

It is with joy that we make this membership commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ through His local church here at CBC and its mission to exalt Christ locally and globally by making disciples. We will do this by engaging and evangelizing the lost through the proclamation of the gospel, and by being a part of establishing and equipping the saints. This is all an outflow of our own personal faith in the glorious gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and having accepted the Bible as our sole authority of faith and practice, we do now, in the presence of God and our church family, solemnly and joyfully commit ourselves as one body to delight in Christ by doing the following:

We will Engage and Evangelize a world in need of Jesus Christ by:

- *Seeking and saving the lost*
 - We will live as Christ's ambassadors by making disciples. (2 Cor 5:20; Matt 28:18-20)
 - We will love our neighbor and live as lights in our community. (Mark 12:31; Matt 5:14-16)
 - We will cheerfully and regularly be involved in the spreading of the Gospel to all nations through prayer, giving, going, and supporting. (Matt 28:18-20; 3 John 6; 1 Cor 16:2; 2 Cor 8:7, 9:6-15)

We will be Established and Equipped in the faith and help others to do the same by:

- *Striving for a sanctified life*
 - We will faithfully follow Christ individually, seeking to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength through the Spirit's empowerment. We will be holy as God is holy, by putting on the things of Christ and putting off the things of the world. (Mark 12:30; Col 3:1-14; 1 Pet 1:13-16)
 - We will be devoted to Christ in our homes as we intentionally pursue the means of grace God has provided, including consistent times in the Word and prayer. We will seek the salvation of all those in our homes, especially our children by imparting an affection for Christ and a love for His kingdom. (Deut 6:4-9; Matt 4:4; Eph 6:4)
 - We will walk carefully in the world with God's help, maintaining a Christian world view, denying ungodliness and worldly desires, and living sensibly, righteously and godly. (Rom 12:1-2; Titus 2:12)
- *Submitting to our shepherds*
 - We will in good conscience support and submit to our elders who are called to shepherd the flock of God. (1 Pet 5:1-2; Heb 13:17)
 - We will speak personally to one of the elders, if there are areas or questions of disagreement, or if the Lord begins to lead us to another location or local church. (Rom 12:16, 14:19, 15:14; 1 Thes 5:13)
 - We will welcome and participate in Christ's corrective measures (church discipline) if a member (including myself) persists in the practice of sin. (Matt 18:15-18; 1 Cor 5:1-13; 2 Thes 3:14-15)
- *Serving the saints*
 - We will regularly attend the gatherings of this local church for worship through the Word of God, prayer, and the Lord's Supper. (Heb 10:25; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor 11:23-26)
 - We will foster loving relationships characterized by prayer, fellowship, love, edification, good deeds, and resolve conflicts through loving, direct communication to preserve the unity of the Spirit. (Eph 4:1-3, 29, 31-32; 6:18; 1 John 1:3; Rom 12:10; Heb 10:24; Phil 1:27, 2:2, 4:2)
 - We will minister to the body of Christ through our spiritual gifts and generous giving. (1 Cor 12:7; 2 Cor 8-9; 1 Pet 4:10-11)