



# Our Six Covenants

“PRAY we will be the RESCUE ship God wants us to be to touch our COMMUNITY and the world”



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## The Community at Lake Ridge Our Six Covenant Commitments

At The Community at Lake Ridge HEALTH is our goal. Our covenants we commit to seek to help encourage health in our members and our body.

Below are the six commitments we ask all members to make that revolve around three key relationships.

### **Intimacy With God...**

#### **1. PURSUE** a growing relationship with God

*I will pursue a growing relationship with God through private and public worship and will live out my faith at home first.*

*Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. Matthew 22:37-38*

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual<sup>[a]</sup> act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:1-2*

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#### **2. GIVE** in a God-honoring way

*I will give in a God-honoring way faithfully and regularly to my church.*

*On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. 1 Corinthians 16:2*

*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7*

*Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. Matthew 23:23*

*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.*

*Malachi 3:10*

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## **Community With Insiders...**

### **3. LIVE in biblical community**

*I will learn to do life connected with other believers through a community group and ministry teams.*

*Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Hebrews 10:25

**42** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43** Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. **44** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45** Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. **46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47

*Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: **10** If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! **11** Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? **12** Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.* Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

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### **4. SERVE through the ministry of the church**

*I will serve through the ministry of the church where needed and where gifted*

**11** It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, **12** to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up **13** until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.* 1 Peter 4:10

*The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. I Corinthians 12:12 (also see whole chapter)*

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### **5. PROTECT the unity of the church**

*I will protect the unity of the church by acting in love, refusing to gossip, following the leaders, and maintaining healthy relationships.*

**1** As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have

received. **2** Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. **3** Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. **4** There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— **5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism; Ephesians 4:1-5

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. Romans 14:19

If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over... Matthew 18:15

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

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 13:7

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## **Influence With Outsiders...**

### **6. INVEST & INVITE others to discover real life in Christ**

I will invest and invite others to discover real life in Christ by intentionally building relationships, sharing my story, sharing God's story, and inviting others to my church.

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup>"Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" <sup>30</sup>They came out of the town and made their way toward him. John 4:28-30

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:36-38

for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:13-15

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## **Our Covenant Commitments to Health and Partnership...**

By signing below I commit to be an involved and faithful member of The Community at Lake Ridge as stated above. I anticipate and look forward to my church family helping me, encouraging me, and holding me accountable to this pursuit.

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Signature

Date