

**As a member of Foothills whose mission is to be a whole church for the broken world, I agree to pursue the following:**

1. to submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final arbiter on all issues (Psalm 119; 2 Tim 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21).
2. to pursue the Lord Jesus and invite life-transformation through discipleship relationships engaged in regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, accountability, service and the practice of spiritual disciplines (Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Ephesians 5:1-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22).
3. to follow the command and example of Jesus by participating in the sacraments of baptism and communion which he prescribed to His Church:
  - a. I will be baptized after my conversion. (Matthew 28:19; Acts 8:36-38; Romans 6:1-10; Ephesians 4:5)
  - b. I will regularly remember and celebrate the person and work of Christ through communion. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).
4. to regularly participate in the life of Foothills Church by attending weekly services engaging in biblical community and serving those in and outside of this church (Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:23-25; Titus 3:14).
5. to steward the resources God has given me, including time, talents, spiritual gifts and finances.
  - a. I will regularly contribute financially (2 Corinthians 8-9).
  - b. I will serve and participate in community that is sacrificial, cheerful and voluntary (Matt 25:14-30 Romans 12:1-2; 1 Peter 4:10-11).
  - c. I will willingly disadvantage myself for the sake of the weak, poor and marginalized (Amos; Matthew 19:21; James 1:27; James 2:1-7).
6. to walk in holiness, by God's grace through the power of the Holy Spirit, in all areas of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:13-16, 4:1-3). Believers should strive to put certain attitudes and actions to death, while stirring and stimulating love and good deeds through the Spirit. Below are a few examples of actions addressed in the Scriptures:
  - a. I will practice complete chastity unless married and, if married, complete fidelity, both physical and emotional, within heterosexual and monogamous marriage. Complete chastity and fidelity means, among other things, that regardless of my marital status, I will pursue purity and abstain from sexually immoral practices such as adultery, premarital sex and pornography (Romans 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 6:15-20, 10:8; Ephesians 5:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4).
  - b. I will seek to preserve the gift of marriage and agree to walk through the steps of marriage reconciliation at Foothills Church before pursuing divorce from my spouse (Matthew 19:1-12; Mark 10:1-12; Luke 16:18; 1 Corinthians 7:10-11; for the role of the church in the process of divorce, see Paul's concern for the resolution of legal matters within the assembly of the church in 1 Corinthians 6.)
  - c. I will refrain from illegal drug use, drunkenness, gossip, and other sinful behavior as the Bible dictates (Romans 1:28-32, 13:13; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:18; James 3:3-18).

7. to refrain from such activities that the Scriptures would deem foolish and pursue wisdom. (Eccl. 4:5, Ps. 14:1, Pr. 9:4-6, 10, 26:11, 30:32, 1 Sam 25:25, , Romans 14:14-23).
8. to take seriously the responsibility of Christian freedom, especially actions or situations that could present a stumbling block to another (1 Corinthians 8:1-13)
9. to submit to the discipline of God through His Holy Spirit:
  - a. I will follow the biblical procedures for church discipline where sin is evident in another -- the hope of such discipline being repentance and restoration.
  - b. I will receive righteous and loving discipline when approached by fellow believers (Psalm 141:5; Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13; Hebrews 12:5-11).
10. to follow the biblical guidelines for dealing with sin:
  - a. I will confess my sin to God and to fellow believers.
  - b. I will repent and seek help to put my sin to death (Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5; James 5:16; 1 John 1:6-10).
11. to submit to the elders and other appointed leaders of the church, in as much as they also are submitted to God, and will be diligent to preserve the bond of peace and the unity of the church by abstaining from divisive speech, emails, or behavior. (Ephesians 4:1-3; John 17:23; Titus 3:10; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5).

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Signed

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Date

As elders of Foothills Church, we agree to the following covenant:

1. to set an example and join members in fulfilling the obligations of the covenant stated above (Philippians 3:17; I Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:7-8; I Peter 5:3).
2. to appoint elders and deacons (including staff members who serve in these offices) according to the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures (I Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; I Peter 5:1-4).
3. to prayerfully seek God's will for our church community and steward her resources to the best of our ability based on our study of the Scriptures and following the Spirit (Acts 20:28; I Peter 5:1-4).
4. to care for the church and seek her growth in grace, truth and love (Matthew 28:16-20); Ephesians 4:15-16; Colossians 1:28; James 5:14; I Peter 5:1-4).
5. to provide teaching and counsel from the whole of Scripture (Acts 20:27-28; I Timothy 4:16; Timothy 4:1-5; Titus 2:1).
6. to equip the members of the church for the work of ministry (Ephesians 4:11-16).
7. to be on guard against false teachers and teachings (Matthew 7:15; Acts 20:28-31; I Timothy 1:3-7; I John 4:1).
8. to lovingly exercise discipline when necessary, for the glory of God, the good of the one disciplined, and the health of the church as a whole (Matthew 18:15-20; I Corinthians 5; Galatians 6:1; James 5:19-20).
9. to serve in love and humility (1 Pet. 5:2-3, Phil. 2:1-8)