



## Valley Mills Christian Church Membership Covenant

I will **PROTECT THE UNITY** of our church by acting in love toward other members, by refusing to gossip, and by following the leaders. *Romans 15:5-7*

I will **SHARE IN THE RESPONSIBILITY** of our church by praying for its growth, inviting the unchurched to attend, and by warmly welcoming those who attend. *Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 14:23*

I will **SERVE THE MINISTRY** of our church by discovering my spiritual gifts and talents and using them with a servant's heart.  
*1 Peter 4:10-11*

I will **SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY** of our church by attending faithfully, living a Godly life, and by giving a portion of my finances regularly.  
*Hebrews 10:25, 1 Corinthians 16:2, Luke 6:38*

*"As an immersed believer in Jesus Christ, I acknowledge my desire to be a part of the Valley Mills Christian Church, and also agree to honor the expectations of the Membership Covenant."*

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## **What Do We Believe?**

### **CORE BELIEFS**

**The Bible** – We believe that the Bible is God’s Word. It was written by men who were inspired by God and led by His Spirit. Therefore, it is accurate, authoritative, and applicable to our every day lives. (2 Timothy 3:14-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21)

**God** – We believe that there is only one eternal God who is the Creator of all things. He exists in three distinct persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10-11, Luke 3:21-22)

**Jesus** – We believe that Jesus is the one and only Son of God. He was with God at the beginning and was born into this world through the Virgin Mary. He is both God and man. Because of His sinlessness and sacrificial death on the cross, He is the only one who can reconcile us to God, and assures us victory in this life. (John 1:1-2, 14; Philippians 2:5-8; Luke 1:26-38; Hebrews 7:26; Acts 2:22-24; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Acts 1:9-11)

**The Holy Spirit** – We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every Christian and provides the power for living a life that pleases God. We also believe that the Spirit gives gifts accordingly so that the body of Christ might be built up into full maturity. (John 14:25-26; John 16:12-15; Acts 1:4, 8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13; Ephesians 5:18)

**Mankind** – We believe that all people are created in the image of God to have fellowship with Him but because of their sin and rebellion they became alienated from God. Therefore, a person is incapable of regaining a right relationship with God through his or her own effort alone. (Genesis 1:27; Romans 3:23; Galatians 3:22; Ephesians 2:8-9)

**Salvation** – We believe that the blood of Jesus Christ provides the sole basis for the forgiveness of sin. Therefore, only those who truly place their faith in Jesus' sacrifice on the cross will be saved. Salvation is a free gift and cannot be earned. Those who trust in Jesus Christ are to repent of their sins, confess their belief in Him, and follow the Lord in Christian baptism (immersion). (John 3:16; Romans 10:13-15; Galatians 3:26-27; Acts 2:37-38; Acts 22:16; Matthew 28:19-20)

**The Christian Life** – We believe that all Christians should live for Christ and not for themselves. By obeying God's commands as found in the Bible and by yielding daily to the Spirit of God, every believer should mature and be conformed to the likeness of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:20-26; 2:1-7; John 14:23-24; Romans 12:1-3)

**Eternity** – We believe that those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ will live eternally with God (heaven), and that those who have not placed their faith in Jesus will live eternally without God (hell). (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Revelation 19:20; 20:1-15; 21:8)

**The Church** – We believe that the church is the body of Christ, of which Jesus Christ is the head. The purpose of the church is to glorify God by loving Him and by making Him known to the lost world. We gather each Lord's Day, as did the early church for the purposes of study, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer. We also live out our faith during the week that God may be glorified and people may see Christ in us. (Acts 2:42-47; Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 20:7)