

QUINAULT
BAPTIST CHURCH
A Washington Non-profit Corporation

MEMBERSHIP
COVENANT

Membership Covenant

Belief Agreement

I fully accept and confirm the core beliefs stated within the Statement of Faith, as presented to me by Quinault Baptist Church, without reservation. I will also adhere to these beliefs and strive to preserve their teachings amongst all peoples at all times. I understand that full comprehension and the ability to adequately articulate these beliefs is not required, but the explicit rejection of any part of the Statement of Faith disqualifies one from membership at Quinault Baptist Church.

I understand it is a responsibility of covenant membership to have read the Statement of Faith of Quinault Baptist Church in its entirety and address any questions, comments, or concerns with a pastor or elder.

Biblical Obligations of Quinault Baptist Church Elders to Quinault Baptist Church Body

As shepherds and overseers of a local church, elders are entrusted with protecting, leading, equipping and caring for the corporate church body and her individual members. The following is a rather extensive overview of the requirements for elders as spelled out within the Scriptures.

The elders covenant...

- to care for the church and seek her growth in grace, truth and love (Matthew 28:16-20; Ephesians 4:15-16 Colossians 1:28; James 5:14; 1 Peter 5:1-4).
- to equip the members of the church for the work of ministry (Ephesians 4:11-16)
- to provide teaching and counsel from the whole of Scripture (Acts 20:27-28; 1 Timothy 4:16; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Titus 2:1).
- to be on guard against false teachers and teachings (Matthew 7:15; Acts 20:28-31; 1 Timothy 1:3-7; 1 John 4:1).
- to prayerfully seek God's will for our church community and steward her resources to the best of our ability based on our study of the Scriptures and following of the Spirit (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-4).
- to set an example and join members in fulfilling the obligations of church membership stated below (Philippians 3:17; 1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:7-8; 1 Peter 5:3).
- to shepherd as those accountable to God, each other, and the church (Hebrews 13:17; Acts 20:28; 1 Timothy 5:19-20; 1 Peter 5:1-4).
- to appoint elders and deacons (including staff members who serve in these offices) according to the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures (1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4).
- to exhort self and fellow believers to put off the sinful nature and put on Godliness for the glory of God, the good of the one disciplined and the health of the church as a whole (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5; Galatians 6:1; Ephesians 4:22-24; James 5:19-20).
- to submit to the discipline of God through His Holy Spirit
- informally or formally, as outlined in the Church Discipline Guidelines
- to lovingly facilitate discipline as necessary

Biblical Obligations of the Members to Quinault Baptist Church Body

As those who have experienced the grace of a life changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ, we have the opportunity to reflect the character of Christ through the pursuit of certain attitudes and actions and the rejection of others. The Scriptures refer to this reality as living by the Spirit (Romans 8:1-17). The requirements of this membership covenant are in no way intended as an addition to the biblical obligations of a believer, rather a synopsis of what the Scriptures teach about the obedience that faith produces. The ground for all of the

following is that God has loved us, and the goal is to help us love God (Matthew 22:37-38), love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:39; Romans 13:9), and love one another as Christ has loved us (John 13:34-35).

I covenant...

- to submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final arbiter on all issues (Psalm 119; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21).
- to devote myself to the Lord Jesus Christ through regular Bible reading, prayer, and fellowship (Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22).
- to follow the command and example of Jesus by participating in the ordinances prescribed to His Church:
 - by being baptized after my conversion (Matthew 3:16; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 41; 8:35-38; 10:44-48).
 - by regularly remembering and celebrating the person and work of Christ through The Lord's Supper (Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26).
- to regularly participate in the life of this church (Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:23-25; Titus 3:14).
- to steward the resources God has given me, including time, talents, spiritual gifts, and finances. (Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 1 Peter 4:10-11).
- by God's grace through the power of the Holy Spirit, to walk in holiness in all areas of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:13-16, 4:1-3). Believers, by God's grace and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, strive to put certain attitudes and actions to death while stirring themselves and one another to love and good deeds. Below are a few examples of actions addressed in the Scriptures:
 - I will practice complete chastity unless married and, if married, complete fidelity within heterosexual and monogamous marriage. Complete chastity and fidelity means, among other things, that regardless of my marital status, I will pursue purity and abstain from sexually immoral practices such as adultery, premarital sex, and pornography (Romans 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 6:15-20, 10:8; Ephesians 5:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4).
 - I will seek to preserve the gift of marriage and agree to walk through the steps of marriage reconciliation at Quinault Baptist Church before pursuing divorce from my spouse (Matthew 19:1-12; Mark 10:1-12; Luke 16:18; 1 Corinthians 7:10-11; for the role of the church in the process of divorce, see Paul's concern for the resolution of legal matters within the assembly of the church in 1 Corinthians 6).
 - I will refrain from drunkenness, gossip, and other sinful and/or damaging behavior as the Bible dictates (Romans 1:28-32, 13:13; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:18; James 3:3-18).
- to proclaim the Good News (gospel) of Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:20)
- to take seriously the responsibility of Christian freedom, especially actions or situations that could present a stumbling block to another (Romans 14:14-23; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13).
- to exhort self and fellow believers to put off the sinful nature and put on Godliness for the glory of God, the good of the one disciplined and the health of the church as a whole (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5; Galatians 6:1; Ephesians 4:22-24; James 5:19-20).
 - to submit to the discipline of God through His Holy Spirit
 - informally or formally, as outlined in the Church Discipline Guidelines
 - to confess my sin to God and to fellow believers, and repent and seek help to put my sin to death (Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5; James 5:16; 1 John 1:6-10).
- to submit to the elders and other appointed leaders of the church (Hebrews 13:17).
- to diligently strive for unity and peace within the church (Ephesians 4:1-3; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5).
- to do the following should I leave the church for righteous reasons:
 - to seek another church with which I can carry out my biblical responsibilities as a believer
 - to notify an elder of Quinault Baptist Church

Agreement

After having reviewed and discussed the Statement of Faith and Membership Covenant with at least two elders, I, the undersigned, do, by the Lord's leading, covenant with the members of Quinault Baptist Church, agreeing to the above obligations.

X// Member's Signature Date Signed

Printed Name

X// Elder's Signature Date Signed

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