



MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

A church covenant is a way we agree, as a church, to live together.
Burnt Hickory asks that each member strive to build up the body of Christ by:

PROTECTING | SHARING | SERVING | SUPPORTING

1. I will **PROTECT** the unity of my church

› by acting in love toward other members

So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together. (Romans 15:10)

Live in complete harmony with each other—each with the attitude of Christ toward each other. (Romans 15:5)

› by refusing to gossip

Have a sincere love for your fellow believers, love one another earnestly with all your hearts. (1 Peter 1:22)

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of our mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs... (Ephesians 4:29)

› by following spiritual leadership

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you. (Hebrews 13:17)

2. I will **SHARE** the responsibility of my church

› by praying for its health and growth

So, warmly welcome each other into the church... we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly. (1 Thessalonians 1:2)

› by inviting the unchurched to attend

Go out into the country... and urge anyone you find to come in, so that My House will be full. (Luke 14:23)

› by warmly welcoming those who visit

As Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified. (Romans 15:7)

3. I will **SERVE** the ministry of my church

› by becoming involved in a LifeGroup

Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you... (1 Peter 4:10)

› by discovering my gifts and talents

God gave... some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up... (Ephesians 4:11–12)

› by developing a servant's heart for ministry

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ... who took on the very nature of a servant... (Philippians 2:3–4, 7)

4. I will **SUPPORT** the testimony of my church

› by attending faithfully

Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another. (Hebrews 10:25)

A tenth of all you produce is the Lord's, and it is holy. (Leviticus 27:30)

› by living a godly life

Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering. (1 Corinthians 16:2)

› by giving regularly

But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ. (Philippians 1:27)