

# MEMBER SHIP

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# WHY MEMBERSHIP?

**How is Membership to be understood? The church has two dimensions:**

## **1. The Church Universal - Union of Christ: Positional**

- a. Consists of all believers around the world
- b. We become members of the universal church upon receiving Christ as our Lord and Saviour
- c. Christ is the head of this universal church "And He, Christ, is the head of the body, the church" (Colossians 1:18)

## **2. The Local Church - Union with the Body: Functional**

- a. This refers to the local expression of the universal church in a specific place
- b. We are members of a local body of believers the way hands and feet are members of the human body
- c. Being part of the local church creates an organizational connectedness that has expectations of both care and accountability among its members

**\*\* In speaking about membership in this document, we are referring to membership in the sense of belonging and commitment to RIDGE CHURCH.**



# WHY MEMBERSHIP?

## **1. Membership says, "I belong."**

God says believers belong together (Hebrews 10:23-25). You sense that God wants you here with the people of Ridge Church at this time in your Christian life and you want to make a public declaration that you are committed to God's work through His church.

## **2. Membership says, "I share ministry goals."**

God says believers are to be committed to one another for the sake of spiritual impact (Ephesians 4:16). You believe Jesus has a work to do here and around the world and you're willing to join with others to see that it gets done.

## **3. Membership says, "I accept responsibility for fellow believers."**

This is God's plan as well (Galatians 6:1-2, 10). You want to be part of a caring network of people, sharing one another's joys and sorrows and helping one another grow through worship, Bible study and fellowship.

## **4. Membership says, "I am accountable to mature brothers and sisters in Christ."**

God warns against spiritual autonomy (Matthew 18:15-20, Hebrews 13:17). You don't want to go it alone while standing for Jesus Christ; you want to receive the guidance, equipping and assistance necessary to remain on target.

## **5. Membership says, "I accept responsibility for how things are done here."**

Members don't simply expect others to do the ministry but actively contribute to the mission and ministry of our church. They are also responsible to elect our board, other church officers, affirm an annual ministry budget and call senior pastors to serve as our spiritual leaders. (1 Corinthians 12:20-27).

## **6. Membership keeps us legal.**

The government recognizes churches if they have a credible membership and organization. Adherence to these laws affirms that we are responsible citizens with a desire to serve (1 Timothy 3:2, 1 Peter 2: 13-17).

# OUR STAFF



**JONATHAN NEUFELD**  
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YOUTH AND YOUNG  
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GO TEAM LEAD

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**JEROME PENNER**



**TIM RIETKERK**



**MATTHEW ROBINSON**



**HEINZ VOLKMANN**

# HOW IS RIDGE CHURCH STRUCTURED?

## **Our Structure**

We are led by a Lead Pastor who is responsible for a team of staff members (including other pastors and leaders) and responsible to the Ridge Church board.

Ridge Church (Legal Name: Maple Ridge Baptist Church) is registered as a non-profit society under the Societies Act in the Province of British Columbia and we are also registered as a charity with the Canada Revenue Agency. Both of these agencies require that we have a board, elected by the membership, to oversee the employees that are hired to carry out the day to day operations of the church.

Ridge Church has a board, elected by the membership that works with the Lead Pastor to ensure that the mission and ministry of the church are carried out effectively and efficiently.

Our board members are elected for a three year term and can serve a maximum of three consecutive terms before being required to take a minimum one year break.

As a non-profit society, Ridge Church has by-laws that govern much of what we do. In simple terms, our by-laws are rules made by Ridge Church that define the boundaries that we as an organization operate within. Any changes to our by-laws require a vote by the membership.

# HOW IS RIDGE CHURCH STRUCTURED?

## **Our Finances**

Each year the board presents a budget to the members of Ridge Church for affirmation. While a budget is just a tool to guide spending, we try to ensure that it is as accurate as possible. Our budget covers all the major expense categories the church has and where we think we will invest money in the coming year. Typically our budget is broken down by ministry category for ease of reporting and, as you might expect, the largest share of our budget is devoted to staff salaries and benefits.

