

The Autumn Ridge Community Church Membership Covenant

Through the work of his Holy Spirit, God the Father has united a remnant of those who follow his Son within the greater Gilmer County area. In response to this calling, and in surrender to God who has ordained it, we members of Autumn Ridge Community Church submit ourselves to the following covenant, to be interpreted at all times in light of the self-revelation of God through the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

At all times and under every circumstance, we will remain eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace (cf. Ephesians 4:3). Our prayers and our conduct will reflect this commitment.

We will pray regularly for the church, its members, and its ministries (cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

We will always show reverence and respect to one another out of reverence and respect for Christ (cf. Ephesians 5:21). We will particularly submit ourselves to the leadership of the elders of this church (cf. Hebrews 13:17).

We will walk together in love as befits the members of a Christian church (cf. Ephesians 5:1-2). We will care for and watch over one another (cf. John 13:34-35). We will teach and admonish one another (cf. Colossians 3:16).

We will rejoice in each other's happiness, and we will bear one another's burdens with tender-hearted sympathy (cf. Romans 12:15; Galatians 6:2).

We will not neglect assembling together (cf. Hebrews 10:25). Within the context of this church, we commit ourselves to regular involvement at both corporate worship gatherings and at the functions of our respective missional communities.

We will regularly contribute our time, talents, and material resources to supporting the ministries and expenses of this church (cf. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7). As God provides, we will further support the relief of the poor and the spread of the gospel to all nations.

We will remain committed to lifestyles of personal disciple-making (cf. Matthew 28:18-20). We will walk in wisdom towards those who are outside the family of God (cf. Colossians 4:5), as well as towards those at all stages of Christian maturity (cf. 1 Timothy 3:15). By a pure and loving example, we will seek the salvation and maturation of our families, our friends, and others with whom we have opportunity.

In the power of the Spirit, we will live carefully in this world: denying ungodliness and worldly lusts and remembering that we have been enabled to honor God with our lives (cf. Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Galatians 5:16). We will submit to restorative church discipline if necessary (cf. Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5).

If we move from this place, we will expediently unite with another church in which we can carry out the principles of God's Word and the spirit of this covenant. Before moving from this place or covenanting with another local church, we will give notice to the elders and to others who shepherd us.

Signature(s):