

MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

ASBURY COMMITMENTS

PRAYER: Teach a variety of spiritual practices. Give access to tools to build your own spiritual disciplines. Provide pray support through a Prayer Team. Provide hospital visitation and pastoral care. Offer Grief Share opportunities.

PRESENCE: Invite you to participate in a variety of weekly worship services. Provide Holy Communion monthly. Baptisms, weddings, and funerals upon request.

GIFTS: Teach the benefits of a giving heart and to exercise responsible stewardship. Inform you about financial needs and budgeted projects.

SERVICE: Help you discover your spiritual gifts and how they may be used in ministry and mission opportunities. Provide a variety of opportunities to serve using different gifts.

WITNESS: Help people feel comfortable sharing their faith journey.

LEARN: Provide a variety of learning opportunities including Bible studies, classes, and affinity groups.

PLAY: Offer fun social events for all ages to connect. Create opportunities for members to share their stories and faith with one another. Support community opportunities to join with other faiths to better the area.

MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS

PRAYER: Develop a disciplined and growing prayer relationship with God.

PRESENCE: Strive toward weekly corporate worship

GIFTS: Commit to intentional proportional giving to the ministries of this congregation and to moving toward a tithe and beyond.

SERVICE: Serve in some ongoing way within the church and also in the local community.

WITNESS: Be an example, plant seeds, share your story.

LEARN: Participate regularly in a small group, Bible study, or ministry team that grows you in knowledge and understanding.

PLAY: Get to know other disciples by participating in social activities and events through the church. Invite non-members to join you and nurture those relationships on your own.



**The Discipleship
Pathway
My Growth as a Disciple**

***Seek God’s Light
Share God’s Love
Do God’s Will***

DISCIPLESHIP STATEMENTS:

A Disciple is a follower of Jesus in all areas (aspects) of life.

Discipleship is helping each other move toward a life that is daily centered on God.



The Discipleship Pathway – My Growth as a Disciple

Seek God's Light; Share God's Love; Do God's Will

	Ignoring (Stranger)	Exploring (Acquaintance)	Getting Started (Friends)	Going Deeper (Good Friends)	Centering (Intimate Friend)
	I don't know if I believe in God – I may believe in God but don't need a faith community.	I believe in God, but not sure about Jesus & the church. My faith is not a significant part of my life.	I believe in Jesus and am working to understand what it means to follow Jesus. I am participating in the life of the church.	My relationship with Jesus makes a difference in how I live my life. I am discovering how my life can make God's love real in the world.	Following Jesus is the most important thing in my life. God is Everything! My life is daily centered on God.
<u>Prayer</u>	May or may not pray.	Will pray when something “bad” happens. May pray at special meals (i.e. Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter), or at night before going to bed.	Informal prayers. Prayers in worship. Devotions – Learning how to pray.	Prays daily with emphasis on praise, confession, thanksgiving and requests. Conversational prayer. Willing to pray out loud in a group setting.	Accountability – Small group, discipleship coaching, prayer partner, fasting. Comfortable praying out loud in a group setting.
<u>Presence</u>	May attend worship when required or expected to. May look at online services.	Attends worship occasionally. May attend Christmas and Easter services.	Frequently attends worship either in house or online. Familiar with elements of corporate worship and Communion.	Participates weekly in corporate worship; in person when possible. Serves in a worship role (i.e. Welcome Team, Scripture Reader, Music)	Consistent attendance. 90% level – No more than 5 absences a year. Experiences the significance and power of corporate worship and Communion.
<u>Gifts</u>	May or may not give at all. If giving it will be minimum when in worship. (May not give at all since the plate isn't passed & no one would know if they gave or not.)	Will give a dollar or two when attending. (May not give at all since the plate isn't passed & no one would know if they gave or not.)	Regular giving.	Intentional giving with the goal of reaching a 10% tithe. Shares spiritual gifts.	Shares spiritual gifts and equips others to serve the church and the community. Moves beyond a tithe (sacrificial generosity).
<u>Service</u>	Might join a friend to help on a project where <u>lots</u> of people would attend (i.e., Zip Code Day).	Might join a friend to help with a project.	Discovers how God has gifted us for service (spiritual gifts).	Committed to using spiritual gifts to serve this community.	Committed to using spiritual gifts to serve the community. Helps equip others to serve.
<u>Witness</u>		Explores questions about Jesus and God with others. May be a “good person” doing “good things” without connection to God but wants to do or know more.	Begins to build relationships within the body of Christ. Begins to learn how to share their story.	Begins to have relationships with those outside of the church & shares their faith journey with others.	Helps others to share their story and is an example of a life centered on God.
<u>Learn</u>	Learns only through the sermon. Not attending small group or reading scriptures.	May decide to check out a small group or read scripture pastor spoke about. May listen to Christian radio or podcasts.	In a small group. Bible reading and reflection daily.	Small group participation for accountability, fellowship, Bible study, service, and prayer. Attends Christian regional events (i.e. Iron Sharpens Iron, Praise on the River, Christian concerts, Leadership Conferences). Interested in attending a Walk to Emmaus.	Daily Bible reading. Daily Bible reflection. Leads a small group or is involved in one. Has a spiritual mentor/partner/friend.
<u>Play</u>	Might join a social activity which interests them and would be non-threatening (i.e. bike ride, walk, etc.)	Might join a social activity which has a nominal church connection (i.e. Fall-o-ween, Garden Ministry)	Gets to know other disciples by participating in social activities and events through the church. (i.e. Starry Night)	Invites others to join in social activities and events through the church. Builds relationships outside the church and shares faith journey.	Organizes and attends social events through the church and nurture those relationships on their own.

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