

MEMBER COVENANT

VINE AND BRANCH COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Church of Jesus Christ consists of all people, throughout all time, and all the world, who have been called into relationship with God the Father by Grace through faith in the perfect life, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Having responded to this call and trusting in God's work on their behalf, God's people have therefore been rescued from their sinful and helpless condition and are filled with the promised Holy Spirit, who enables them to be sanctified through the Word of God and carry his message to others in both word and action.

At Vine and Branch Community Church, we are a local gathering of this universal church that is unified around The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and His mission of making disciples. Together, we strive to follow the teachings of God's Word and imitate the life and example set forth for us in Jesus. In particular, we find unity and encouragement in holding to three core values and expressing them through the way we live together:

| Core Values | Expression of our Values |
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| Supremacy of Jesus Christ | Living out Generous Grace |
| Authority of the Word | Harmony in the Absolutes |
| Redemptive Community | Intentional Discipleship |

Therefore, having been led by the Holy Spirit to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the public confession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, solemnly and joyfully endeavor exalt Christ as supreme, Glorify God through our lives and community, and to keep the spirit of this covenant as one body in Christ.

We purpose, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and love; to promote its fruitfulness and spirituality; to attend its services regularly; to sustain its worship, ordinances, and doctrines; to submit to its discipline and the authority of its officers; to give it a sacred preeminence over all institutions of human origin; to give faithfully of time and talent in its activities; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us, to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, to the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel throughout all nations.

We also purpose to maintain family and private devotion to the Lord; to train our children according to the Word of God; to seek the salvation of our family and neighbors to walk carefully in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our conduct; to abstain from all activities, habits, and lifestyles that dishonor our Lord Jesus Christ, cause stumbling to a fellow believer, or hinder the gospel witness; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the cause of Christ, our Savior, and to give Him preeminence in all things.

We further purpose to encourage one another in the blessed hope of our Lord's return; to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feelings and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation.

We moreover purpose that if we leave the Vine & Branch Community we will as soon as possible unite with another church of like faith where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

Name (Printed + Signature) _____ Date _____

In addition to the above statements, we affirm and support the VBCC Doctrinal Statement; The Apostle's Creed; The Nicene Creed; The Gospel of Jesus Christ – An Evangelical Celebration; and The Chicago Statement of Biblical Inerrancy.