

Church Covenant

The church is the primary vehicle by which God is accomplishing His purposes in the world. Because all things exist for the glory of God, the church exists to display His glory. Followers of Jesus have been invited graciously into God's redemptive purposes for the world through the church. In light of this reality, the opportunity to join a local church is much more than a commitment to consistent attendance or active involvement in community. It is also a sacred call to be involved in the redemptive work of our sovereign God and to be a small picture of the universal household of God. Therefore, we will covenant together to fulfill these purposes and hold one another accountable to this high calling.

Elders will covenant to:

- *Preach the Word faithfully*
- *Equip the saints for the work*
- *Be prayerful*
- *Meet and maintain the biblical requirements of elders*
- *Be above reproach in holiness and conduct*
- *Appoint leaders in the church*
- *Be good stewards of what God gives us- time, treasures and talents*
- *Shepherd and guard the flock*
- *Apply restorative church discipline when necessary*

Members will covenant to:

- *Submit to Jesus Christ, His Word and the elders of The Oaks Church.*
- *Seek unity in the Spirit in the church and pray for one another*
- *Pursue holiness and live gospel-centered lives*
- *Gather weekly, not forsaking the assembling together of the church*
- *Have regular rhythms of discipleship in life*
- *Live on mission in Cincinnati and around the world*
- *Partake in the two ordinances of the church: baptism and communion*
- *Be generous with one's time, treasures and talents*
- *Attend regular member meetings*