve.

Ephesians 4:11, 12, *"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."*

- Developing a genuine servant's heart.

Philippians 2:3, 4, *"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."*

4. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH THROUGH:

- Attending services on a regular and faithful basis.

Hebrews 10:25, *“not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”*

- Maintaining a Christ-like lifestyle.

Philippians 1:27, *“Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.”*

- Giving in proportion to my financial means.

I Corinthians 16:2, *“On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.”*

Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____

***If for any reason I decide to move from this place I will, as soon as possible, unite with another church where I can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God’s Word. If at any time I can no longer commit to this covenant, or have questions or concerns regarding First Family Church, I will notify the church leadership as soon as possible.**