



Founding Member Provisional Covenant

Members who enter into a covenant with each other at Emergence are called to a high degree of responsibility, service and sacrifice. By becoming a Covenant Member you are committing to be part of a spiritual family that will provide support and encouragement in your walk with Christ. Our elders and leadership pledge to assist our Covenant Members first and foremost, by providing care and counsel as well as praying, teaching and guiding as necessary.

We hope that as Jesus leads His Church, you will take the following steps to enter into a covenant with the people of this local church as part of the Emergence family.

Membership at Emergence is a periodically renewable covenant. To enter into and formalize that covenant, we are making membership available to everyone who calls Emergence home. **To join as a provisional founding member of Emergence, you must agree to *all* the statements listed below and show that agreement by putting your initials next to each statement and signing at the bottom of the covenant.** This membership covenant serves as a formal relationship agreement until our full membership process is developed and made available (we estimate in September of 2012).

The Gospel

- _____ I believe that God is Holy: perfect and without sin. (Matthew 5:48)
- _____ I believe that I am a sinner who in the past and present has chosen my will over God's will.
(Romans 3:23)
- _____ I believe that God is just and as such must provide consequences for injustice and sin. (Romans 6:23)
- _____ I believe the just consequence for my sin is spiritual death—separation from God's grace in Hell.
(Romans 6:23)
- _____ I believe that Jesus is fully God and was fully man when He lived on the earth 2 millennia ago.
(Philippians 2)
- _____ I believe that Jesus lived a perfect life, and though He was tempted, was without sin. (Hebrews 4:15)
- _____ I believe that the sinless Jesus took my sin on Himself to pay the full price of justice in my stead.
(1 Peter 2:24)
- _____ I believe Jesus paid that price when He was crucified. He physically died and was buried.
(John 19:38-42, Matthew 27:57-61)
- _____ I believe Jesus destroyed death when God the Father raised Him from the dead, rendering sin powerless in His victory. (1 Corinthians 15:56-57)
- _____ I believe that through Jesus I was bought from a kingdom of darkness into God's Kingdom.
(1 Peter 2:9)

_____ I believe that Jesus is my Rescuer, Redeemer, Lord, and King. (Galatians 3:13, Colossians 1:15-20,
1 Timothy 6:14-16)

_____ I believe that by faith alone in Jesus' work and through God's grace, I have been saved from the
wrath of God for my sin.
(John 3:36, Ephesians 2:1-9, Titus 3:4-7)

_____ I believe I am no longer my own, but I am bought by Jesus and subject to His leading.
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Doctrinal Statement – Affirmation of Faith

1. **The Bible (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21)**

We believe in God's verbal inspiration of all the Scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments, and that they are the infallible final authority in faith and life.

2. **God (Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, Luke 3:22)**

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

3. **Deity of Jesus Christ (Galatians 4:4-5, Colossians 2:9)**

We believe in the virgin birth of Christ, and that He is true God and true Man.

4. **The Atonement--Christ's death for our sins (Hebrews 9:12, Galatians 3:13-14)**

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, and that with His shed blood He obtained for us an eternal redemption.

5. **The Resurrection of Christ (Acts 2:29-31, 1 Peter 3:18-20)**

We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into heaven, and in His present life there as our high priest and advocate.

6. **Condition of Mankind (Genesis 8:21, Psalm 51:5, Ecclesiastes 7:20)**

We believe in the total depravity of all mankind, and in the necessity of regeneration.

7. **Salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9, John 1:12)**

We believe that salvation is the free gift of God, entirely apart from works, and is possessed permanently by all who have by faith received the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

8. **The Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14)**

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person and that He indwells all believers. We believe that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is the sovereign work of God that occurs at the moment of conversion, whereby the Holy Spirit places the believer in the Body of Christ.

9. **Christ's Return (Matthew 24:42, Matthew 25:13)**

We believe in the personal, imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

10. **Judgment (1 Corinthians 15:12-32, Revelation 20:11-15)**

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the lost.

Covenant Commitments

- _____ I commit to habitually spend time with God through the reading of Scripture and Prayer. (Deut. 11:18, Ps 119:11, Rom 12:12, Phil 4:6-7, Col 4:2)
- _____ I commit to follow the example of Christ's holiness in my personal choices. (Rom 12:1, Col 3:1-17, 1 Thes 4:3-7, 1 Peter 1:13-16)
- _____ I commit to financially support the mission of Emergence through cheerful, regular giving. (Acts 2:42-47, 2 Cor 9:6-8, Luke 11:42)
- _____ I commit to attend the corporate gathering of Emergence consistently. (Acts 2:42, Heb 10:24-25)
- _____ I commit to living my life with a posture of Jesus as Savior, Redeemer, and Lord. (Eph 5:1-20, 1 Peter 2:9-12)
- _____ I commit to actively pursue biblical community within Emergence. (Acts 2:42-47, Hebrews 10:24-25)
- _____ I commit to be diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit and not divide this body. (Ephesians 4:1-6)
- _____ I commit to flee from gossip, and instead use my words to give grace to those who hear them. (Ephesians 4:29)
- _____ I commit to serve the body of Emergence. (1 Peter 4:10-11, Galatians 6:10)
- _____ I commit to pursue discipleship relationships and training with Emergence. (1 Timothy 2:2, 1 Corinthians 9:25)
- _____ I commit to not teach beliefs contrary to the doctrinal statement of Emergence. (Romans 16:17-19)
- _____ I commit to pursue intentional relationships with non-Christians as a missionary in my culture. (Luke 5:29-32)
- _____ I commit to living out and sharing the Gospel locally and supporting the global work of Emergence. (Mark 16:15, 2 Corinthians 9:13)
- _____ I have been baptized since trusting in Christ as Savior, or commit to being baptized. (Acts 10:47-48, Matthew 28:19-20)
- _____ I agree to submit to the authority of the Elders of Emergence as they are responsible before God for leading this body. (Hebrews 13:17, Romans 13:1-7)
- _____ I have read the doctrinal statement of Emergence (above) and am in full agreement with it.
- _____ I recognize that these commitments are not requirements for being a Christian, but rather what it looks like to truly partner with Emergence. The motive of these commitments is to shape and encourage Godly character in our people.
- _____ I commit to meeting yearly with a church leader for follow-up, encouragement, and help in these pursuits.

- **Are you currently a member of Jacksonville Chapel? Please circle one: Yes \ No**
(please note, if you covenant with Emergence in membership, this will effectively remove your membership at Jacksonville Chapel)

Name: _____ Age: _____ (14 and over)

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____