

Member Covenant 2017



CONNECTING THE GOSPEL TO PEOPLE
PEOPLE TO COMMUNITY
AND COMMUNITY TO MISSION

You have been invited to join the elders and members of Trademark as we ask God to do far more than we can imagine in 2017 in us and through us for His Glory in the Church. This Trademark Church membership covenant is birthed out of our love for the church body and its individual members. The primary purpose of this covenant is to serve as a teaching document with three functions:

- To clarify the biblical obligations and expectations for both the elders of Trademark Church and the individual members of the Trademark Church body.
- To establish teaching and doctrinal parameters for the Trademark Church body.

To serve as a tool for reflection and growth toward holiness. Each of these functions is in accordance with the document's overall vision to provide an accessible explanation of the Scriptures in hopes that Trademark Church would grow in the grace and truth of Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement of Trademark Church

Trademark Church exists to connect the Gospel to people, people to community, and community to mission.

Statement of Biblical Doctrine

- I agree with the core beliefs of Trademark Church (www.trademarkchurch.com/about/theology/), which are founded upon historic creeds (e.g. [Apostles' Creed](#) and [Nicene Creed](#))
- I understand that we teach and practice the doctrinal distinctives of A29 and agree to submit to leaders who uphold these principles and to refrain from division, being diligent to preserve unity and peace (Eph. 4:1-3; Heb. 13:7, 17).
These doctrinal distinctives include: Gospel centrality in all of life, the sovereignty of God in saving sinners, the work of the Holy Spirit for life and ministry, the equality of male and female and the principle of male servant leadership, the local church as God's primary mission strategy.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

Statement of Basic Belief

The following beliefs represent the core of central orthodox beliefs from a biblical and historical perspective. While a full understanding and the ability to adequately articulate these beliefs is not required, the explicit rejection of any one of these particular beliefs disqualifies one from membership at Trademark Church.

I believe...

- The Scriptures are true, authoritative and sufficient (Psalm 19:7-11; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21).
- There is only one God (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:5-6; Isaiah 46:9-10; John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 8:4-6; 1 Timothy 2:5). The Father is God. The Son is God. The Holy Spirit is God. The Father is neither the Son nor the Holy Spirit. The Son is neither the Father nor the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is neither the Father nor the Son (Genesis 1:26; Psalm 45:6-7; Psalm 110:1; Matthew 3:13-17; Matthew 28:17-20; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6).
- I am, along with all humanity (Christ excluded), by birth and action a sinner (2) (Genesis 6:5; Psalm 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:23; 5:8, 12-21; 7:18; Ephesians 2:1- 3).
- The deserved penalty for sin is death, both physical and spiritual (Genesis 2:15-17; Genesis 3:19; Romans 5:12; 6:23; James 1:14- 15).
- Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, was born of a virgin and is both fully God and fully human (Matthew 1:20; Luke 2:52; John 1:1-4, 14; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 1:1-3).
- Jesus Christ died as my substitute to pay the penalty for my sin (John 1:29; 10:1-18; Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 1:4; 1 Peter 3:18).
- Jesus Christ physically rose from the dead (Matthew 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-53; John 1:20-21:25; 1 Corinthians 15:12-34).
- Jesus Christ physically ascended into heaven and will one day physically return (John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Hebrews 9:28; 1 John 3:2; Revelation 1:7).
- There will be a future physical resurrection of the dead. Those who trust in Jesus Christ alone will be raised to eternal reward.(3) Those who have not trusted in Jesus Christ will be raised to eternal punishment (Matthew 25:31-46; John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15).
- Only by trusting in the person and work of Jesus Christ alone can I be reconciled to God and experience true life and joy (John 3:18, 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:21- 26; 1 Timothy 2:5-6).

TRADEMARK MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Biblical Obligations of the Members to Trademark Church Body

Throughout Scripture, God has set apart for Him a people. The church is this people, set apart from the world and called to live differently. A people who love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength, and who love their neighbor as themselves, giving their lives for the glory of God and the service of others. The following is an overview of how followers of Christ live this out in general and in the context of Trademark Church.

As a member of Trademark Church...

