

Redeemer Church of Abilene Church Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior, experienced a believer's baptism by immersion, and abiding by the Statement of Faith of the church, I resolve to unite with the Redeemer Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and covenant with the other members to do the following:

1. I will protect the unity of my church.
 - a. By acting in love toward other members, resolving conflicts in a biblical way.
 - b. By striving for holiness and spiritual growth.
 - c. By refusing to gossip.
 - d. By following the church leadership.

Romans 14:19; 1 Peter 1:22; Ephesians 4:13-16; Ephesians 4:29; Hebrews 13:17

2. I will share the responsibility of my church.
 - a. By praying for its health and growth.
 - b. By praying for other members.
 - c. By inviting others to attend and warmly welcoming all who attend.
 - d. By giving regularly and faithfully.

1 Thessalonians 1:2; Luke 14:23; Romans 15:7; Matthew 6:19-21; 1 Corinthians 16:2

3. I will serve in the ministry of my church.
 - a. By seeking to discover my gifts and talents.
 - b. By being equipped to serve by my church leadership.
 - c. By developing a servant's heart.
 - d. By attending regularly and faithfully.

1 Peter 4:10; Ephesians 4:11-12; Philippians 4:11-12; Hebrews 10:24-25

4. I will support the mission of my church.
 - a. By sharing the gospel in my community.
 - b. By supporting missions through praying, giving, and when possible, going.
 - c. By uniting with some other church, as soon as possible, when I remove from this place, so that I may carry out the spirit of this covenant.
 - d. By abiding by the strategy, Constitution and Bylaws of my church including the church disciplinary process.

Matthew 28:19-20; Matthew 24:14; Mark 8:34

Signature

Date

Becoming a Member of Redeemer Church of Abilene¹

Qualifications

To qualify for membership in this church, a person must be a believer in Jesus Christ who gives evidence of regeneration, who has been baptized in obedience to Christ, following his or her regeneration, and who wholeheartedly believes in the Christian faith as revealed in the Bible. Each member must agree to submit to the teaching of Scripture as expressed in the Statement of Faith and must promise to keep the commitments expressed in the Church Covenant. The elders shall be responsible for determining each person's qualification for membership. In making this determination, they may rely on a person's profession of faith, or such other evidence as the elders deem appropriate.

Admission

To be admitted into church membership, applicants shall be recommended by the elders for admission and accepted by a three-fourths majority vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting of the members. Upon admission, all applicants, except for applicants for associate membership, shall relinquish their membership in any other churches.

Duties and Privileges

In accordance with the duties enumerated in the Church Covenant, each member shall be privileged and expected to participate in and contribute to the ministry and life of the church, consistent with God's leading and with the gifts, time, and material resources each has received from God. Only members shall be entitled to serve in the ministries of the church; non-members may serve on an ad hoc basis with the approval of the elders. Nevertheless, non-members may serve the church for purposes of administration and professional consultation.

Under Christ, this congregation is led by elders who are held accountable by its members. Therefore, it is the privilege and responsibility of members to attend members' meetings and vote on such matters as may be submitted to a vote.

Members are expected to be in voluntary submission to the doctrinal position of the church and the elders as those elders carry out the functions of their office.

Members are responsible to abide by the consensus of the church body regarding matters of faith and practice as expressed in the Constitution and Bylaws and agree to submit to the policies and procedures duly developed in support of the Constitution and Bylaws.

¹ Taken from the Constitution of Redeemer Church of Abilene, Article 1.