

STEWARDSHIP COVENANT

Members have RIGHTS. Stewards take RESPONSIBILITY.

What is stewardship?

Typically a church will have a membership process where people “join” the church and then are considered members. However, traditionally becoming a member usually means now you have certain rights instead of responsibilities to build up the church. We want to be clear not only about why our church exists, but communicate that we all have and take responsibility to “steward” the church. Our church belongs to Jesus and as stewards, we are responsible for the health and growth of the church until Jesus returns.

Why a covenant?

A biblical covenant is an agreement found in the Bible between God and His people in which God makes certain promises and requires certain behavior from His people in return. For us, it is a statement of agreement between the church and steward, in which we will first believe and second live out these biblical values.

Revolution Church’s responsibility to its Stewards

As shepherds and overseers of a local church, elders are entrusted with protecting, leading, equipping, and caring for the church body and the individual stewards. It is the role of the elders to lead the church to function as a biblical body where the gospel is being preached, relational community is formed, and obedience to Scripture is being modeled and taught. This allows the fruit of the Spirit to grow, the body to be equipped to do the work of ministry, and disciples to be reproduced.

We covenant with you:

Gospel

- As elders and staff, to meet the criteria assigned for us in the Bible and to seek God’s will for our church community as we study Scripture and follow the Spirit (1 Timothy 3:1-13, 5:17-22; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4).
- To preach the Gospel of Jesus and to build the church under His authority (Matthew 28:16-20).

Relationships

- To provide care for you and encourage your growth as a follower of Jesus, by involving you in gospel community and praying for you regularly (Acts 2:42-47).
- To exercise church discipline when necessary (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5; Galatians 6:1).

Obedience

- To provide teaching and counsel from all of Scripture and to be on guard against false teachers (Acts 20:27-28; Galatians 6:6).
- To provide avenues/resources for you to grow in your personal disciplines (1 Timothy 4:7b-8; 2 Timothy 2). Spiritual Disciplines → Intimacy → Christ-likeness

Works

- To set an example and join you in fulfilling the duties of church stewards (Philippians 3:17; 1 Timothy 4:12).
- To provide opportunities and training for leadership and missional lifestyle (Ephesians 2:10, 4:11-13; Acts 6:1-7).

What does this mean for you as a Steward?

It means that you are covenanting with our church to live out these values in your life.

Stewards' Responsibility to Revolution Church

Stewardship is about more than attending church meetings. Stewards who enter into a covenant with us are called to a higher degree of accountability, responsibility, service and sacrifice. By becoming a Steward, you are a part of a spiritual family and will work to protect and build up that family. You are committing to value what we value as a church by protecting the unity of our church and by living these values publicly in your life. In short, you are now responsible for Revolution Church.

You covenant with us:

Gospel

- To love and trust Jesus alone for salvation and to live out the Gospel (Matt 22:37-40)
- To believe what the Bible says about you, sin and salvation (Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23)
- To trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation (John 14:6; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
- To be or that you have been biblically baptized (Acts 2:40-41)
- To prioritize attendance at weekend services (Hebrews 10:23-25)

Relationships

- To live out your faith in gospel community with believers in the church (Acts 2:42-47)
- To seek unity in our church by supporting the vision and elders (Hebrews 13:17)
- To seek accountability through relationships and groups in the church (Hebrews 10:23-25)
- To follow biblical guidelines in regard to relationships (Matthew 18:15-20)
- To build your family on the truth of Jesus and the Bible (Deuteronomy 6; Ephesians 6:1-4)
- To embrace a biblical concept of marriage between one man and one woman (Genesis 2:18-25; Ephesians 5:22-33)

Obedience

- To submit to becoming like Jesus by seeking and obeying Him (Ephesians 4:21-23)
- To submit to the authority of Scripture as the final judge in your life (2 Timothy 3:14-17)
- To be a steward of His resources; this includes regular tithing and sacrificial giving (Matthew 25:14-30; 2 Corinthians 8-9)
- To confess and repent of sin to God and to others (James 5:16; 1 John 1:6-10)
- To pursue Jesus through Bible reading, prayer and spiritual disciplines (Ephesians 5:1-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22; 1 Timothy 4:7b-8) Spiritual Disciplines → Intimacy → Christ-likeness

Works

- To join Jesus in His mission to serve and save people through the church (Acts 1:8)
- To believe the Holy Spirit gifted you to build the church (1 Corinthians 12:7-11)
- To pursue your giftedness and calling in life (Romans 12:5-8)
- To serve in your giftedness in order to build up the church (1 Corinthians 14:12)
- To do the work of an evangelist by telling others about Jesus and inviting them to church (2 Tim. 4:5)

Your commitment to the mission and vision of Revolution Church: "I agree with the stated vision of Revolution Church and commit to live out these values as a steward. I understand this covenant obligates me as a steward of Revolution Church and is an acknowledgement of my submission to the elders of the church. I accept the responsibility to notify the leadership of Revolution Church if at any time I can no longer fulfill this covenant."

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Print Name: _____