

LEADERSHIP COVENANT

Standards for Those Who Influence Others

DOCTRINAL TRUTH

Please read the following Doctrinal Statements and put an “**A**” next to those with which you agree, a “**D**” for those with which you disagree, and a “**?**” next to those about which you are uncertain.

___ **God the Father** We believe, love and worship the one and only unchanging, sovereign, and loving God, the Creator and Ruler of all things in heaven and earth. God is manifest in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1, 26; 1 Chronicles 29:11-12; Deuteronomy 6:4; Psalm 90:2; 1 Peter 1:2)

___ **Jesus Christ (Son)** Jesus Christ, our Lord, is God in the flesh. He is the Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, fully God, fully man, sinless. He died on the cross in our place for our sins, was buried, resurrected from the dead, ascended into heaven, and now sits at the right hand of God the Father, as our Advocate, and will return to judge the living and the dead. (Hebrews 1:1-3; Matthew 1:18-23; John 1:1-18; Acts 1:9-11; Acts 2:22-24; 1 Corinthians 15; Revelation 5:9-14)

___ **Holy Spirit** The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, exalting Christ and convicting us of our sin and need for Jesus Christ. He fully lives in every believer from the moment of salvation. He comforts, teaches and empowers us to live in righteousness. He equips every believer with spiritual gifts for service in the Body of Christ. (Matthew 1:18; John 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Peter 4:10)

___ **People** People are made in the image of God—created to worship God, to glorify Him, and to have dominion over the earth. Sin separates people from God and they are eternally doomed unless they receive salvation in Jesus Christ. (Genesis 1:26; Psalm 8:3-6; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 3:10-18, 23)

___ **Salvation** Since all persons are separated from God by sin and are in need of forgiveness, God offers the free gift of salvation. Each person must individually accept this gift, repent of

sin, and place faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. (Exodus 6:2-8; Matthew 16:21-26; John 3:15-16; John 17:3; Rom. 5:1; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9)

___ **Eternal Security of the Believer** We believe our true salvation, provided by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ alone, is eternally secure. It is imperishable and no man or circumstance can snatch us out of the powerful hand of God because Jesus Christ has made an everlasting covenant with us. (John 10:28; 2 Timothy 1:12; 1 Peter 1:4; Hebrews 7:25; 2 Samuel 23:5; John 3:36; John 5:24; John 14:6)

___ **The Bible** The Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God to reveal God and His will to man. The Bible has God as its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error. The Bible is the sole authority for Christian living. (Deuteronomy 4:1-2; Psalm 12:6; Psalm 19:7-10; Psalm 119:105, 160; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

___ **Priesthood of the Believer** Every believer is a minister and has direct access to God through the high priest, Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 4:14-16; Hebrews 10:19-22; Ephesians 3:7)

___ **The Church** Jesus Christ is the head of His Body, the Church. The Body of Christ is composed of believers. The purpose of the Church is to carry out His mission in the world and is best lived out in local, autonomous churches. (Matthew 16:15-19; Acts 2:41-42, 47; Romans 12:4-8; Ephesians 4:10-16; 1 Corinthians 12; Revelation 2-3)

___ **Baptism and the Lord's Supper** Baptism by immersion follows Christ's example, symbolizing death, burial and resurrection to new life in Christ. It serves as a testimony of faith after accepting Christ as personal Savior and Lord. The Lord's Supper is an act of obedience and a testimony of faith. It symbolically memorializes the death of Jesus Christ. Self-examination and confession of sins should precede participation in the Lord's Supper. (Matthew 3:13-17; Matthew 26:26-30; Acts 16:30-33; Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12)

___ **Marriage** We believe marriage is defined in the Bible as a covenant, a sacred bond between one man and one woman, instituted by and publicly entered into before God. (Matthew 19:4-6)

___ **Sanctity of Life** Biblical revelation clearly and consistently affirms that human life is formed by God in His image and is therefore worthy of honor and dignity. Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. God alone is the Author of life and He alone numbers our days, from the moment of conception until natural death. (Genesis 1:27; 9:6; Job 14:5-7; Psalm 39:4)

___ **Resurrection** Jesus Christ was physically resurrected from the dead in a glorified body three days after His death on the cross. In addition, both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; those that are saved to the resurrection of life and those that are lost to the

resurrection of eternal damnation. (Luke 24:16, 36, 39; John 2:19-21, 20:26-28, 21:4; Acts 24:15; 1 Corinthians 15:42, 44; Philippians 1:21-23, 3:21)

___ **Heaven** Heaven is the eternal dwelling place for all believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 5:3, 12, 20, 6:20, 19:21, 25:34; John 17:24; 2 Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 11:16; 1 Peter 1:4)

___ **Hell** After living one life on earth, the unbelievers will be judged by God and sent to Hell where they will be eternally tormented with the Devil and the Fallen Angels. (Matthew 25:41; Mark 9:43-48; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 14:9-11, 20:12-15, 21:8)

___ **Second Coming** Jesus Christ will physically and visibly return to earth for the second time to establish His Kingdom. This will occur at a date undisclosed by the Scriptures. (Matthew 24:30, 26:63-64; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8; Revelation 1:7)

___ **Church Leadership** God calls individuals whose lives best exemplify the Biblical qualifications of the position of pastor, ministerial staff and deacons to lead the local body. They are selected and affirmed by the local body after prayerful consideration. Leaders are called by God to uphold church doctrine and to live lives worthy of respect. The local church is called to submit to their authority. (1 Timothy 3; Acts 6:1-8; Acts 20:28; 1 Timothy 5:17-22; Hebrews 13:7, 17; Titus 1:5-9)

___ **Church Discipline** We believe that the Bible teaches church discipline. God disciplines those He loves (Hebrews 12). He uses the leadership of the church to prayerfully administer His discipline (Galatians 6:1) according to scripture (Matthew 18:15-18 and 1 Corinthians 5:1-13). Discipline is administered in hope of restoring the one who has fallen into sin back to a right relationship with God and the church. (Galatians 6:1; Hebrews 12; Matthew 18:15-18; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13)

CODE OF CONDUCT

As an essential part of FBCL Leadership family, you have a responsibility to develop and exhibit mature Christian behavior. This should be the basic premise of your desire to participate in a servant-leader position here at FBCL.

By providing an example in speech and action, we encourage others to grow in Christ and become servant-leaders themselves. This is a way of life measured by the heart and commitment of each leader in the FBCL family.

Our conduct should never be an embarrassment to Christ, but should exemplify the best qualities of a mature believer and servant-leader. **We expect all of our servant leaders to be striving towards spiritual maturity.** (Philippians 1:27; Ephesians 5:3-4; 1 Corinthians 6:18; Galatians 5:18-20; Colossians 3:4-6; Ephesians 5:18)

AGREEMENT & SIGNATURE

Having read the FBCL Leadership Covenant, I commit today to live by the standards expected of a leader in regard to doctrine and conduct.

Signature

Date

Please return this complete form to the appropriate ministry leader. If you have questions, please contact our Serve Team at serve@fbclloganville.org.