

## **WHY COMMIT? [COVENANT]**

Covenant (literally 'cutting a deal') is a biblical concept. In Biblical terms, covenant was a binding agreement in which covenant members had certain obligations and could expect certain benefits in return. What makes a covenant different from a simple binding agreement is that covenant implies meaningful relationship.

Any follower of Christ is invited to covenant with Church on the Rock Homer. In covenant your commitment is to live according to our vision, values, and purpose. Our commitment is to help you take the next step on your spiritual journey, to provide opportunities where you can connect in community, and to facilitate your engagement in the great Kingdom causes of our day.

Covenant membership lasts through January of each year. In the weeks before our Annual covenant meeting, covenant participants are invited to reaffirm covenant, and those who desire to begin in covenant are invited to do so at that time.

*CHRIST CENTERED  
BIBLE BASED  
SPIRIT LED  
MISSION MINDED  
FAMILY FOCUSED*

## **WHAT WE BELIEVE**

- God is bigger, better and closer than we can imagine.
- The Bible is God's perfect guidebook for living.
- Jesus is God showing Himself to us.
- Through His Holy Spirit, God lives in and through us now.
- Nothing in creation "just happened." God made it all.
- Grace is the only way to have a relationship with God.
- Faith is the only way to grow in our relationship with God.
- Evil exists because of sin and God can bring good even out of evil events.
- God promises victory over evil to those who choose Him.
- Heaven and Hell are real places. Death is a beginning, not the end.
- The church is to serve people like Jesus served people.
- Jesus is coming again!



**CHURCH ON THE ROCK HOMER**

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# COTRH MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having trusted in Christ alone as my Lord and Savior, and being in agreement with the Calling, Vision, Values, Beliefs, and Purposes of Church on the Rock Homer (COTRH), I now choose to join in covenant with the COTRH family. In doing so, I commit myself to the Lord and to the other members of the family; to protect our unity; and to share in, serve, and support the ministry of my church family.

***Covenant participants commit to embody these shared values, vision & purposes:***

**PURPOSE:** What we will do...

The ministry of Church on the Rock Homer is twofold:

**LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE.**

**VISION:** Who we will be...

In full recognition of God's fingerprint on humanity, and of God's redemptive work in the world, we will:

- Gather for creative and worshipful celebration
- Responsibly manage God's physical & financial resources
  - Participate with God through prayer
  - Enjoy others in Christ-centered community
- Strengthen the community through Biblical education
- Engage those living apart from Christ through local and global outreach

**VALUES:** How we will do it...

Accomplishing eternal purposes through:

**MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS:** Members of the body participating in meaningful relationships characterized by an over-abundance of the fruit of the Spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23

**DISCIPLINED PRODUCTIVITY:** As wise, master builders; strengthening and expanding the church ministry through careful, disciplined, strategic efforts; always building on the solid foundation of Christ. I Corinthians 3:10 – 11

**INTENTIONAL MULTIPLICATION:** Each follower of Jesus participating in expanding God's Kingdom by inviting others to join in the pursuit of Christ-likeness. I Corinthians 11:1

I covenant with Church on the Rock Homer:

I am reaffirming Covenant

I am a new Covenant Member

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Individual or as a Couple

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address City State Zip

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
[This Covenant made through January 2010]

Check this box if you do **NOT** want to have your name added to a church directory

# Church on the Rock Homer Complete Doctrinal Statement

**ABOUT GOD** God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God. (Genesis 1:1,26,27; 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

**ABOUT MAN** Man is made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. He is the supreme object of God's creation. Although man has tremendous potential for good, he is marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called sin. Sin separates man from God. (Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1,2)

**ABOUT ETERNITY** Man was created to exist forever. He will either exist eternally separated from God by sin or in union with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are places of eternal existence. (John 3:16; John 2:25; 1 John 5:11-13; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:11-15)

**ABOUT JESUS CHRIST** Jesus Christ is the Son of God, who was born of a virgin and is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all men by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again to earth to reign as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. (Matthew 1:22,23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5; 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14,15; 1 Corinthians 15:3,4; Romans 1:3,4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14,15; Titus 2:13)

**ABOUT SALVATION** Salvation is a gift from God to man. Man can never make up for his sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can man be saved from sin's penalty. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith. (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8,9; John 1:12; 14:6; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1)

**ABOUT BAPTISM** Water: the believer publicly confesses his faith in Jesus Christ by taking water baptism by immersion. (Matthew 3:11; Luke 3:16; John 1:26; Matthew 28:20)  
Holy Spirit: the baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4 is given to believers who ask for it.

**ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT** The Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and the Son as God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. The Christian seeks to live under His control daily. (2 Corinthians 3:17; John 14:16-17; 16:7-13; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12; 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25)

**ABOUT THE BIBLE** The Bible is God's word to all men, written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. The Bible is God's inspired and infallible truth. (2 Timothy 1:13; 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20,21; Psalm 12:6; 119:105,160; Proverbs 30:5)

**ABOUT THE CHURCH** The Bible tells us that the church is the body of Christ in the world today. The New Testament tells us the church is a local body of believers. The head of the church is Jesus Christ. The biblical purposes of the church are worship, evangelism, fellowship, discipleship and ministry to others. Support of the ministry and church is to be accomplished through tithing and through giving offerings. (Matthew 16:15-19; 18:15-20; Acts 2:41,42,47; 5:11-14; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 3:16; Ephesians 1:22,23; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 3:1-15; 4:14; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Nehemiah 13:10-14; Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 23:23)

