



MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, and desiring to be in complete fellowship and agreement with the local body of Christ known as the Ankeny Free Church, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Ankeny Free Church Family. In so doing, I commit myself to God and to the other members of this church to do the following:

1. I will protect the unity of my church

- By acting in love toward other members
- By refusing to gossip
- By following the leaders

*Let us make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. Romans 14:19
Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. 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, that it may benefit those who listen. 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 of no advantage to you. Hebrews 13:17*

2. I will share the responsibility of my church

- By praying for its growth
- By inviting the unchurched to attend
- By warmly welcoming those who visit

*We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. 1 Thessalonians 1:2
Then the master told his servant, go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full. Luke 14:23
Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.
Romans 15:7*

3. I will serve in the ministry of my church

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

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13

4. I will support the testimony of my church

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

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:25

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel. Philippians 1

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income (for the offering). 1 Corinthians 16:2