Like any organization, Ridge Church has a variety of bills to pay (eg. heat, light, mortgage, salaries) but we also have ministry specific responsibilities (missionaries, ministries, and denominational support). Each year, the vast majority of our budget is 'fixed' meaning that it is often difficult for us to match our expenses to our cash flow. What is important to point out here is that Ridge Church depends on the generosity of its members and congregants to fully fund the budget each year. We receive no outside sources of income beyond the occasional building rental income.

If our congregation does not give, we cannot fund the mission and ministry of the church.

# HOW IS RIDGE CHURCH STRUCTURED?

Ridge Church (Maple Ridge Baptist Church) is a member church in the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada.

The Fellowship is a family of nearly 500 evangelical Baptist churches scattered across Canada from the Yukon to the tip of Nova Scotia. Our churches range in size from a few dozen to several thousand and hold worship services in 13 different languages.

In British Columbia, Ridge Church is a part of Fellowship Pacific which is made up of a diverse group of 100 Churches and ministry affiliates located throughout BC and the Yukon. We are thrilled to partner together with these churches and ministry affiliates to achieve an unforgettable God-honouring impact within our communities and beyond.

Our regional office, also known as the Fellowship Pacific Ministry Centre, is located in the town of Fort Langley. Their staff work together to assist churches in the areas of church health and pastoral care, church planting, ethnic ministries, leadership development, stewardship and other administrative functions.

We are also partnered with our seminary, Northwest Baptist Seminary, and other affiliated organizations such as Baptist Housing, WINGS (Women in Need Gaining Strength), Camp Ministries (Qwanoes & Sunnybrae), New Hope Community Services Society and Vancouver Urban Ministries.

# WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?

**This is the Statement of Faith of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada that we, as a member church, adhere to.**

## **In essential beliefs we have unity.**

"There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one home, when you were called – one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:4-6)

## **In non-essential beliefs we have liberty.**

"Accept him whose faith is weak without passing judgment on disputable matters. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. So then each of us will give an account of himself to God. So whatever you believe about these things, keep between yourselves and God." (Romans 14.1, 4, 12, 22)

## **In all our beliefs we show love.**

"If I hold in my mind, not only all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God and have the faith that can move mountains but have no love, I amount to nothing at all." (1 Corinthians 13:2)

## **I. OF THE SCRIPTURES**

We believe the Holy Bible to be that collection of sixty-six books from Genesis to Revelation which, as originally written, was objectively the very Word of God; that it was written by men supernaturally moved; that it is verbally and plenary inspired; that it is truth without any admixture of error; and therefore is and shall remain to the end of the age, the only complete and final revelation of the will of God to men; the true centre of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

## **II. OF THE TRINITY**

We believe that there is one, and only one, living, eternal and true God; an infinite, intelligent Spirit, the Creator and the Supreme ruler of Heaven and earth inexpressibly glorious in holiness and worthy of all possible honour, faith and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three Persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, equal in every divine perfection, executing distinct and harmonious offices in the work of redemption.

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## **II. OF THE TRINITY (Continued)**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God; that He is truly and eternally God, equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit; that for our redemption He took upon himself the nature of unfallen man; that He was conceived by the Holy Spirit in a unique and miraculous manner, and was born of Mary, a virgin; that in the one Person of Christ there are two natures, the Divine and the human, each distinct, and indissolubly united; that being tempted in the flesh He lived a sinless life; that He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; that the third day He arose bodily from the tomb and manifested Himself for forty days to His disciples; that in His glorified body He ascended to the Father; that as High Priest He ever lives to make intercession for His own; that according to His promise He will come again in person, visibly, with power and great glory.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine Person, equal with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature; that He was active in creation; that He convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment; that He bears witness to the truth of the Gospel in preaching and in testimony; that He is the agent of regeneration; that He dwells in every believer from the moment of his conversion; that every believer is baptized in the Spirit by Christ; that He fills the believer as control is yielded to Christ; that the evidence of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit is the fruit of the Holy Spirit in the life.

