



MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

"Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior, having attended Basic Process | Step 1, and being in agreement with the beliefs and purposes of The Mill Church, I am certain that I belong to this family. I commit, to God and the other church members, to do the following:

1. PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

- By acting in love toward other members
- By refusing to harm the church by way of unhealthy gossip
- By trusting and following those in leadership

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together." Rom. 15:19

"Live in complete harmony with each other -- each with the attitude of Christ toward each other." Romans 15:5

"Having a sincere love for your fellow believers, love one another earnestly with all your hearts." 1 Peter 1:22

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs..." Ephesians 4:29

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you." Hebrews 13:17

2. SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

- By praying for its growth
- By inviting non-Christians to attend
- By warmly welcoming those who visit

"To the church ...we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly." Thessalonians 1:2

"Go out into the country...And urge anyone you find to come in, so that My House will be full." Luke 14:23

"So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." Romans 15:7

3. SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

- By discovering my gifts and talents
- By being equipped to serve
- By developing a servant's heart

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you..." I Peter 4:10

"God gave ...some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." Ephesians 4:11-12

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ...who took on the very nature of a servant..."
Philippians 2:3-4,7

4. SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

- By attending faithfully
- By living a Godly life
- By giving regularly

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...But let us encourage one another."
Hebrews 10:25

"But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ." Philippians 1:27

"Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering."
I Corinthians 16:2

"A tenth of all you produce is the Lord's, and it is holy." Leviticus 27:30

5. BELIEVE IN THE ESSENTIAL TEACHINGS OF SCRIPTURE.

--See attached pages entitled "Orthodoxy."

Print Name

Date

Signature

ORTHODOXY (what we believe)

- **In essential beliefs - we have unity.**

"There is one Body and one Spirit...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all..." Ephesians 4:4-6

- **In non-essential beliefs - we have liberty.**

"Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters...Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls...so then each of us will give an account of himself to God...So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God." Romans 14:1,4,12,22

- **In all beliefs – we have charity.**

"...If I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains - but have no love, I amount to nothing at all." I Corinthians 13:2 (Ph)

(THE ESSENTIALS)

1. ABOUT GOD

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

Genesis 1:1,26,27; 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; I Peter 1:2; II Corinthians 13:14

2. ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again someday to earth to reign as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Matthew 1:22, 23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14,15; I Corinthians 14:3,4; Romans 1:3,4; Acts 1:9-11; I Timothy 6:14, 15; Titus 2:13.

3. ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and Son. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right.

II Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13; 14:16,17; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 2:12, 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18.

4. ABOUT THE BIBLE

The Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error.

II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20, 21; II Timothy 1:13; Psalm 119:105, 160; 12:6; Proverbs 30:5.

5. ABOUT HUMAN BEINGS

People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation and love.

Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin". This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life.

Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1,2.

6. ABOUT SALVATION

Salvation is God's free gift to us. We need only accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith, we are saved.

Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8,9; John 14:6; 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1

7. ABOUT ETERNITY

People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell, a literal, physical, conscious place of torment. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life in Heaven, a place of joy, peace, and harmony.

John 3:16; John 14:17; Romans 6:23; Romans 8:17-18; Revelation 20:15; I Corinthians 2:7-9