NewSong Church

HARRISON, OHIO

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Our commitments to Christ and to one another.

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Having been brought by God's grace to repent of our sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and having been baptized as believers upon our profession of faith in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious help, joyfully enter into covenant with one another as members of NewSong Church.

## Our Covenant Promises

**1. Commitment to Worship and Fellowship**

We will faithfully gather with our church family for worship, recognizing that we come not merely to receive blessing but to glorify God together. We will not forsake assembling together, understanding that regular attendance is essential for mutual accountability and the health of Christ's body. (Hebrews 10:24-25; Acts 2:46-47)

**2. Commitment to Unity and Love**

We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We will walk together in Christian love, exercising care and watchfulness over one another, faithfully encouraging and, when necessary, lovingly confronting one another in accordance with Scripture. (Ephesians 4:3; John 13:34-35; Galatians 6:1)

**3. Commitment to Prayer and Spiritual Growth**

We will be faithful in prayer for ourselves and for one another. We will pursue personal holiness through God's Word and by the power of the Holy Spirit, remembering that our baptism signifies our death to sin and our new life in Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:17; 1 Timothy 4:7-8; Romans 6:4)

**4. Commitment to Discipleship and Evangelism**

We will seek to make disciples by nurturing those under our care in the faith and by sharing the gospel with our families, friends, and neighbors. We will support one another in this calling, remembering that our love for each other serves as a witness to the world. (Matthew 28:19-20; John 13:35)

### 5. Commitment to Bearing Burdens and Rejoicing Together

We will rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep. We will bear one another's burdens with tenderness and sympathy, while also celebrating each other's blessings with genuine joy. (Romans 12:15; Galatians 6:2; 1 Corinthians 12:26)

### 6. Commitment to Church Leadership and Ministry

We will support our elders as they shepherd our congregation according to Scripture, and we will aid our deacons and deaconesses as they serve our practical needs. We will use our spiritual gifts to serve the body and participate actively in the mission of the church. (Hebrews 13:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; 1 Peter 4:10-11)

### 7. Commitment to Stewardship

We commit to faithful, regular, and sacrificial giving of our time and finances for the support of:

- NewSong Church's ministry
- The benevolent care of our members
- The advancement of the gospel locally and globally

We recognize that all we possess belongs to God and is to be stewarded for His glory. (2 Corinthians 9:7; Malachi 3:10; 1 Corinthians 16:2)

### 8. Commitment to Biblical Living

We will seek to live carefully in the world, turning away from sin and worldly desires. We will strive to reflect Christ's character in our homes, workplaces, and communities, understanding that our conduct affects the testimony of our entire church. (Titus 2:11-12; 1 Peter 2:11-12; Philippians 2:14-16)

### 9. Commitment to Church Discipline

We will submit to the loving discipline of the church when we fall into sin, and we will participate in the restoration process with those who repent. We understand that discipline is an expression of love aimed at restoration and the glory of God. (Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Corinthians 5:1-5; 2 Corinthians 2:6-8)

We realize that our natural human response to correction often is to hide or run away from accountability (Gen. 3:8-10). To avoid falling into this age-old trap and to strengthen our church's ability to rescue us if we are caught in sin, we agree not to run away from NewSong Church to avoid corrective discipline. Therefore, we waive our right to withdraw from membership or accountability if discipline is pending against us. Although we are free to stop attending the church at any time, we agree that a withdrawal while discipline is pending will not be given effect until the church has fulfilled its God-given responsibilities to encourage our repentance and restoration, and to bring the disciplinary process to an orderly conclusion (Matt. 18:12-14; Gal. 6:1; Heb. 13:17).

**10. Commitment to Future Church Membership**

When we must depart NewSong Church, we will do so under the guidance of the elders and unite with another gospel-preaching church where we can continue in faithful living and grow in faith while pursuing membership with that congregation, recognizing that church membership is not optional for the believer. (Acts 9:26; Romans 16:1-2; 3 John 1:6)

## Benediction

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. We make this covenant not in our own strength, but trusting in Christ's power to help us honor these commitments for His glory and the good of His church. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

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