

MCC Church Covenant

The purpose of MCC's Church Covenant is to delineate the Biblical expectations of the MCC church member as he or she commits to following Christ and living out the gospel with other believers in God's rescued and redeemed community—the local church. Our Covenant seeks to answer the following questions:

- What is the Biblical standard of behavior for members of Marysville Community Church?
- What is our commitment to other members of Marysville Community Church?
- What is our relationship to the elder leadership of Marysville Community Church?
- What is our commitment to the mission of Christ's church, as revealed in God's Word?

Having, by God's grace and mercy, heard the gospel of Jesus Christ and responded to it by repentance and faith, and having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit as a public testimony before the church, proclaiming our allegiance to King Jesus and our identification with His death and resurrection, we now, by the help of the Holy Spirit, commit to following Jesus as King with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Marysville Community Church. We joyfully enter into covenant with one another for the sole purpose of displaying what it looks like to live with Jesus as King in the context of gospel community in Marysville Community Church.

We will commit to daily denying ourselves, taking up our cross and following Jesus (**Mark 8:34**).

We will let our manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us (**Philippians 1:27; Ephesians 5:2**).

We will work out our salvation with fear and trembling, acknowledging that it is God who works in us, both to will and to work for His good pleasure (**Philippians 2:12-13**).

We will seek to grow in Christlikeness through regularly practicing the spiritual disciplines of prayer and Bible reading, both personally and in fellowship with other believers (**Colossians 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Ephesians 6:18; James 5:16**).

We will walk by the Spirit, grow in the fruit of the Spirit and continually put off the old self and put on the new self (**Galatians 5:16; Galatians 5:22-23; Colossians 3:9-10**).

We will regularly gather with the church body of MCC to stir up one another to love and good works (**Hebrews 10:24-25; Acts 2:42**).

We will teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in our hearts to God (**Colossians 3:16**).

We will commit to using the gifts God has given us to serve and edify other brothers and sisters in Christ (**1 Peter 4:10**).

We will seek to restore other believers, caught in any transgression, in a spirit of gentleness. We will, by God's grace, bring back brothers and sisters in Christ who have wandered from the truth (**Galatians 6:1; James 5:19-20**).

We will love one another with brotherly affection, pray for one another, show hospitality to one another, rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with and minister to those who are suffering in the body of Christ (**Romans 12:9-15**).

We will eagerly maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel (**Ephesians 4:3; Philippians 1:27**).

We will work to promote healthy gospel growth in the church by sustaining its worship, guarding and teaching its doctrine, rightly practicing the ordinances (baptism and the Lord's Supper) and, when necessary, practicing discipline (**2 Timothy 1:13-14; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; Matthew 18:15-20**).

We will submit to qualified leadership (**1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; Hebrews 13:17**).

We will give regularly and cheerfully to support the ministry of the church, the poor in our midst and the spread of the gospel to the nations (**2 Corinthians 8-9; Galatians 6:6**).

We will seek to bring up the children under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by a Christ-like example will seek the salvation of our family, friends and neighbors (**Ephesians 6:4; 1 Peter 3:1-2**).

We will represent Christ before an unbelieving world through the way we speak and act so as to faithfully uphold the witness of Christ and His church (**1 Peter 2:9-12; Matthew 5:13-16**).

We will commit to God's great commission work of making disciples through the proclamation of the gospel (**Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Peter 2:9**).