



# Community @ jubileechurch

## What is a covenant?

A covenant is a promise by which we obligate ourselves to one another in such a way that the obligation of one party is not dependent on the faithfulness of the other (*Ezek. 20:44; 36:22; Ps. 76:11; Hos. 2:19-20; 3:1; 2 Tim. 2:13*). The Jubilee Church covenant includes:

1. Mission and Vision
2. Core Beliefs (brochure)
3. Obligations of Jubilee Church to its members
4. Obligations of members to Jubilee Church

## What community at Jubilee Church means

As Christ-followers, we are members of God's family (*Eph. 2:19*) called to function, participate, and minister in a particular place within the body of Christ. A healthy body requires that each member do its part well. A healthy church requires the same: members who are sacrificially committed and well-equipped to do the works of service that God has prepared in advance for us to do (*Eph. 2:10; 4:12*). Jubilee Church holds its members in high regard; we expect them to lead as missionaries of the gospel to the culture. God, in his sovereignty, placed us in this city, among these people, in this century, for a reason (*Acts 17:26-27*).

*"For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them..." -Romans 12: 3-8*

Being a member of Jubilee Church is really about community,...being part of a family. All members are disciples of Jesus and part of the body of Christ, unified by their identity in Christ. This unity is expressed in the way they collaborate in loving God, loving fellow Christians, and loving non-Christians. **Those who enter into a covenant with their spiritual leaders and the local church are called to a higher degree of responsibility and service.** At the same time, leaders are covenanted to assist members first and foremost, to love and lead, provide counsel and aid, and pray for, teach, and guide them.

## Our Mission

Our mission is simple. **Love God. Love people. Prove it!** Wish we had thought of that, but we didn't. Jesus did (*Matthew 22:37-39*).

**Love God (Celebration).** We do this a number of ways.

- Coming together for corporate worship.
- Prayer
- Discipleship/Life Groups
- Serving in ministry
- Giving of our time and physical and financial gifts.

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### **Love people (Restoration).**

- Prayer for others
- Discipleship/equipping
- Missions/community service
- Fellowship

### **Prove it! (Servanthood).**

- By actually doing it!

## **Our Vision**

To be a church for families and single adults that is spirit-filled, balanced, authentic and relevant.

- **Spirit-filled** – We believe that God is at work in the world today through people. He enables us with spiritual gifts to share His love to others.
- **Balanced** – The Word of God is still the best message for the world today. We're not here to "water down" the Word, but we aren't here to hype anything up either.
- **Authentic** – Today's generation is tired of the hypocrisy they have seen and continue to see in our churches and spiritual leaders. We're here to show them what a personal walk with Christ looks like for everyday people.
- **Relevant** – One of the leading reasons why people don't attend church is because they perceive it as out-of-date and boring. We promise to deliver something fresh!

## **Core Beliefs (Available online & in Membership Packet)**

- In **essential beliefs**—we have **unity**. (Ephesians 4:4-6). \*Essentials are listed, but not discussed exhaustively in the "What Do We Believe?" brochure. You can find these discussed in detail on our website.
- In **non-essentials**—we have **liberty**. (Romans 14:1,4,12,22) \*Non-essentials are our personal spiritual preferences.
- In **all our beliefs**—we show **charity (love/compassion)**. (I Corinthians 13:2)

## **Your Personal Membership Packet (WHITE ENVELOPE): *Items we need from you***

1. **Personal Profile Card** \*(Included in packet or online on Resource Page)
2. **Core Community Covenant**
3. **SHAPE survey**
4. **Photo for our database**
5. **Spiritual gifts analysis** \*(Online on our Resource page.)
6. **Volunteer Interest Form** \*(Online on our Resource page.)

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# CORE Community Covenant

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Obligations of Jubilee Church to its members:

- We vow to seek God's will for Jubilee Church and how we can best represent Him to our community.
- We vow that leaders will be held to the high standard of integrity assigned by Christ through the Apostle Paul. (*1 Tim. 3:1-13; 5:17-22; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4*)
- We vow to pastorally care for you and your family and encourage and equip you in your personal relationship with Christ for the sake of serving in ministry. (*Eph. 4:11-13*)
- We vow to correctly teach God's Word and be on guard against teachings that contradict the Scriptures.
- We covenant to handle issues of disunity within the church in a godly, gentle and quick manner.

## Obligations of members to Jubilee Church

### 1. I will maintain a close relationship with God by:

- Pursuing personal spiritual growth through prayer, Bible study, and regular church attendance. (*Ps. 105:1-2; Ps. 119:97; Acts 2:42-47; Heb. 10:23-25; 2 Peter 1:3*).
- Living a godly lifestyle by practicing chastity before marriage and complete fidelity within marriage; and by not participating in cohabitation before marriage (*Job 31:1; Prov. 5; Rom. 13:12-14; 1 Cor. 6:9-7:16; Heb. 13:4*). I will refrain from illegal drug usage, drunkenness and any activity that would bring a reproach on my personal reputation as a believer or on the testimony of my church. (*1 Cor. 8:7; Gal. 5:19-21*)

### 2. I will maintain a close relationship with my pastors by:

- Submitting myself to their spiritual authority for the sake of accountability.
- Upholding them in a healthy esteem both to them personally and when speaking of them to others.
- Speaking directly to them if I have questions or concerns as it relates to the ministries or endeavors of Jubilee Church.
- Not holding them to unrealistic expectations.

### 3. I will maintain a close relationship with my church by:

- Worshipping God regularly by giving a portion of my finances.
- Attending weekly worship events and social opportunities on a regular basis.
- Serving regularly in the ministries of JC.
- Preserving the unity of my church by refusing to talk negatively about my fellow believers or my church.
- Resolving matters that may arise between a fellow believer and myself in a quick and biblical manner. (*Matt. 18:15-17*)
- Regularly inviting people from our community to experience Christ at JC.

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**Please take the time to prayerfully consider these commitments:**

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with Jubilee Church's Core Community Covenant, I feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Jubilee Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God, the pastors and other members. I understand that consciously not fulfilling these covenants on my part invalidates my right to have a voice in those areas of the covenant which I do not fulfill. My failure in this covenant does not mean that the spiritual leaders and church will cease to love and care for me and my family.

One of our team leaders will contact you this week concerning your commitment and details concerning our covenant service where you/your family will be introduced to our church and received into our core community. Please be prepared to complete & return this covenant if you do decide to become a member of Jubilee Church. One covenant per family; however, only fill in the names of those who are becoming members. Children under 18 still living at home are accepted as members of Jubilee Church based on their parents' commitment.

**Prospective Members' names/birthdates** *(Please print clearly):*

Parent 1: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent 2: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name clearly) \* (Sign only if becoming a member)

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name clearly) \* (Sign only if becoming a member)

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name clearly)

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_