- ***I covenant, by God's grace, to walk in holiness as an act of worship to Jesus Christ, who has saved me from my sin that I could live a new life*** (2 Cor. 5:17); I will practice complete chastity before marriage and complete fidelity in heterosexual marriage by abstaining from practices such as cohabitation, homosexuality, pornography, and fornication (Job 31:1; Prov. 5; Rom. 13:12-14; 1 Cor. 6:9-7:16; Heb. 13:4); I will refrain from illegal drug use, drunkenness, and other sinful behavior as the Bible and my conscience dictate (1 Cor. 8:7; Gal. 5:19-21). Should I sin in such a manner, I agree to confess my sins to Christian brothers or sisters and seek help to put my sin to death (Rom. 8:13; Col. 3:5; 1 John 1:6-10).
- ***I covenant to pursue growth in my relationship with God through the regular practice of spiritual disciplines.*** (Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, fasting, etc.) My relationship with God will be evident through my participation in weekly worship gathering, communion, community, service, and a life that glorifies Jesus (Ps. 105:1-2; Ps. 119:97; Acts 2:42-47; Heb. 10:23-25; 2 Peter 1:3).
- **I covenant to pursue intentional, transparent relationships with non-Christians in my sphere of influence.** Be involved with the living out and sharing of the gospel and making disciples, both locally and globally with Trademark. (2 Cor 5:14-21, 1 Pet 3:9-11, Jn 17:14-19, Mat 28:18-20)
- **I covenant to steward the resources God has given me, including my time, talents, and treasure** (Prov. 3:9-10; Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 5:22-26; Eph. 4:1-16; 5:15-18). This includes regular financial giving, service, and participation in community that is sacrificial, cheerful, and voluntary (Rom. 12:1-8; 2 Cor. 8-9; 12:7-31; 1 Peter 4:10-11).
- **I covenant to serve the body and mission of Trademark in tangible ways in both our weekly gatherings and our partnership with Big Brothers and Big Sisters** either in the areas of, TM Kids, Frontline (coffee, greeting, hospitality, setup/teardown), music, RAFT, events, becoming a Big, etc. (Eph 4:11, Rom 12:1-2)

Biblical Obligations of the Trademark Church Elders to the members of Trademark Church

As shepherds and overseers of a local church, elders are entrusted with protecting, leading, equipping and caring for the corporate church body and her individual members. The following is a rather extensive overview of the requirements for elders as spelled out within the Scriptures.

As elders of Trademark...

- **We covenant that your elders will meet the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures** (1 Tim. 3:1-13; 5:17-22; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4).
- **We covenant to appoint elders and deacons (including staff members who serve in these offices e.g. RAFT) according to the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures** (1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4).
- **We covenant to seek God's will for our church community to the best of our ability as we study the Scriptures and follow the Spirit** (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-5).
- **We covenant to care for you and seek your growth as a disciple of Christ, in part by equipping you for the ministry** (Eph. 4:11-13) **and praying for you regularly, particularly when you are sick** (James 5:14).
- **We covenant to provide teaching and counsel from the whole of Scripture** (Acts 20:27-28; Gal. 6:6; 1 Tim. 5:17-18).
- **We covenant to be on guard against false teachers** (Acts 20:28-31).
- **We covenant to lovingly exercise church discipline when necessary** (Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5; Gal. 6:1).
- **We covenant to set an example and join you in fulfilling the duties of church members** (1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 3:17; 1 Tim. 4:12).

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Trademark Church Membership Signing Page - 2017

As members of the body of Christ, the 59 one anothers of the New Testament sum up the way in which we are to act towards one another. As a member of Trademark, you commit to allow these 59 one anothers to shape how you interact with other members and the elders.

59 One Anothers

Love one another (17x). Serve one another (5x). Accept one another. Strengthen one another. Help one another. Encourage one another. Care for one another. Forgive one another. Submit to one another. Commit to one another. Build trust with one another. Be devoted to one another. Be patient with one another. Be interested in one another. Be accountable to one another. Confess to one another. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be conceited to one another. Do not pass judgment to one another. Do not slander one another. Instruct one another. Greet one another. Admonish one another. Spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Meet with one another. Agree with one another. Be concerned for one another. Be humble to love one another. Be compassionate to one another. Do not be consumed by one another.

"I have taken the TM Membership Class and fully understand my commitment to the Trademark body." _____(initial)

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
HOW I SERVE: _____
ESTIMATED MONTHLY GIVING: _____
EMAIL: _____
PHONE: _____
DATE: _____
SIGNATURE: _____

(In order to formalize your membership with Trademark, please complete this signing page and return it to the elders. The rest of the covenant document is yours to keep for prayer, reflection and accountability)

