



We exist to see a greater worship of Jesus through declaring and displaying the gospel

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

In signing this membership covenant with The King's Church, I affirm:

I am a Christian, having passed from death to life by faith in my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I am saved by grace through faith and not by any works of my own (John 5:24, Rom. 3:23-24, Eph. 2:8-9).

In obedience to Christ, I have been baptized to publicly identify with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Rom. 6:3-4, Col. 2:12, Acts 8:36-38).

I am in agreement with the Core Beliefs of The King's Church expressed below, and will submit to and seek unity in accordance with the Statement of Faith and the Theological Distinctives of The King's Church (*found on our website: [thekingschurchlakeland.com](http://thekingschurchlakeland.com)*).

### CORE BELIEFS

We believe in one God eternally existing as one essence and three distinct persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, each of whom is fully God, yet there is one God (Deut. 6:4, Gen. 1:1-2, John 1:1, 1:14, Acts 5:3-4, Matt. 28:18-20).

We believe that the sixty-six books of the Bible are the Word of God and the ultimate doctrinal authority on all matters (2 Tim. 3:14-17, 2 Pet. 1:19-21, Heb. 4:12, Isa. 40:6-8).

We believe that God created the world from nothing and rules, reigns, sustains, and governs all things at all times in all places (Gen. 1:1, Deut. 10:14, Ps. 24:1, Ps. 89:11, Col. 1:17, Heb. 1:3).

We believe that God has created human beings, male and female, in his image, and that all humans possess intrinsic worth, value, and dignity (Gen. 1:26-30, Gen. 9:6, Jas. 3:9).

We believe that Sin has fractured all things, leaving the world in desperate need for salvation and redemption (Gen. 3, Rom. 3:9-20, 23, 5:12-14, Eph. 2:1-3).

We believe that salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone (Gal. 2:20, 1 Pet. 2:24-25, Eph. 2:4-9, 1 Cor. 15:1-6, 2 Cor. 5:14-21).

We believe that the Church is comprised of those who have been born-again by God's grace into the body of Christ, sent into the world to shine forth the glory of God and to declare and display the good news of the gospel (1 Cor. 12:12-31, Matt. 28:18-20, 1 Peter 2:9-12, Acts 20:28, Eph. 2:11-22).

We believe that Jesus Christ is returning to the world to judge the living and the dead (Acts 17:30-31, 2 Tim. 4:1, Rev. 20-21).

### MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Being in agreement with the Confession of Faith and Core Beliefs, I hereby covenant, by the grace of God, to...

- Submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final arbiter on all issues (Ps. 119, 2 Tim. 3:14-17, 2 Pet. 1:19-21).
- Maintain a close relationship with the Lord Jesus through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and practice of spiritual disciplines. My relationship will be evident through my participation in regular corporate worship gatherings, communion, City Group, and a life that is marked by the mission and worship of Jesus (Rom. 12:1-2, 2 Cor. 5:17-21, Ps. 105:1-2, Ps. 119:97, Acts 2:42-47, Heb. 10:23-25, 2 Pet. 1:3).
- Voluntarily participate in community through stewarding and sacrificially investing my time, treasure, and talents, which have been given to me by God (Prov. 3:9-10, Rom. 12:1-2, Gal. 5:22-26, Eph. 4:1-16, 5:15-18, 2 Cor. 9:7).

- Strive to walk in holiness in all areas of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ. Disciples of Jesus should strive to put certain attitudes and actions to death through regular confession and repentance to God and others, while stirring and stimulating love and good deeds through the Spirit (1 Pet. 1:13-16, 4:1-3, Rom. 14:14-23).
- Practice complete chastity unless married, and if married, complete fidelity within heterosexual and monogamous marriage. Complete chastity and fidelity means, among other things, that regardless of my marital status, I will pursue purity and abstain from sexual immorality, such as adultery, premarital sex, homosexual practice, and pornography (Rom. 13:11-14, 1 Cor. 6:9-10, 1 Cor. 6:15-20, 10:8, Eph. 5:3, 1 Thess. 4:1-8, Heb. 13:4).
- Seek to preserve the covenant of marriage and agree to walk through the steps of marriage reconciliation at The King's Church before pursuing divorce from my spouse (Matt. 19:1-12, Mark 10:1-12, Luke 16, 1 Cor. 6, 1 Cor. 7:10-11).
- Submit and follow biblical procedures for church accountability in my relationships with my brothers and sisters in Christ at The King's Church by responding humbly and appropriately when biblically confronted, and by lovingly, graciously, and biblically confronting others who have fallen into sin, and to submit to authoritative counsel and accountability when appropriate (Ps. 141:5, Matt 18:15-17, 1 Cor. 5:1-5, 2 Cor. 2:5-8, Gal. 6:1-10, 1 Tim. 5:20, 2 Tim. 2:25, Titus 1:9, 3:10-11, Heb. 12:5-11, Rev. 2:5-7, 14-25).
- Take seriously the responsibility of Christian freedom, especially actions or situations that could present a stumbling block to another (1 Cor. 8:1-13, Rom. 14:13-23).
- Submit to the elders and other appointed leaders of the church and diligently strive for unity and peace within the church (Eph. 4:1-3, Heb. 13:17, 1 Pet. 5:5).
- Do the following should I seek to leave The King's Church for righteous reasons: to notify the elders of The King's Church, to pursue unity, peace, and harmony in existing relationships, and to seek another church with which I can carry out my biblical responsibilities as a believer.

## **COVENANT FROM THE ELDERS TO THE KING'S CHURCH**

**As shepherds, pastors, and overseers of The King's Church, the elders are entrusted with protecting, leading, equipping, and caring for the corporate church body and her individual members. The elders willfully covenant to:**

- Strive by the grace of God to consistently live above reproach in all areas of life, including marriage, family, maturity, reputation, and finances, consistently evidencing the Biblical qualifications for elders and overseers of the church (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9).
- Prayerfully seek God's will for our church community and steward her resources to the best of our ability based on our study of the Scriptures and following of the Spirit (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:1-4).
- Care for the church and seek her growth in grace, truth, and love (Matt. 28:16-20; Eph. 4:15-16, Col. 1:28; James 5:14; 1 Pet. 5:1-4)
- Provide teaching and pastoral care from the whole counsel of Scripture (Acts 20:27-28; 1 Tim. 4:16; 2 Tim. 4:1-5; Titus 2:1).
- Equip the members of the church for the work of ministry (Eph. 4:11-16).
- Be on guard against false teachers and teachings (Matt. 7:15; Acts 20:28-31; 1 Tim. 1:3-7; 1 John 4:1).
- Lovingly exercise discipline when necessary, for the glory of God, the good of the one disciplined and the health of the church as a whole (Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5:1-13; Gal. 6:1; James 5:19-20).
- Set an example and join members in fulfilling the membership covenant (Phil. 3:17; 1 Tim. 4:12; Titus 2:7-8; 1 Pet. 5:3).

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Joining Member's Name (Print)

Date

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Elder Names (Print)

Date

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Signature

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Signatures

