

# Membership Covenant

## **What is expected of me as a member?**

*At St. Paul we never ask our members to do more than the Bible clearly teaches.*

*We only expect our members to do what the Bible expects Christians to do.*

*These responsibilities are spelled out in the Membership Covenant:*

## **THE ST. PAUL MEMBERSHIP COVENANT:**

“Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with St. Paul’s statements, strategy and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the St. Paul church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members 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

*“Have a sincere love for your fellow believers; love one another earnestly with all your hearts.”*

I Peter 1:22

### **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

*“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

*“So warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you, then God will be glorified.”*

Romans 15:7

**3. I will serve the ministry of my church...By discovering my gifts and talents**

...By being equipped to serve by my pastors

...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

**4. I will support the testimony of my church...By attending faithfully**

...By living a godly life

...By giving regularly

*"Each of you should look not only to your own interest, but also to the interest 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

*"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another."*

Hebrews 10:25

*"Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in preparation to what you have earned and use it for the offering."*

I Corinthians 16:2