



## I/we commit to this covenant

*As a member of the Brethren in Christ Church, I accept the Bible as the Word of God in which is revealed the way of salvation and the guide for faith and conduct. I witness to a personal experience of God's saving grace in my heart and express desire and purpose to live a holy life, apart from sin and separated unto Christ. I covenant as a member of this Brethren in Christ Church to be loyal to the congregation, to consent to instruction in Bible doctrine, to support and sustain the services of the congregation by my regular attendance and prayers, to contribute to the program of the church as the Lord prospers me, and to foster a spirit of Christian fellowship and oneness within the church. Practically, that means, for me, for us as a couple, for us as a family, for the next year, I/we commit to:*

**1.) Love God.** Make the radical decision. End your addiction to tasks and doing. Decide to leave a life of overcommitment and hurry in order to learn how to BE with God before I DO for God. This decision is grounded in a deep inner resolve in which we affirm: "I cannot continue to live the same way and expect different results. I want to be with God - regardless of the cost." Emotional Healthy Discipleship  
"You cannot give what you do not possess."

**2.) Love Others.** We measure our spiritual health by our ability to love others. To be a disciple of Jesus means I experience God's love, forgiveness, and grace. And because of that, I now give that to others.  
*"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 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. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."* NIV Matthew 22: 36-40

**3.) Love Growth.** To intentionally grow and develop. Do something that grows your dependence on God. Risk. Lead. Serve. Read. Something.  
*"The greatest tragedy isn't our sin, it's the life we never live."*

**4.) Attend regularly and serve at MRC.** Be a person with the capacity to bring others up. Serve with courage and see that the ordinariness of the day has eternal implications.  
*"Only in losing yourself, Jesus said, will you find yourself. There are things you discover in serving that you can not discover in a book or a conference. Only in serving do you learn things like empathy, humility and purpose."*

**5.) Give Financially.** Giving our first 10% to the local church is worship. It's practically putting God in first place in our life and declares our dependence on God.  
*"Test me in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you." - God*

I/we sign our covenant to walk with MRC this year, affirm Vision Team: Jim Barton, Melissa McElwee, Beth Adams, Jami Himes, and Joe Schoffner, and the budget.

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Printed Last Name

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Signature