

Sand Lake Chapel Membership Covenant

Having professed Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior, and acknowledging Him as Head of the Church; by confessing with repentance my sins, and after prayerful consideration, I am led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Sand Lake Chapel church family. In so doing I shall endeavor to love the Lord our God with all my heart, soul and mind – and love my neighbor as myself.

Being therefore personally committed to God and His church, I shall strive to obey His commandments in my personal life, my family life, in the life of this church and before the world; and to make my life accountable to the body of Christ. In keeping with God's commandments and ordinances to the church and in support of the Purpose Statement of the Sand Lake Chapel, I hereby commit myself to:

1. Pray for the spiritual health and growth of my church, and act on this responsibility by sharing my testimony in word and life, inviting the unchurched to attend, and warmly welcoming those who visit.
2. Serve the ministries of this church through the discovery and use of my gifts and talents as equipped to do so by the pastor and leaders of the church. In humility I will strive to take on the very nature of a servant.
3. Protect the unity of my church by seeking and placing God's will for the church above self-interest. I will promote unity and maturity in the faith by acting in love toward other members, that we may all build one another up according to our needs. I will follow my leaders, whose authority is instituted and sanctioned by God.
4. Support the testimony of my church by attending worship regularly, partaking in its fellowship and regular proportional giving of time, talent and money - that these gifts and obligations be used to the glory of God.

As this is a mutual covenant, I can expect the church to serve my needs and those of my family by:

- Ministering to my spiritual needs
- Assisting me with Godly counsel in times of need
- Providing me with opportunities for Christian fellowship
- Serving me and members of my family through religious instruction
- Sustaining me by the prayer and concern of the pastor and fellow believers
- Exercising sound stewardship of my personal and financial investments in Kingdom work through the ministries of this local church

Scripture References:

Opening Paragraph: *Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV)*

Paragraph 1: *1 Thess. 5:17, Luke 14:23, Romans 15:7 (NIV)*

Paragraph 2: *1 Peter 4:10, Ephesians 4:11-12, Phil 2:3-4, 7 (NIV)*

Paragraph 3: *Romans 14:19, Ephesians 4:3, 13, 29. 1 Peter 1:22, Hebrews 13:17 (NIV)*

Paragraph 4: *Hebrews 10:25, 1 Corinthians 16:2, Romans 12:6-8 (NIV)*