## **III. OF THE DEVIL, OR SATAN**

We believe that Satan is a person; that he is the malignant prince of the power of the air, and the unholy god of this world; that he is man's great tempter, the enemy of God and His Christ, the accuser of the saints; that he is the author of all false religions, the inspirer of all apostasy, and the chief of all the powers of darkness; that he with his principalities is overcome by our appropriation of Christ's victory on Calvary; that he along with his hosts is destined to final defeat at the hands of God's Son, and to suffer eternal punishment in a place prepared for him and his angels.

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## **IV. OF THE CREATION**

We believe in the Genesis account of creation, and that it is to be accepted literally, and not allegorically or figuratively; that man was created directly in God's own image and after His own likeness; that man's creation was not by evolution or change of species or development through interminable periods of time from lower to higher forms; that all animal life and vegetable life were effected by special creation, and God's established law was that they should bring forth only "after their kind".

## **V. OF THE FALL OF MAN**

We believe that man was created in innocence under the law of his Creator, but by voluntary transgression fell from his sinless and happy state; in consequence of which all men are now sinful, and all are sinners not only by constraint but of choice; and therefore under just condemnation without defense or excuse; that man in his fallen state is in a condition of total depravity by which is meant his utter incapacity to receive the things of the Spirit of God apart from the quickening grace of the Holy Spirit.

## **VI. OF THE ATONEMENT FOR SIN**

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly by grace; that it is through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Him our nature, yet without sin, honoured the divine law by His personal obedience, and by His death made a full and expiatory atonement for our sins; that His atonement consisted in the voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place bearing the penalty of God's Holy Law, shedding His precious blood; the Just dying for the unjust, Christ the Lord, bearing our sins in His own body on the tree; that having risen bodily from the dead, He is now enthroned in heaven, and is in every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate and all-sufficient Saviour.

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## **VII. OF ELECTION**

We believe that election is the eternal act of God's sovereign grace by which He chooses, calls, justifies and glorifies sinners; that it is effectuated by the Holy Spirit through God's Word in drawing sinners to Christ so that their wills are freely brought into compliance with God's elective purpose; that it excludes all human boasting; that it is demonstrated in believers by their personal faith in Christ, their love to God and their desire for holiness; that it is the ground of the believer's assurance and promotes humility and service.

## **VIII. OF THE NEW CREATION**

We believe that in order to be saved a sinner must be born again through personal faith in Jesus Christ; that the new birth is a new creation; that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth the one dead in trespasses and in sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life as the gift of God; that such is kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation and shall never perish; that the new birth is brought about in a miraculous manner above man's comprehension wholly and solely by the grace of God through the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth; that its proper evidence appears in the fruits of repentance, faith, and newness of life.

## **IX. OF JUSTIFICATION**

We believe that justification is the great blessing by which God accepts, accounts and declares man as righteous; that it includes pardon from the guilt and condemnation of all his sin, the gift of eternal life on principles of divine righteousness; that it is bestowed by grace through faith solely upon the grounds of Christ's perfect life, and expiatory death whereby the righteousness of Christ is imputed to the believing sinner.

