

The Shepherd's Fellowship

Dear Friend,

I just wanted to take a moment and thank you for taking a closer look at membership within The Shepherd's Fellowship. While we know that The Fellowship asks for a commitment from those in Covenant Relationship, we feel we only ask what the Scriptures ask from us in our Christian walks.

It is our goal to assist you in any way we can to achieve a powerful, personal relationship with the living Lord in a way many have yet dared to realize.

We are also encouraged that you are looking at entering Covenant Relationship with our family here at The Fellowship. However, if you find that Covenant Relationship is not for you at this time, we pray you feel comfortable still worshipping and growing with us as you continue to prayerfully consider this choice.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me or fill out the attached sheet and I will touch base with you.

Blessings,

Thomas L Hypes

Pastor

Tell Me about Covenant Relationships....

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Covenant Relationship

We consider all members of God's family as our sisters and brothers in Christ. At the same time, there are those who wish to enter into Covenant Relationship with our church family to have that identity of commitment from the church to them and they to the church.

We ask those who wish to be in Covenant Relationship with our fellowship to take the following steps:

- Receive Jesus Christ as your Lord (Leader)& Savior (Forgiver)
- Be Baptized in water (if not already done) as an expression of faith
- Participate/ Attend our regular Sunday morning services and one other supplemental group
- Affirm the following statement of commitment :

I will protect the unity of my church by acting in love toward others, by refusing to gossip, and by following the church leadership.

I will share the responsibility of my church by praying for its growth, by inviting the unchurched to attend, and by warmly welcoming those who visit.

I will serve the ministry of my church by developing a servant's heart, by discovering my gifts and talents, and to better equip myself for Christian service.

I will support the testimony of my church by attending faithfully, by living a godly life at home and/or work, and by giving regularly of my time, resources, and financial support.

We Believe....

- The Holy Scriptures, as originally given by God, are divinely inspired, and are the final written authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- There is one God who is spoken of in the Bible as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, expressing His triune nature
- In our Lord Jesus Christ (God manifested in the flesh), His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His death on the cross for our sins, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, and His personal return in power and glory
- Our salvation from a lost and sinful condition is by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose shed blood provides forgiveness for our sins
- In the Holy Spirit, who draws us to Christ imparts to us a new nature that desires godliness, empowers us to witness, and manifests numerous gifts for the edification of the church and the evangelization of the world.
- That because of the new life we have received in Christ, and as an act of obedience to Him, each believer should be baptized in water and in the Holy Spirit
- The church is comprised of people who are committed to Christ, and it is God's intention for us to dwell in unity
- There will be a resurrection of all people, both believers in Christ and unbelievers, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting punishment
- The work of the church is to extend the kingdom of God throughout the world by preaching the gospel, healing the sick, delivering the spirituality oppressed, and establishing the rule of God in every area of life.

I'm Interested, What Now?

To get more information about Covenant Relationships, fill out the below communication card and place it in the offering as it is passed during the Sunday morning service.

We envision a church in which every person is a minister.

Covenant Relationship Interest Card

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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____ I would like to meet with someone for more information on Covenant Relationships

____ I would like to enter into Covenant Relationship with The Shepherd's Fellowship

You can also hear more about these relationship with the "Covenant Community" podcast on our web-site at www.theshepherdsfellowship.org