

Why Covenant?

At Cross of Christ we believe that loving God with all your heart, soul, and mind; and loving others as yourself is what it means to be church (Matthew 22:37-40). Covenant, which is actually a Biblical word that implies meaningful relationship, is simply a way of declaring that loving God and others is, in fact, a serious reality in your life.

What is a Covenant Member?

A Covenant Member is one who desires to be a part of our Christian community as we walk alongside each other, intersecting our lives with the love of Jesus. Member is not used in the sense of joining a club, but rather recognizing oneself as a member of the body of Christ. By coveting together we are making a spiritual agreement between God and His people (the church) to do our part in helping each other grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love (Ephesians 4:15-16). For while we are not perfect, we believe that God in His amazing love has saved us by grace, through faith, in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ - to live as a community of grace and love.

(Covenant Members over the age of 18 are the voting body of the church.)

The Hebrew word for covenant, *berit*, is a relational term used to illustrate the firm commitment of God to His people and the expectations that God has for His people in living in relationship to Him and others.

"I will confirm My covenant with you and your descendents after you, from generation to generation. This is the everlasting covenant..."

- Genesis 17:7 NLT

Covenant Membership at Cross of Christ

Covenant Membership at Cross of Christ is a commitment to live to worship.

At Cross of Christ we believe that worship is meant to be part of our everyday life. While we join together each week for casual, contemporary, and family-friendly worship of our God as a community of believers, we also desire to live a lifestyle of worship among our family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers.

As a Covenant Member I commit to LIVE TO WORSHIP by:

- Believing that it's not about me, but rather Jesus who gave His life on the cross and rose from the grave.
- Being encouraging and accepting of everyone as I pray for those I know who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus.
- Making the most of the opportunities God gives me each day to love Him and love others.
- Joining the body of Christ in worship and praise of our one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Inviting into our church community my family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers who do not have a church home.

Covenant Membership at Cross of Christ is a commitment to live to learn.

At Cross of Christ we believe that life is a process of becoming, and through His Word, God is at work transforming us to be more like Jesus. When we study God's Word we learn to love Him along with the people He has placed in our lives, which is why we encourage people to look for opportunities to fellowship together, eat together, pray together, play together, and spend time in God's Word - together.

As a Covenant Member I commit to LIVE TO LEARN by:

- Making God's Word the center of my life as I seek the Father's will in all things and follow the lead of the Holy Spirit.
- Making regular confession of my sin with another believer when I fail to follow God's will in my life.
- Setting aside time for Bible study and prayer as part of a Life Group and on my own.
- Taking time to walk alongside of others, listening to each other's life stories, and then holding each other accountable.
- Giving witness to Jesus as I speak His truth in love.

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"All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching (God's Word), and to fellowship and to sharing in meals, and to prayer...They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity - all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved." Acts 2:46-47 NLT

Covenant Membership at Cross of Christ (Cont.)

Covenant Membership at Cross of Christ is a commitment to live to serve.

At Cross of Christ we believe that we are gifted by God and we are to use those gifts to help people in need, whether it's those living in our neighborhoods and communities, or sometimes in our own families. And since the church is not a building, but a people called by God, we have the opportunity through acts of service to put our faith into action. That's why we look for chances everyday to love God and love others, because when we do, lives are changed.

As a Covenant Member I commit to LIVE TO SERVE by:

- Remembering that it's not about me as I put the needs of others before my own.
- Discovering and using my God-given gifts and abilities to serve God and others where He has placed me.
- Praying for God to help me see the opportunities He provides to share the love of Jesus with others and when necessary to use words to do so.
- Enjoying first-fruits giving as I give the best of my time, money, and talent to the direct service of God.
- Joining together with the body of Christ to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

Covenant Membership at Cross of Christ is a commitment to live to go.

At Cross of Christ we believe that mission is not a ministry of the church, but the heart of the church's identity. Missions are simply part of our spiritual DNA. This means that instead of waiting for people who don't know Jesus to come to us, we need to go to them; to reach out to the many who are exploring the world in search of the Truth.

As a Covenant Member I commit to LIVE TO GO by:

- Meeting people where they are and living like Jesus as I love them just as they are.
- Joining in fellowship with other believers as we together invite our family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to live out life (LOL) with us.
- Praying for God to help me see ways to reach into my community and to the ends of the world as I share the love of Jesus.
- Supporting missions actively, financially, and in prayer.
- Being a part of a church community that embraces the opportunity to reproduce and supports the planting of new churches.

