

Spring Valley Community Church Membership Covenant/Code of Conduct:

Our Mission:

Bring the hope of Jesus Christ to Spring Valley.

Our Vision:

To see Spring Valley transformed from a community dominated by fear, poverty and oppression into a community overflowing with peace, hope and freedom through faith in Jesus Christ.

Our Values:

Reaching Up: (Worship)

Authentic and Excellent Worship
Holy and Inviting Atmosphere
Best Foot Forward for Visitors

Reaching Out: (Evangelism and Outreach)

Intentional Evangelism
Out-of-the-Salt-Shaker Service
Meaningful Promotion

Reaching In: (Fellowship and Discipleship)

Inclusive Fellowship
Transformational Discipleship
Total Quality Ministry

Leadership Team Values:

- Support the church's programs
- Support the church's process
- Support the church's people
- Support the church's pastors

SVCC Membership Covenant & Code of Conduct

Any person who has demonstrated all of the following criteria will be eligible for membership in the Church:

- Attendance at a majority of services over three months
- Recommendation for membership by Pastoral Leadership
- A demonstrated Christian witness and lifestyle
- Demonstrate a profession of faith in Jesus Christ
- Agreement with the Church's statement of faith and conduct
- Signed and submitted Spring Valley Community Church membership covenant

Current members who no longer meet the above criteria may lose their status as members in good standing.

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and desiring to uphold Spring Valley Community Church's beliefs, mission, vision, values, strategy and structure, I now commit to unite with the SVCC family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I will PROTECT THE UNITY of my church--

- a. By acting in love toward other members
- b. By refusing to gossip
- c. By following the leaders of the church

"Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and mutual edification." ~Romans 14.19

"Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart." ~1Peter 1.22

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." ~Ephesians 4.29

2. I will SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY of my church--

- a. By praying for its growth
- b. By inviting people to attend
- c. By warmly welcoming those who visit

"To the church –we always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers." ~1Thessalonians 1.1-2

"Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.'" ~Luke 14.23

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God." ~Romans 15.7

3. I will SERVE THE MINISTRY of my church--

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

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." ~1Peter 4.10

"[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 TESTIMONY of my church--

- a. By attending faithfully
- b. By living a godly life
- c. By giving regularly

"Let us not give up meeting together ... but let us encourage one another." ~Hebrews 10.25

"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel." ~Philippians 1.27

"On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come, no collections will have to be made." ~1 Corinthians 16.2

"A tithe (tenth) of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD." ~Leviticus 27.30

Signed

Date

Print Name

(Covenant adapted from "The Purpose Driven Church" by Rick Warren)