## **X. OF SANCTIFICATION**

We believe that sanctification is primarily the believer's position in Christ by the grace of the new Testament sealed to the believer by the blood of the everlasting covenant whereby he is set apart unto God as the recipient

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of all heavenly perfections; that it is also a process by which the believer sets himself apart from sin to God in the gradual attaining of moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in his heart and in obedience to the Word of God; that it will culminate in the glorious and eternal state of entire sanctification at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **XI. OF THE LOCAL CHURCH**

We believe that the church is a congregation of baptized believers organized according to the New Testament pattern, associated by a covenant of faith and fellowship of the Gospel, and observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws, and exercising the rights, and privileges invested in it by His Word; that its officers are pastors (or elders or bishops) and deacons, whose qualifications and duties are clearly defined in the Scriptures; that the true mission of the church is found in our Lord's commission, namely: to evangelize, to baptize, and to teach believers to observe all that the Lord commanded; that the church has absolute right of self-government free from any outside interference, and that the one and only superintendent is Christ, acting through the Holy Spirit in harmony with the Word of God; that in all matters of membership, of policy, of government, of discipline or benevolence, the will of the church is final, that it is Scriptural for true churches to cooperate with each other in the furtherance of the Gospel and in contending for the faith, and that each church is the sole and only judge of the measure and method of its co-operation.

## **XII. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER**

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer into the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; that it is the direct command of Christ; that it shows forth the believer's union with the crucified, buried and risen Christ, and his death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is a condition of church membership and according to the Scriptural order baptism should precede the observance of the Lord's supper in which members of the church by the use of bread and wine after solemn self-examination are to commemorate together the death of Christ.

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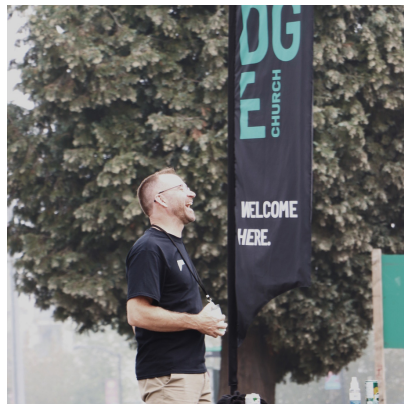
Please note that MRBC is not a 'closed communion' congregation despite the way this section of our Statement of Faith may read.

## **XIII. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT**

We believe that civil government is divinely appointed for the interests and good order of society; that the individual should fulfill faithfully his responsibilities as a good citizen; that magistrates should be conscientiously honored and obeyed, except in things opposed to the revealed will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience; that the church should remain distinct and separate from the state, and that there should be no intrusion of the one into the affairs of the other.

## **XIV. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED**

We believe that there is an essential difference in the nature, belief and practice of the righteous and the wicked; that those who through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and set apart by the Spirit of God, are truly righteous in God's esteem, and those who continue in impenitence and unbelief are wicked in His sight and under the curse; that this distinction holds even after death, that the righteous depart to be with Christ, and are in a state of conscious blessedness awaiting the resurrection of the just and the receiving of their glorified bodies; that the wicked depart to Hades where they are in conscious torment until the final resurrection and judgment; at which time the righteous enter into everlasting felicity in Heaven and the wicked into everlasting conscious suffering in Hell.



# WHAT IS OUR HISTORY?

Ridge Church has a rich heritage of community involvement and being a vital part of God's story here in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. Founded in 1912, there were four families who felt led to plant a church that would make an impact for the gospel in the city.

At the very first service, the congregation sang the song "To the Work, To the Work". This Fanny Crosby song reveals that the disposition of the founding family's hearts was that Ridge Church's vision included working hard towards the fulfillment of God's mission to save lost people.

One of the verses reads:

To the work! To the work!

There is labor for all;

For the kingdom of darkness and error shall fall;

And the love of our Father exalted shall be,

In the loud-swelling chorus,

"Salvation is free!"

As the church grew, the families rallied together to purchase property for the church. God's favour continued on the young church and several building additions were needed. God's work done God's way had God's provision as well. The congregation of Ridge Church purchased the land for its current location in 1948 and held the first services on this site in 1950. It has been in its current building—on this site—since 1982 with a significant renovation taking place in 1999.

The strength of our church is in the relationships its members have with our Lord Jesus Christ, their relationships with each other and in the manifestation of God's will in a variety of ministry initiatives both within and outside in the community.

