



Midland Bible Church Covenant Membership

As believers unto salvation in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, we are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's Kingdom, and individuals that belong in God's household with every other Christian¹. As such, we are given His righteousness through faith², and called to live obediently³, following the example set by Jesus⁴. And we are encouraged to do this in community, in fellowship with one another and fellowship with the Father and His Son⁵.

The local fellowship, the family, the body that is Midland Bible Church is diminished if all its members are less than totally involved, less than completely committed. Therefore, each of us is encouraged to live by faith⁶, be doers, not just hearers, of the Word⁷, and to exhort one another on to good deeds⁸ – all done by working with⁹, growing with¹⁰ and loving¹¹ one another. Our ultimate goal is to become the bride that is irresistibly appealing to our bridegroom as we are conformed to the image of Christ. Paul described this result in Philippians 3:10: “My determined purpose is that I may know Him – that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly.”

The Elders of Midland Bible Church understand that, as shepherds, they are called to keep watch as those that will give account for the ones that He has appointed them to lead and serve¹² – those individuals that choose to become members of Midland Bible Church. After months of prayer, investigation, discussion and further prayer, the Elders acknowledge that scripture teaches that membership in the local church body is approved and encouraged. Therefore, as partakers in the New Covenant¹³, we invite you to become a member of Midland Bible Church. Membership does not displace our Doctrine, but rather connects us to it and in turn more closely to one another. Agreeing to membership means that you will be included among those that we actively seek to encourage and involve in ministry and discipleship opportunities, as you are led by the Holy Spirit. We thank you for your prayerful consideration in being included with those saints that call Midland Bible home!

¹Ephesians 2:19b; ²Romans 3:22; ³Romans 1:5; ⁴1 Corinthians 11:1; ⁵1 John 1:3; ⁶2 Corinthians 5:7; ⁷James 1:22;
⁸Hebrews 10:24; ⁹1 Corinthians 12:14; ¹⁰Ephesians 4:16; ¹¹1 John 3:18; ¹²Hebrews 13:17; ¹³Luke 22:20

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The Essence of the Body of Christ

I have a saving relationship with Jesus Christ and therefore have partaken in the new covenant of His blood and so am a member of the Body of Christ.

The Essence of Midland Bible Church

I agree with tier one of the Midland Bible Church doctrinal statement and will not teach contrary to tier two and three.

The Essence of Covenant Membership

I, as a member of the local Body of Christ as expressed at Midland Bible Church commit to the following as God, by the leading of the Holy Spirit, calls and matures me.

To live in **community**.

Transparently
Accountably
Graciously

To live **giving**.

Generously
Sacrificially
Cheerfully

To live **servicing**.

Giftedly
Joyfully
Selflessly

I accept the invitation to enter into covenant membership with the Body of Christ at MBC.

Print Name

Mailing Address

Email Address & Preferred Phone Number

Romans

Chapter 12

The Call to Commitment

- 1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.
- 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Serving

- 3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.
- 4 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function,
- 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
- 6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, *each of us is to exercise them accordingly*: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;
- 7 if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching;
- 8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Giving

- 9 *Let love be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.
- 10 *Be* devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;
- 11 not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;
- 12 rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,
- 13 contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

Community

- 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
- 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.
- 16 Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.
- 17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.
- 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.
- 19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath *of God*, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.
- 20 "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD."
- 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.