

## MBC CORE VALUE #2

### “CONNECTING WITH CHRIST IN COMMUNITY”

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Hebrews 10:23-25

- ★ The church is God’s \_\_\_\_\_. There is no \_\_\_\_\_.
- ★ The word for church in the New Testament is *ekklesia*, which means \_\_\_\_\_.

### FOUR NECESSARY COMPONENTS TO A GOD-HONORING LOCAL CHURCH:

1. The Word of God is \_\_\_\_\_ faithfully and \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim. 4:2-5; Prov. 30:5-6; Rev. 22:18-19).
2. The Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are celebrated regularly (Mt. 26:26-28; 28:19; 1 Cor. 11:25-26).
3. Church \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt. 18:15-20; Gal. 6:1; 1 Tim. 5:19-20; Titus 3:10-11).
4. There is great evidence that the church \_\_\_\_\_ one another and seeks to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, both locally and globally (John 13:34-35; Mt. 28:19-20; 1 Cor. 13:1-4).

### HOW COVENANTING WITH A CHURCH IN MEMBERSHIP FULFILLS THIS CORE VALUE:

1. Scripture know nothing of a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian.
2. It provides \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 13:17; James 5:16; Gal. 6:1-2; Mt. 18:15-20; 1 Tim. 5:19-20) .
3. To fulfill your \_\_\_\_\_ by using your God-given \_\_\_\_\_ to serve the \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12).
  - ★ The church is not an \_\_\_\_\_; it is a living \_\_\_\_\_.
4. It provides \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ to spur one another on toward love and good deeds (Heb. 10:24-25; 3:13; 1 Thess. 5:13-15).

### MBC MEMBERSHIP COVENANT



### PRAYER FOCUS & REFLECTION:

- ◆ How am I using the gifts God has given me to serve the body? Give thanks for the gifts God has given, and ask for wisdom to know how I should be sharing these gifts with the body of Christ. OR, if you struggle to know what your gifting is, ask the Lord for wisdom to understand your gifting (as well as asking those who know you well) so that you can begin participating and serving as a member of His body.
- ◆ Take time to give thanks for how specific members of the body at MBC have ministered to you.
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- ★ The church is God’s Plan A. There is no Plan B.
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1. The Word of God is proclaimed faithfully and accurately (2 Tim. 4:2-5; Prov. 30:5-6; Rev. 22:18-19).
2. The Lord’s Supper and Baptism are celebrated regularly (Mt. 26:26-28; 28:19; 1 Cor. 11:25-26).
3. Church discipline is practiced (Mt. 18:15-20; Gal. 6:1; 1 Tim. 5:19-20; Titus 3:10-11).
4. There is great evidence that the church loves one another and seeks to reach the lost, both locally and globally (John 13:34-35; Mt. 28:19-20; 1 Cor. 13:1-4).

### HOW COVENANTING WITH A CHURCH IN MEMBERSHIP FULFILLS THIS CORE VALUE:

1. Scripture know nothing of a “Lone Ranger” Christian.
2. It provides authority and accountability (Heb. 13:17; James 5:16; Gal. 6:1-2; Mt. 18:15-20; 1 Tim. 5:19-20).
3. To fulfill your purpose by using your God-given gifts to serve the body (Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12).
  - a. The church is not an organization; it is a living organism.
4. It provides encouragement and a family to spur one another on toward love and good deeds (Heb. 10:24-25; 3:13; 1 Thess. 5:13-15).

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