We trust that the best days of Ridge Church are still ahead of us. This trust is anchored in the Philippians 1:6 promise: "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."



# WHAT IS OUR FUTURE?

## **Our Mission:**

To make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that Jesus has commanded us (Matthew 28:18-20).

## **Our Vision:**

that our city would know JESUS.

JESUS.

We believe that JESUS is the hope of the world and we invite you to explore and celebrate what it means to know and be known by Jesus.

COMMUNITY.

We believe gathering as a COMMUNITY is essential to living out the abundant life that Jesus promises us. We encourage you to experience the various ways you can know and be known by others.

CITY.

We believe that Jesus calls us to be light and love in our CITY. We want to see our city know and be known by Jesus.

## **Our Values:**

- Life Transformation: We seek to grow more like Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, in every area of our lives (Philippians 2:13)
- Submission to Scripture: The Scriptures are our ultimate rule of faith and life (2 Timothy 3:16)
- Prayerful Dependence: We value prayer because we acknowledge that ultimately it is through the work of God that His ministry is accomplished (Psalm 127:1)
- Life of Worship: We value worship both when we gather (through singing, giving, hearing the Word and serving) as well as when we scatter, understanding that all of our life should be an act of worship (Colossians 3:17)
- Commitment in Community: We value community, with all of the joys and challenges that come with it, as being one of the primary ways through which God shapes us and forms us and uses us (1 Thessalonians 2:8)
- Generous Living: Because Christ has given so freely to us, we gladly give back to Him generously of our time, talents, and treasures (2 Corinthians 9:11)
- Sharing the Gospel: We value telling the good news of Jesus Christ to people in the world around us (Matthew 28:18-20).

# WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A MEMBER?

## **JESUS | to know and be known by Jesus**

### **As a member of RIDGE CHURCH I commit to pursuing ongoing, personal faith in Jesus**

- Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith. Colossians 2:6 - 7a

This includes...

- Submitting to the authority of Scriptures as the final say on all issues (Psalm 119, 2 Timothy 3:14 - 17; 2 Peter 1:19 - 21)
- Pursuing a relationship with Jesus Christ through regular Bible reading, prayer and practice of spiritual disciplines (Luke 18:1, Acts 17:11, 1 Corinthians 9:24 - 27, Ephesians 5:1 - 21, 1 Thessalonians 5:12 - 22)
- Walking in holiness in all areas of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ and as a testimony to the watching world of Christ's work in your life (1 Peter 1:13 - 16, 1 Peter 4:1- 3)
- Confessing and repenting of sin in my life and seeking to put my sin to death (Romans 8:13, Colossian 3:5, James 5:16, 1 John 6 - 10)
- Holding to the foundational truths as set out in our Statement of Faith.

## **COMMUNITY | to know and be known by others.**

### **As a member of RIDGE CHURCH I commit to be to know and be known in community**

- Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another —and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:23 - 25



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# WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A MEMBER?

## COMMUNITY (continued)

This includes...

- Submitting to the leadership of the church and diligently striving for unity and peace within the church (Ephesians 4:1 - 3, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Peter 5:5)
- Regularly participating in the life of Ridge Church by attending weekly services and engaging in gospel-centered community.

### **As a member of RIDGE CHURCH I commit to deal with conflict in a biblical way**

- But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. Matthew 5:39
- If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

Matthew 18:15 - 17

This includes...

- Following the biblical procedures for church discipline where sin is evident in another, the hope being repentance and restoration.
- Receiving righteous and loving discipline when approached biblically by fellow believers (Psalm 141:5, Matthew 18:15 - 20, 1 Corinthians 5:9 - 23, Hebrews 12:5 - 11)



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**As a member of RIDGE CHURCH I commit to actively helping to accomplish the mission and vision that Jesus has given us.**

- Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19 - 20

**As a member of RIDGE CHURCH I commit to faithfully serving others for the cause of Christ, either formally or informally.**

This includes...

