

LIFE TOGETHER AT SPRINGDALE

The Membership Covenant of Springdale Community Church

ADOPTED JULY 9, 2023

We, the members of Springdale Community Church, affirm our statement of faith and our vision for Springdale to be a disciple-making church wherein every member lives all of life as worship, in community, and on mission. Further, we affirm our mission to glorify God by making disciples through gospel-centered worship, community, and mission. Having believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and been buried with Him in baptism and raised to walk in newness of life, and in the context of these relationships and statements, we commit to God and to one another that we will faithfully pursue each of the following through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

1. We will seek to live all of life as worship

- 🕄 By ascribing to God the glory due His name
- By loving God will all our heart, soul, mind, and strength
- By devoting ourselves to God's Word
- By offering ourselves to God as living sacrifices
- By prioritizing the Sunday worship gathering
- By living a new and holy life that treasures Christ above all
- 🕄 By giving regularly, cheerfully, and sacrificially to the ministries of the church

2. We will seek to live all of life in community

- By loving one another and bearing each other's burdens
- By praying for one another and seeking each other's growth in Christ
- By encouraging one another and building each other up in the faith
- By living at peace with one another and maintaining unity
- By honoring one another and following our church leaders
- By serving one another and the ministries of the church
- By admonishing one another and forgiving each other's offenses

3. We will seek to live all of life on mission

- By praying for the lost and the spread of the gospel
- By living with an intentional and missional urgency
- By trusting God to work in and through us to accomplish His purposes
- By stewarding our time, possessions, and talents for God's mission
- By inviting our family and friends to church and welcoming those who attend
- By sharing the gospel and inviting the lost to repent of their sins and trust in Christ
- By equipping, sending, and supporting ministry and missionary partners

Member Commitment

Having been brought by divine grace to repent of my sin and trust in Christ as my Savior and Lord, having surrendered my life to Him, and having been baptized upon my profession of faith in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, by the grace of God and through the power of the Holy Spirit, I affirm the SCC Statement of Faith and desire to live out the gospel by joyfully entering into covenant membership and by pursuing these commitments for the glory of God, the building up of the body, the advancement of God's mission, and my joy in Christ.

Member's Name:	
Signed:	Date:

Elders Commitment

Having been called by God to shepherd His people as Elders of Springdale Community Church, by the grace of God and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend your desire to live out the gospel in covenant community; we accept your request for membership into this church; and we commit to shepherd you in accordance with our vision, mission, values, and beliefs, to pray for your growth in Christ, and to equip you to be a disciple-maker for the glory of God, the building up of the body, the advancement of God's mission, and our joy in Christ.

Affirmed by the Springdale Elders on
Elder's Name and Signature:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

VERSE REFERENCES

Our mission to glorify God by making disciples through gospel-centered worship, community, and mission.

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20 ESV)

We will seek to live all of life as worship.

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

By ascribing to God the glory due His name

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. [2] Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:1-2)

By loving God will all our heart, soul, mind, and strength

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' (Mark 12:30)

By devoting ourselves to His Word

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

By offering ourselves to God as living sacrifices

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2)

By prioritizing the Sunday worship gathering

Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:25)

By living a new and holy life that treasures Christ above all

So as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. (Colossians 1:10)

By giving regularly, cheerfully, and sacrificially to the ministries of the church

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

We will seek to live all of life in community.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel. (Philippians 1:27)

By loving one another and bearing each other's burdens

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. (John 13:34)

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2)

By praying for one another and seeking each other's growth in Christ

Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:18) And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works. (Hebrews 10:24)

By encouraging one another and building each other up in the faith

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

By living at peace with one another and maintaining unity

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. (Romans 12:16)

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:1-3)

By honoring one another and following our church leaders

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

(Romans 12:10)

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. (Hebrews 13:17)

By serving one another and the ministries of the church

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: (1 Peter 4:10)

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

By admonishing one another and forgiving each other's offenses

Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Colossians 3:13-16)

We will seek to live all of life on mission.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." (John 20:21)

By praying for the lost and the spread of the gospel

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. (Romans 10:1)

Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak. (Ephesians 6:18-20)

By living with an intentional and missional urgency

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

By trusting God to work in and through us to accomplish His purposes

The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place. (Acts 17:24-26)

By stewarding our time, possessions, and talents for God's mission

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: (1 Peter 4:10)

By inviting our family and friends to church and welcoming those who attend

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

By sharing the gospel and inviting the lost to repent and trust Christ

And saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:15)

By equipping, sending, and supporting ministry and missionary partners

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. (Acts 13:2-3)