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"A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need."
Acts 2:43-45 NLT

My Covenant Membership at Cross of Christ

As a result of the new life I have in Jesus and my desire to follow Him, I commit to joining Cross of Christ Church in its mission of helping people of all ages intersect their lives with the love of Jesus by:

- LIVING TO WORSHIP
- LIVING TO LEARN
- LIVING TO SERVE
- LIVING TO GO

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- Hebrews 12:24 NLT

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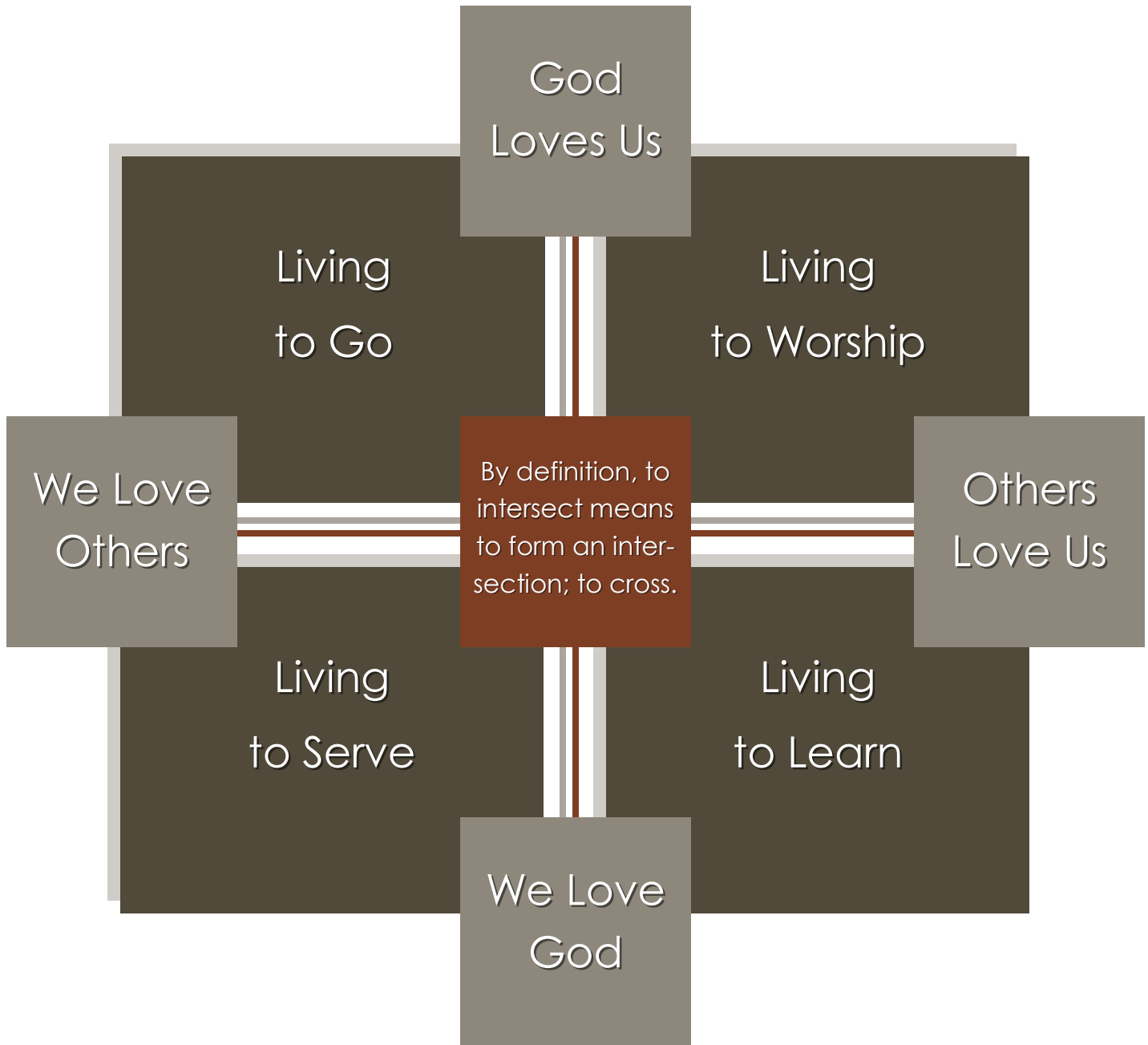
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"This is real love - not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other." 1 John 4:10-11 NLT

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