WEISER COMMUNITY CHURCH

# NEW MEMBER COVENANT OF FELLOWSHIP

Having submitted to Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and taking the Holy Scriptures as my rule of faith and practice, I desire to enter into a "Covenant of Fellowship" with this local body of believers. As a result of this desire, I covenant:

*to walk with other members of this body in Christian love, caring for them, watching over them, praying for them, and bearing their burdens and sorrows. (Galatians 6:2)

*to be thoughtful, courteous, patient, kind to others, tenderhearted, forgiving others just as God has forgiven me. (Ephesians 4:32)

*to help guard the purity and integrity of the body of believers by seeking to restore those who sin. (Galatians 6:1)

*to contribute as I have purposed in my heart, to the financial support of the church, the relief of the needy, and the evangelism of all people. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

*to willingly submit to the spiritual leadership as they submit and serve God and the congregation, knowing they will give an account to God. (Hebrews 13:17)

*to endeavor by faith to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 3:18)

*to use my spiritual gifts in ministry. (1 Peter 4:10)

*to live in my community as a witness of Christ's transforming love. (1 John 4:11 – 12)

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Signature Printed Name

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Address

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Date Telephone #s

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E-mail address

*By signing this "Covenant of Fellowship", I declare that I have read, agree and will affirm the articles in the Community Church of Weiser's Constitution.*

**Article 2 Doctrine**

*We as the Community Church of Weiser, believe the Bible is the revelation of God to mankind. It consists of the 66 books of the Old and New Testament. The original manuscripts are infallible, inerrant, God breathed, and the final authority of all Christian belief and conduct.*

*We believe that the Bible not only contains and conveys the Word of God, but that the Bible is the very Word of God. We believe that it is the responsibility of every believer to ascertain carefully the true intent and meaning of Scripture.*

*We believe in the existence, unity, and triune nature of one eternal God, who is the sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all things. He is infinitely perfect, holy, and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To Him belongs all honor, glory, and worship forever.*

*We believe all humans are born into sin, estranged from God, and condemned by our sinfulness. Our salvation and justification are wholly dependent upon the work of God's grace through faith. Repentance, faith, and salvation are found By Grace Alone, Through Faith Alone, In Christ Alone.*

*We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. Rejection of one's own biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. We believe and teach that the term marriage has only one meaning, the uniting of one man and one woman in a single exclusive union as is taught in Scripture.*

*We believe that the Bible commands Christians to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian community in conformity with Biblical commandments and teachings.*

*We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of highest worth in all of life from conception through natural or accidental death. Therefore, we are called to defend, protect and value all human life.*

*We believe that worship as represented in the Bible is not just a weekly, corporate, musical number; but also an individual, never-stopping, ongoing, life-long conversation of praise to our Creator and God. Worship as we see in the Bible is the elevation of Christ over our humanity and the proclamation of His worthiness to lead and be loved by all those who understand His sacrifice to bring us near to Him.*

*We believe that the Church is composed of all redeemed people since creation who have been Justified and Redeemed through the resurrection of Christ. It is His body of which He is the Head. The universal, invisible Church is visibly expressed in local assemblies whose purpose is to worship God, fellowship, instruct believers in the Word, make disciples, and observe the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper.*

**Article 7 Official Position on Marriage and Sexuality**

*We believe that "marriage" has only one meaning and that is marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union intended to last a lifetime.*

*We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.*

*We believe that any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography, or any attempt to change one's biological sex or to otherwise act upon any disagreement with one's biological sex, is contrary to God's design and is ultimately damaging to the individual.*

*We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the church members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by the church in any capacity should abide by and agree to this Statement on Marriage and Sexuality and conduct themselves accordingly.*

*We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.*

*We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with scripture nor the doctrines of the church.*