

Core Covenant

Purpose

When anyone enters into relationship with God by grace from, and faith in, the person and work of Jesus Christ they are entering into two covenants. The first is to journey with God for the rest of their lives and love Him fully.

The second is to journey with His other children in the community of the local church. Your membership in a church is an official recognition of this, and the purposes of the Core Covenant are:

- To join the Spirit in forming authentic community that reflects the relationship between the Father, Son & Spirit.
- To clarify the ongoing blessings & responsibilities of each member.
- To encourage consistency, accountability and loving unity within the church family.
- To accomplish God's call for the Imago church family.

This agreement does not imply that you will never fall short of the goals, but that the desire of your heart is to fulfill each of the responsibilities stated to the best of your ability. We trust that your commitment will be a personal blessing to your own journey in Christ, as well a blessing to those around you.

This is the Imago Christi Core Covenant

We confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior, believing that he lived the perfect life on our behalf, that he died for our sin on the cross, that God counts us completely righteous in Jesus by faith alone, that Jesus rose from the dead and will come back, and that we were saved for a purpose, namely to pursue gladness in Jesus and spread that gladness to others.

As the Core Community of Imago Christi Church:

- We commit to getting gladness in all that Jesus is for us through the study of the Bible and through an ever improving prayer life.
- We commit to getting gladness in all that Jesus is for us through involvement in the community of God through this local church.
- We commit to getting gladness in all that Jesus is for us through pursuing a lifestyle of repentance, pursuing increasing holiness that flows from the gladness of knowing Jesus.
- We commit to getting gladness in all that Jesus is for us through the pursuit of authentic community, welcoming correction and instruction, as well as speaking truth in love to others in the community.
- We commit to spreading gladness in all that Jesus is for others, beginning with our families and our church.
- We commit to spreading gladness in all that Jesus is for others through the sharing of our time money and talents with the community of God and the world. We will pursue the discovery and use of our gifts. We will pursue increased generosity as a mark of our character.
- We commit to spreading gladness in all that Jesus is for others by growing in our ability to communicate the truths of the gospel.
- We commit to spreading gladness in all that Jesus is for others through building relationships with people outside of the believing community, with the aim of loving them sincerely and welcoming them into the family of God.