



NORTH RIDGE CHURCH **PARTNERSHIP COVENANT**

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OVERVIEW

North Ridge Church exists to see Asheboro and beyond saturated with the glory of God in the everyday stuff of life. This requires the presence of Christ in his people, living as disciples who make disciples of Jesus. We believe the church is God's household (Eph. 2:19). We are God's family called to devote ourselves to one another in loving relationship (Acts 2:42) both showing what God is like and calling others to join his family through faith in Jesus Christ.

Though the Church is one household with one God and Father over us all, we believe it's important to devote ourselves to a local expression of the family, submitting ourselves to one another under biblically qualified elders for the purpose of ongoing care, equipping and development for ministry, and faithfulness to our doctrine and mission.

Our partnership covenant is an expression of our desire to learn and live as a family together on mission so that the vision of Jesus-saturation might take place.

OUR VISION

We hope to see Jesus -saturation in Asheboro and beyond so every man, woman, and child has a daily encounter with Jesus in word and deed.

God's vision is to see the knowledge of the glory of the Lord cover the earth as the waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14). Jesus is the glory of God, and he is the means by which anyone comes to truly know God. And it is Jesus Christ in us who is the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). For people to see the glory of God, Jesus has to come into our lives, change us, and work through us.

It is our hope that North Ridge Church might be a part of equipping God's people to realize they are the church sent into the everyday stuff of life so God might fill every place with His glory through His people.

OUR MISSION

Jesus-saturation happens when people become disciples of Jesus, committed to leading others to become disciples of Jesus in the everyday stuff of life.

Jesus commissioned his disciples to be disciples who make disciples. A disciple of Jesus is committed to bringing all of life increasingly under the leadership of Jesus and leading others to do the same. The mission of North Ridge Church is not just to grow a Sunday gathering or fill missional communities with people. Our desire is to equip God's people to be disciples who make disciples so Gospel-saturation might take place.

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

OUR COVENANT TO YOU

- 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 a disciple of Christ, 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) **GATHER** – Gathering regularly on Sunday.
- 2) **GROW** – Having a plan and accountability for growing personally as a disciple of Jesus through the practice of spiritual disciplines.
- 3) **GIVE** – Stewarding God's resources by giving of my time, talents and treasures to the North Ridge family and beyond.
- 4) **GO** – Making disciples of Jesus in a missional community.

• 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 (*Ps. 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 (*Ps. 141:5; Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Cor. 5:1-5; 2 Cor. 2:5-8; Gal. 6:1-5 8; 1 Tim. 5:20; 2 Tim. 2:25; Titus 1:9; 3:10-11; Heb. 12:5-11; Rev. 2:5-7, 14-25*).