



## CHURCH COVENANT

**With the guiding help of the Holy Spirit, I, the undersigned, covenant the following:**

1. I am a Christian who has been saved from my sins by the grace of Jesus Christ. I have been baptized to give testimony of my identification with the body of Christ and in obedience to the Scriptures.
2. I have read and understand TERC's confession of faith and have heard and understand TERC's By-Laws through membership class and agree to not be divisive to its teaching and content. I also understand the importance of submission to church leadership and will be diligent to preserve unity and peace (Hebrews 13:7, 17; Ephesians 4:1-3).
3. I will endeavor to maintain a close relationship with the Lord through regular personal Bible reading, prayer, fellowship and practice of the other spiritual disciplines. My journey in Christ will be evident through my regular participation in the corporate worship services, and involvement in a community group, life-group, or other TERC small-group experience (Psalm 119:97, 105; Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:23-25).
4. I will strive to properly manage the resources God has given me, including my time, body, gifts, talents, attitudes, finances and possessions (Ephesians 5:15-18; Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:1-16; Galatians 5:22-26; Proverbs 3:9-10). This includes regular giving to TERC that is sacrificial, within my means, consistent and cheerful (2 Corinthians 8-9).
5. I commit myself to the TERC church family and agree to aid in fulfilling its missional purpose to bring the gospel to Rhea County, the Nation and World. I recognize that this will be accomplished by pursuing TERC's core values, vision, and mission.
6. I commit to using the spiritual gift(s) God has given me for the building up of the church, both as part of TERC and universally (Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Romans 12:1-8; 1Corinthians 12:7-31).
7. I covenant to practice humility with the sacrificial attitude of Christ by considering the needs of others (Philippians 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 13:4-5), not gossiping (Proverbs 16:28, Matthew 18: 15-17), and seeking spiritual friendships (Proverbs 17:17).
8. I covenant to follow the biblical procedures of church discipline and submit myself to informal discipline as I strive to live out the gospel in community and formal discipline if the need should ever arise (Matthew 18:15-17; Galatians 6:1-5). If I withdraw from membership while the subject of pending disciplinary action according to Matthew 18:15-17, I expressly consent and submit to the elders' continuing authority to complete the disciplinary process set forth in our church by-laws.
9. I covenant to submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final arbiter on all issues (Psalm 119; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). God enabling me, I will strive to consider my commitment to this Membership Covenant on a yearly basis. I understand that it is an evaluative tool, as well as an affirmation of my continuing conviction and purpose. My responsibility will be to notify TERC's leadership if at any time I can no longer commit to this covenant. If I have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding TERC, I commit to first talk to the elders and will do everything within my power to not cause division.

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Signature

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Date