



NORTH RIDGE CHURCH

Partnership Covenant

JANUARY 2022

OVERVIEW

Our Partnership Covenant is an expression of our shared desire to learn and live as a family together on mission with Jesus.

North Ridge Church is built around the idea of practicing the way of Jesus together in our city. We believe that to be an apprentice of Jesus of Nazareth is to order your life around three goals: be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus did. As we live this way, the hope is to see our lives, our communities, and our city transformed.

We believe the Church is not a building or a weekend activity, but a people. We strive to live out the Gospel in our city throughout the week and gather each weekend as a collection of Communities. Our prayer is, as Jesus prayed, that God's will would be done in Asheboro as it is in Heaven.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- I am a Christian saved from the eternal wrath of God by faith in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, through his death and resurrection, by which I am assured of eternal life (John 3:16-18; Rom. 3:23-26).
- I believe Jesus Christ is exactly who he claimed to be; God's eternal son, the Messiah who became flesh; fully God and fully man. The only mediator between God and man. (Isa. 53:6; Matt. 26:64; Mark 14:62; Luke 22:70; John 4:25-26; 6:29; 8:58; 11:25-27; 14:6-7; 15:5).
- I have repented of my sins and have been made a new creation in Christ (1 John 1:9; 2 Cor. 5:17).
- In obedience to Scripture, I have been baptized to personally identify with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, and to publicly demonstrate my new identity as a disciple of Jesus (Col. 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21).

STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE

ABOUT GOD

We believe in one God who eternally exists in three distinct persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is the second person of the Trinity and is co-equal with the Father.

ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

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.

ABOUT THE BIBLE

The Bible is God's Word to all people. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living.

ABOUT SALVATION

Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can man be saved from sin's penalty.

For more information about our core beliefs, visit northridgenow.org/mission-values

OBLIGATION OF NORTH RIDGE CHURCH LEADERS TO ITS PARTNERS

- We covenant that your elders and deacons will meet the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures (*1 Tim. 3:1-13; 5:17-22; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4*).
- We covenant to seek God's will for our church community to the best of our ability as we study the Scriptures, pray and follow the Spirit (*Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-5*).
- We covenant to care for you and seek your growth as an apprentice of Jesus, in part by equipping you for service (*Eph. 4:11-13*) and praying for you regularly, particularly when you are sick (*James 5:14*).
- We covenant to provide teaching and counsel from the whole of Scripture (*Acts 20:27-28; Gal. 6:6; 1 Tim. 5:17-18*).
- We covenant to be on guard against false teachers (*Acts 20:28-31*).
- We covenant to exercise church discipline when necessary (*Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5; Gal. 6:1*).
- We covenant to set an example and join you in fulfilling the duties of church members (*1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 3:17; 1 Tim. 4:12*).

MY COMMITMENT

I will commit to:

1) Gathering regularly with the church family on Sunday

2) Regularly Serving North Ridge Church

3) Practicing the Way of Jesus in a North Ridge Community

4) Giving financially to the mission of North Ridge Church

- I agree, by God's grace, to walk in holiness as an act of worship to Jesus Christ, who has saved me from my sin so that I could live a new life (*2 Cor. 5:17*).
- I have read and understood the North Ridge Statement of Faith and will not be divisive to its teaching. I also understand the importance of submission to church leadership and will be diligent to preserve unity and peace (*Eph. 4:1-3; Heb. 13:7, 17*).
- I covenant to submit to the authority of Scripture as the final arbiter on all issues (*Psalms 119; 2 Tim. 3:16-17*).
- I covenant to submit to discipline by God through his Holy Spirit, to follow biblical procedures for church discipline in my relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ, and to submit to discipline when approached biblically by brothers and sisters in Christ (*Psalms 141:5; Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Cor. 5:1-5; 2 Cor. 2:5-8; Gal. 6:1-5; 1 Tim. 5:20; 2 Tim. 2:25; Titus 1:9; 3:10-11; Heb. 12:5-11; Rev. 2:5-7, 14-25*).