

# Membership Commitment

This membership commitment is intended to do two things. The first is to simply and clearly articulate what the Bible says about being a healthy member of the body of Christ. As disciples of Jesus who live under the goodness of the gospel, we understand that our lives are marked by progress, not perfection. This document is not meant to be a standard by which we are measured, but rather an articulation of the kind of believers we desire to be. As such this document is intended to be a tool for your own growth as a disciple of Jesus, not simply paperwork to be filed.

The second purpose of this commitment is to provide a way for you to express your desire to be a healthy member of Mountain View Community Church specifically. This commitment is voluntary, and creates a body of believers who desire to live in the kind of community defined by these principles. By aligning with this local church, you are expressing your agreement with its doctrine and your commitment to its people.

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I trust in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, and have professed my faith through baptism. I joyfully acknowledge that God calls me to:

- Submit to the Scriptures as the ultimate authority on all issues.  
(2 Timothy 3:16, Colossians 3:16, 1 Peter 1:22-2:2, 2 Peter 1:20-21)
- Pursue holiness in all areas of life as an act of worship to the Lord.  
(Ephesians 4:1, John 15:8, Romans 6:13, 2 Corinthians 7:1)
- Regularly attend Sunday services and devote myself to church community.  
(Hebrews 10:25, Colossians 3:12-17, Romans 12:3-21, Acts 2:41-47)
- Actively develop relationships with those who don't know Christ and regularly share the gospel.  
(2 Corinthians 5:19-20, Matthew 5:13-16, 28:18-20, Romans 10:13-15)
- Financially support the work of the church through cheerful and sacrificial giving.  
(2 Corinthians 9:7, Galatians 6:6, 1 Corinthians 9:9-14, Hebrews 13:16)
- Develop and use my gifts for ministry in the church.  
(Ephesians 4:11-12, Romans 12:3-8, 1 Corinthians 12)
- Participate in and submit to the process of corrective church discipline when necessary.  
(Galatians 6:1-4, Matthew 18:15-17, 1 Corinthians 5:1-5)
- Submit to the pastors and other appointed leaders of the church as they seek to shepherd my soul.  
(Acts 20:28, 1 Peter 5:1-5, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)
- Be diligent to preserve unity and peace within the church.  
(Ephesians 4:2-3, Philippians 2:1-3, Romans 14:19)
- I have completed the Biblical Distinctives class and I align with the theology and practices of MVCC. I have discussed any minor disagreements with a pastor and have concluded that they do not prevent me from pursuing membership.

I believe that I am accountable to God to be, by His grace, a healthy member of His church. I also believe He has called me to commit to, and be accountable to, a community of believers in a local church, and as such I express my commitment to the body of believers at Mountain View Community Church.

If I leave Mountain View Community Church, I will inform its pastors and will seek another church in which I can be a healthy member.

I understand that this commitment is assumed to be in place until December 31, 2026. At that time I will be asked to re-sign my commitment on a two-year cycle.

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First and Last Name

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Signature