

## MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and to surrender our lives to Him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His grace, solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another to glorify God by making disciples of all nations. <sup>1</sup>

**Unity** - We will strive and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace and will stand together against division in the church.<sup>2</sup>

**One Anotherness** - We will walk together in brotherly love, exercising mutual care as members one of another; being faithful to pray for and encourage one another; rejoicing at each other's happiness and endeavoring with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows. <sup>3</sup>

**Mutually Admonishing** – We will keep watch over each other's souls and will not neglect to admonish and exhort one another as occasion may require.<sup>4</sup>

**Disciple One Another** – We accept the responsibility of discipling one another in the faith; encouraging gospel growth, missional faithfulness and a growing love for Jesus in fellow covenant members of all ages.<sup>5</sup>

**Gospel Community** – We understand and accept that the primary means of pursuing this one-anotherness, mutual admonishment, and discipling of one another at NewBranch is through active participation in a Base Group.<sup>6</sup>

**Corporate Worship** - We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, and will make our corporate worship gatherings a priority. Together we will joyfully draw near to God under His Word, delighting in His glory. <sup>7</sup>

**Pursuit of Holiness** - We will seek, by Divine aid, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and remembering that, as we have been voluntarily buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave, so there is on us a special obligation now to lead a new and holy life.<sup>8</sup>

**Missions & Evangelistic Faithfulness** – We will partner together to make disciples of Jesus, beginning with our spheres of influence, and extending to the nations. We endeavor with God's gracious help to both declare and display the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our homes, neighborhoods, and community, while also praying for, engaging in, and giving towards missions efforts around the world.<sup>9</sup>

**Support the Church** - We will work together to support the ministry of the church by upholding its mission, submitting to our elders (pastors), using our gifts for the edification of one other, and praying for its health. We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the needy, and the spread of the gospel to all nations.<sup>10</sup>

**Church Discipline** – We recognize church discipline as the loving responsibility of the church to restore a fallen brother or sister and agree to participate in and submit ourselves to this process.<sup>11</sup>

**Upon Departure** - We will, when we move from this place, as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.<sup>12</sup>

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.