

Parkview Baptist Church Membership Covenant

Having, as I trust, been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, and to give up myself to Him, and having been baptized upon my profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, I do now, in the presence of God, most solemnly and joyfully enter into a covenant with the members of Parkview Baptist Church as one body in Christ Jesus. As a part of this local body of believers, I commit, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to:

- ***Seek to glorify God in all that I think, say and do***

“Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.” -Colossians 3:17 NASB

- ***Receive instruction and strive to live by the inspired, infallible and inerrant Word of God***

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.” -2 Timothy 3:16 NASB (see also Romans 12:1-2)

- ***Help promote and maintain unity in the body of Christ***

“Therefore I, the prisoner for the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” -Ephesians 4:1-3 NASB (see also John 13:34-45 and Romans 15:5-6)

- ***Fully understand the spiritual gift(s) God has given me and exercise them consistently***

“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” -1 Peter 4:10-11 NASB (see also Romans 12:3-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:4-31)

- ***Be a faithful steward of my time, talents and treasures***

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” -Matthew 6:19-21 NASB (see also Malachi 3:8-12; Matthew 25:14-29; Luke 12:13-34)

- ***Grow in the grace and knowledge of my Lord Jesus Christ; daily denying myself, taking up my cross and following Him***

“And He was saying to them all, ‘If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in His glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But I say to you truthfully, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.” -Luke 9:23-27 NASB (see also Galatians 2:20 and 1 Peter 2:1-3)

- ***Take an active role in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ***

“And Jesus came up and spoke to them saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” -Matthew 28:18-20 NASB (see also Acts 1:8; Romans 1:16-17; Romans 10:14-15)

While my ultimate covenant is with God Almighty, through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, sealed with and empowered by the Holy Spirit who lives within me, I recognize that this church covenant is in place to encourage me to strive to live out the biblical principles mentioned above, and if I should ever fall short of striving to live out those principles, I will welcome any necessary accountability (see Matthew 18:15-17; Galatians 6:1-2) that will help keep me in the center of God’s will.

The Parkview Pillars

“Be all God wants you to Be by loving Him with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and by loving your neighbor as yourself,” is a motto the members of Parkview have adopted representing what we are striving for as a church. By loving God and loving others, every member is putting into practice the greatest two commandments in the Bible. However, in order to “be all God wants us to be” as a church, Parkview has also adopted a strategy known as “The Parkview Pillars”. These pillars give support to the internal ministries (who we are) and external mission (what we do) of the church. The Parkview Pillars are listed below with supporting opportunities that will help Parkview become a place “where every member is ministered to and every member is a minister”.

▣ **MEMBERSHIP**

† **Parkview’s ‘Membership Matters’ Class.** This class simply allows prospective members to hear more about “who we are” and “what we do” at Parkview before they decide if this is where they want to place their membership. **(all candidates for membership need to attend this one hour membership class)**

† **Parkview 101.** This is Parkview’s official five week membership class, for any new or existing members. This class offers an extensive opportunity for members to truly get an in-depth perspective on some of the more important aspects of the church, covering subjects like: What we believe and How we operate. Along with that, members will also go through P.L.A.C.E. and be able to discover their spiritual gifts, personality type, abilities, and passion for ministry.

▣ **MATURITY**

† **Sunday School.** Parkview has a diverse, strong and growing Sunday School. Every member is encouraged to find a Sunday School class and become an active part of it.

† **24/7 Discipleship.** On Sunday evenings in the Fall and Spring, Parkview offers a discipleship program for youth and adults called 24/7. In this program, every member has opportunities to sign-up for different classes each semester in the following categories: Introduction to Parkview Studies; Basic Theology Studies; Bible Studies; Life Studies; Evangelism/Missions Studies; and Advanced Studies.

† **Acts 1:8 Kids.** On Sunday evenings in the Fall and Spring, Parkview offers a missions-discipleship program for children. This program helps our children to develop a heart for the entire world, according to Acts 1:8 (Jerusalem {Tulsa}, Judea {Oklahoma}, Samaria {North America} and the Ends of the Earth {International Missions}).

▣ **MINISTRY**

† **P.L.A.C.E.** Parkview’s official tool for helping “every member become a minister” is through a program called P.L.A.C.E. Ministries. This tool allows every member with the opportunity to have a comprehensive profile that allows them to: Understand their Personality type, Learn their spiritual gift(s), discover their Abilities, Connect their passion with ministry and apply their Experiences of life.

† **Ministry Teams.** As a part of our ministry strategy, every member is encouraged to serve on a ministry team. Ministry teams exist to help us reach out and serve our surrounding community. While this is accomplished in a number of ways, here are a few examples of recent ministry: Acts of Kindness Weekends, SALK and KEY Elementary service projects, Mentoring programs, Cookie bouquets to teachers, etc.

▣ **MISSION**

† **Acts 1:8 Missions Model.** Parkview is an official Acts 1:8 church. This means that all of our missions efforts will be balanced according to Acts 1:8. We will be witnesses in Jerusalem (Tulsa), Judea (Oklahoma), Samaria (North America) and the Ends of the Earth (International Missions).

† **Ministry Zones.** Parkview has officially adopted 2 ministry zones: SALK and KEY Elementary. Every member is encouraged to help us have a ministry presence in both of these areas by reaching out to: Administration/Faculty; Students; Parents; and Neighborhood.