



FAITH

COMMUNITY CHURCH



TO GOD BE THE GLORY

WHAT IS CHURCH COMMITMENT?

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Biblical and Theological Concept

The Bible tells us that those who have accepted Jesus Christ as both Savior and Lord, and who have received salvation by grace through faith in Him alone become members of Christ's body (1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 1:22-23), the church universal. However, this universal body is expressed in specific, visible, local congregations. Acts 2:40-47 describes the activities of a committed body of believers. It tells us that the church must be committed to worshipping God through Biblical doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread (communion), prayer, baptism, praising God, and mutual assistance for one another. The Bible also tells us that the church is to care for and be overseen by Biblically qualified, spiritually mature Pastors. (1 Timothy 3:1-8; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4).

Purpose and Goal

The goal of "Church Commitment" is to be Biblical by holding each other up in Christian responsibility and love. By identifying ourselves with a particular church family, we make it known that attendance in corporate worship, giving, praying for the church, mutual accountability and encouragement, and service are a vital part of the Christian life. The "together" and "one another" passages in the Bible show us these truths. If the church is a building, then we must be the bricks in it; if the church is a body, then we are its members; if the church is a household of faith, then we must be a functioning part of that household. As believers we are called to make a living commitment to each other, as we are all committed together to Christ.

Church commitment will help give shape and focus to the spiritual maturity of this local body of believers. This will help the believer to serve Christ to the very end of his life so he will hear those wonderful words when he stands before the Lord, "Well done good and faithful servant." Church commitment will make it more difficult for weaker believers to go astray, and it will also be a clear witness to non-Christians and to the watching world that we are committed to Christ, to His Word, and to His children. In the end, Church

commitment will help us to serve one another in love for the glory of God, and to travel together as aliens and strangers in this world as we head toward our heavenly home.

Church Commitment

Having received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior by His grace through faith, and having been baptized (immersed) in water as a testimony of that faith, I make this commitment to unite with the body of believers at Faith Community Church.

I now commit to the following:

I will uphold and support the purpose of Faith Community Church which is to glorify God and present to Him a pure, deep, and reaching church. (2 Corinthians 11:2; Hebrews 6:1; Matthew 28:19-20) I will uphold and support the Biblical doctrines of Faith Community Church as stated in the Statement of Faith. (Acts 2:42; 1 Timothy 4:6)

I will uphold and support the testimony of Faith Community Church by attending services faithfully, by growing in my relationship with the Lord, and by practicing Godly stewardship. (Hebrews 10:25; Philippians 1:27; 1 Corinthians 16:2)

I will uphold and support the ministry of Faith Community Church by discovering and using my spiritual gifts and talents for the glory of God. (Romans 12:6-8; 1 Peter 4:10)

I will uphold and protect the unity of Faith Community Church by showing love, forgiveness, and support to the congregation and its leadership. (Romans 15:5; Ephesians 4:29; 1 Peter 1:22; Hebrews 13:17)

I will uphold and support Faith Community Church by constantly and persistently praying for the people, its leaders, and its ministries. (Ephesians 6:18-20; 2 Thessalonians 3:1)

As you make these commitments to this church body, please know that the leadership at Faith Community Church is also making a commitment to you which is a responsibility given by God that we take very seriously. Because of this responsibility, as spiritual shepherds of God's flock we commit to leading, feeding, nurturing, comforting, correcting, and protecting you as a child of God under our spiritual care. May God give us all the grace and the strength to keep these commitments for His glory until we arrive safely home.

As you consider making a commitment to Faith Community Church, please be sure to read our doctrinal and vision statements.

Please contact Pastor Jon Kile at the church office (707) 451-2026 if you have any questions about church commitment. You may fill out the Church Commitment form, and drop it in the offering box on Sunday, or mail it to the church office at the address below.

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25