

“Our Membership Covenant”

Romans 14:19 Luke 14:23

A 3-year series in Acts, Luke, & Romans:

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Bell Road Baptist Church Membership Covenant

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Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with Bell Road Baptist Church's statements, strategy, and structure,

I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Bell Road Baptist Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I will *protect* the _____ of my church

- ...by acting in love toward other members
- ...by refusing to gossip
- ...by following the leaders

clue: UITNY

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together" (Romans 14:19 PHILLIPS)

"Have a sincere love for other believers, love one another earnestly with all your heart" (1 Peter 1:22 TEV)

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs" (Ephesians 4:29)

"Obey your spiritual leaders and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they know they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this joyfully and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit" (Hebrews 13:17)

2. I will *share* the _____ of my church

- ...by praying for its growth
- ...by inviting the unchurched to attend
- ...by warmly welcoming those who visit

clue: RTOSIPNBSIELIY

"To the church--...We always thank God for you and pray for you constantly (1 Thessalonians 1:1-2 LB)

"The Master said to the servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes, and urge the people there to come so my house will be full' (Luke 14:23 NCV)

"So warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified" (Romans 15:7 LB)

3. I will *serve* the _____ of my church

- ...by discovering my gifts and talents
- ...by being equipped to serve by my pastors
- ...by developing a servant's heart

clue: MSIRITNY

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you" (1 Peter 4:10 PHILLIPS)

"[God] gave...some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" (Ephesians 4:11-12)

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who...(took on) the very nature of a servant." (Philippians 2:3-4, 7)

4. I will *support* the _____ of my church

- ...by attending faithfully
- ...by living a godly life
- ...by giving regularly

clue: TSMETNIOY

"Let us not give up meeting together...but let us encourage one another (Hebrews 10:25)

"Whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:27 PHILLIPS)

"Each one of you, on the first day of the week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering" (1 Corinthians 16:2 LB)

Mission Statement of Bell Road Baptist Church

We will bring people to Jesus and **membership** into His family, develop them to **maturity** in Christ, and equip them for their **ministry** in the church body as well as their life **mission** in God's world, so that we can all **magnify** God's Name.