- Serving either formally within one of the ministries of the church or informally in our community with the intention of furthering the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 4:10, Galatians 6:10, Hebrews 6:10)

**As a member of RIDGE CHURCH I commit to give consistently and generously.**

This includes..

- Giving regularly and generously. (2 Corinthians 9:10 - 11)



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# OUR PROCESS

## **Member Admission Process**

Membership at Ridge Church is based on the qualifications outlined above, participation in our Ridge Church Membership Class (and/or interview with authorized person), and signing the Ridge Church Membership Commitment.

The Church Board of Ridge Church is ultimately responsible for the membership admission process, but they have delegated the bulk of this responsibility to the Pastoral staff. However, the Church Board of Ridge Church, subject to the by-laws, will vote on each new member who meets the criteria listed above.

## **Termination of Membership**

Membership may be terminated. Termination may occur for any of the following reasons:

## **Member Discipline**

As outlined in the church's by-laws, Ridge Church believes that Scripture makes it clear that it is the responsibility of the church to bring believers back to "the way" in a loving restorative process, but, if all else fails and the person remains resistant, to expel them. A member isn't expelled because of sin but by being resistant to repentance from sin.

The Lead Pastor is authorized to oversee the restoration process (per Matthew 18:15-18; and Galatians 6:1-5) and may seek to engage suitably mature members to assist where necessary. Documentation of discussions should be maintained throughout the process where appropriate. If it is evident that a member is resistant after the personal and private states of intervention, then a letter to the member shall be sent from the Board. If this fails to bring repentance then the Church Board may terminate membership.

# OUR COMMITMENT

**Having been led by the Holy Spirit to receive Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and Lord, and having been baptized as a believer in Jesus Christ in obedience to Christ, I now enter into membership at Ridge Church through the following commitments...**

## **JESUS | to know and be known by Jesus**

As a member of Ridge Church I commit to pursuing ongoing, personal faith in Jesus.  
(Colossians 2:6 - 7a)

This includes...

- Submitting to the authority of Scriptures as the final say on all issues (Psalm 119, 2 Timothy 3:14 - 17; 2 Peter 1:19 - 21)
- Pursuing a relationship with Jesus Christ through regular Bible reading, prayer and practice of spiritual disciplines (Luke 18:1, Acts 17:11, 1 Corinthians 9:24 - 27, Ephesians 5:1 - 21, 1 Thessalonians 5:12 - 22)
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- Confessing and repenting of sin in my life and seeking to put my sin to death (Romans 8:13, Colossian 3:5, James 5:16, 1 John 6 - 10)
- Holding to the foundational truths as set out in our Statement of Faith.

## **COMMUNITY | to know and be known by others**

As a member of Ridge Church I commit to be engaged in community with others in the church (Hebrews 10:23 - 25)

This includes...

- Submitting to the leadership of the church and diligently striving for unity and peace within the church (Ephesians 4:1 - 3, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Peter 5:5)
- Regularly participating in the life of Ridge Church by attending weekly services and engaging in gospel-centered community.

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## COMMUNITY | (continued)

As a member of Ridge Church I commit to deal with conflict in a biblical way (Matthew 5:39, 18:15 - 20)

This includes...

- Following the biblical procedures for church discipline where sin is evident in another, the hope being repentance and restoration.
- Receiving righteous and loving discipline when approached biblically by fellow believers (Psalm 141:5, Matthew 18:15 - 20, 1 Corinthians 5:9 - 23, Hebrews 12:5 - 11)

## CITY | to see our city know and be known by Jesus

As a member of Ridge Church I commit to actively helping to accomplish the mission and vision that Jesus has given us. (Matthew 28:19 - 20)

As a member of Ridge Church I commit to faithfully serving others for the cause of Christ, either formally or informally.

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- Serving either formally within one of the ministries of the church or informally in our community with the intention of furthering the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 4:10, Galatians 6:10, Hebrews 6:10)

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**Name (Printed)**

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**Signature**

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**Date**



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