



Evangel Temple A/G Membership Covenant:

What is God's Church?

"The church exists for the display of the glory of God." Those of us who trust in and follow Jesus are caught up in something much bigger than ourselves. We have graciously been invited into God's redemptive purposes in the world.

The church is the body of Christ under the headship and salvation of Jesus Christ. The church consists of people from all time periods regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, etc. The church is both saved and held together by Christ. "The church is the gathering of the redeemed, the household of God, the bride of Christ, and the body of Christ."

1 Corinthians 12:1 says "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." We as members of the body of Christ are dependent on one another. We cannot say to one another we have no need of another. As believers in Christ, it is vital for us to have brothers and sisters who will help support and build up one another into Christ who is the head.

What is a Biblical Covenant?

A biblical covenant is an agreement that brings about a relationship of commitment between God and His people. In the scriptures, we find a number of covenants between God and man (Genesis 6, 9, 15; Ezekiel 20; Hosea 2; Jeremiah 31; Matthew 26) and others solely between mankind (1 Samuel 18, 2 Samuel 5) In church membership, it's an agreement that brings about a relationship of commitment between the local church and its members.

The covenant of Evangel Temple contains many conditions that are merely general Christian obligations. For example, all Christians are required to submit to the authority of the Scriptures, pursue holiness, steward resources, etc. These requirements are general obligations to which every believer should adhere.

Statement of Faith

- I believe the scriptures are inspired by God and declare His design and plan for mankind.
- I believe there is only one true God—revealed in three persons...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (commonly known as the Trinity).
- I believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. As God's son, Jesus was both human and divine.
- I believe though originally good, man willingly fell to sin—ushering evil and death, both physical and spiritual, into the world.
- I believe every person can have restored fellowship with God through salvation in Jesus Christ.

Statement of biblical doctrine

I believe the four core doctrines of Evangel Temple Assembly of God:

- Salvation in Christ
- Divine Healing
- Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- Second Coming of Christ for His Bride the Church.

Biblical Obligations of the Local Church Leadership to the Local Church Body

The Evangel Temple church leaders covenant:

- To appoint deacons and leaders according to the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures (1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4).

- To prayerfully seek God's will for our church community and steward the resources to the best of our ability based on our study of the Scriptures and following of the Spirit (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-4).
- To care for the church and seek growth in grace, truth, and love (Matthew 28:16-20; Ephesians 4:15-16; Colossians 1:28; James 5:14; 1 Peter 5:1-4).
- To provide teaching and counsel from the Scripture (Acts 20:27-28; 1 Timothy 4:16; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Titus 2:1).
- To equip the members of the church for the work of ministry (Ephesians 4:11-16).
- To be on guard against false teachers and teachings (Matthew 7:15; Acts 20:28-31; 1 Timothy 1:3-7; 1 John 4:1).
- To lovingly exercise discipline when necessary, for the glory of God, the good of the one disciplined and the health of the church as a whole (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5; Galatians 6:1; James 5:19-20).
- To set an example and join members in fulfilling the obligations of church membership stated below (Philippians 3:17; 1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:7-8; 1 Peter 5:3).

Biblical Obligations of the Church Member to the Evangel Temple A/G Church Body

As a member of Evangel Temple I covenant:

- To submit to the authority of scriptures as the final arbiter on all issues (Psalm 119; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21).
- To pursue the Lord Jesus Christ through regular prayer, Bible reading, fellowship and spiritual disciplines (Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Ephesians 5:1-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22).
- To submit to the discipline of God and His Holy Spirit.
- To follow Christ's example in:
 - Water Baptism
 - Communion
- To live on mission (be a missionary to the local communities God has placed you in!)

- To regularly participate in church life at Evangel Temple by attending weekly services, Sunday School, and serving those within and outside of this church (Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:23-25; Titus 3:14).
- To steward the resources God has given me, including time, talents, spiritual gifts and finances. This includes regular biblical tithing, giving, service and participation in the church community that is sacrificial, cheerful, and voluntary (Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 1 Peter 4:10-11).
- To pursue a lifestyle of holiness by God's grace and the power of His Holy Spirit
 - I will practice complete chastity unless married and, if married, complete fidelity within heterosexual and monogamous marriage. Complete chastity and fidelity means, among other things, that regardless of my marital status, I will pursue purity and abstain from sexually immoral practices such as adultery, premarital sex, and pornography (Romans 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 6:15-20, 10:8; Ephesians 5:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4).
 - I will seek to preserve the gift of marriage and agree to walk through the steps of marriage reconciliation at Evangel Temple A/G before pursuing divorce from my spouse (Matthew 19:1-12; Mark 10:1-12; Luke 16:18; 1 Corinthians 7:10-11; for the role of the church in the process of divorce, see Paul's concern for the resolution of legal matters within the assembly of the church in 1 Corinthians 6).
 - I will refrain from the use and or abuse of drugs, drunkenness, gossip and other sinful behavior as the Bible dictates (Romans 1:28-32, 13:13; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:18; James 3:3-18).
- To do the following when I sin:
 - Confession of sin to Christ and to fellow believers.
 - Repent and seek help to put sin to death (Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5; James 5:16; 1 John 1:6-10).
 - Seek help from support groups such as Celebrate Recovery.
- To submit to church leadership and strive for the unity of the body (Ephesians 4:1-3; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5).
- To notify appropriate leadership if leaving the church.

My Commitment to Evangel Temple Assembly of God

I have read the Evangel Temple membership covenant and commit to participate in this mission as a diligent, faithful, disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. If at any time I deviate from the standards listed in scripture and above I understand I will be deemed a member not in good standing and potentially have my membership revoked.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Date

*Any alteration made to this membership covenant will be considered void.

*This membership covenant is non-transferable