



Believing that all men are sinful and that the just sentence of that sin is eternal separation from God and that Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin and having received Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord,

And being committed to the vision, values, and beliefs of Southbridge Fellowship Church, it is my desire, by the empowering of the Holy Spirit, to enter into the following covenant with those who are part of this local church body:

1. I will seek to be conformed to the image of Christ through:
 - **PURSUING ENCOUNTERS WITH THE LIVING GOD** in regular weekly worship gatherings and in personal time with God
 - Committing myself to the Scripture's commands of **EQUIPPING ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE AND SERVE** for mutual support and accountability and for making disciples and
 - Being intentional about **ENGAGING MY WORLD** with the Gospel so that others might come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior, as I do, for the glory of God.

2. I will support the ministry and witness of this local body to the community and world by:
 - Participating cheerfully and regularly in the financial support of the ministry and the obligation of the Church,
 - Supporting others fervently in Christian love, and
 - Upholding others in prayer and bearing one another's burdens during times of distress.

3. I will seek to maintain the unity of the church body by:
 - Living with love toward other members,
 - Seeking open and honest communication when I have concerns, and
 - Following the leadership of the church and submitting to the principles of church restoration.

Therefore I acknowledge the Lord's affirmation of my desire to join Southbridge Fellowship Church.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

(After signing and submitting the covenant, a time to share your testimony with leadership of the church will be arranged to complete the membership process.)

BELIEFS

Southbridge believes in...

The Holy Scriptures

We believe the Holy Bible to be the inspired, infallible, and authoritative source of Christian faith and practice. The Bible is a supreme revelation from God, superior to conscience, reason, tradition, and experience. (II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:20)

The Nature of God

We believe that there is one God, eternally present in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:18-20, Colossians 1:15-20, John 14:16, I Thessalonians 1:2-5, Ephesians 1:1-14)

The Sinfulness of Man

We believe that man was created in the image of God, but as a result of sin is lost and powerless to save himself. (Genesis 1:26, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:12)

Redemption through Christ

We believe that the only hope for man is to trust in Jesus Christ, the virgin born Son of God, fully God, fully man. Through faith in Christ's life, death, and resurrection, mankind is redeemed. (Matthew 1:18-25, John 1:4, John 3:16, I John 4:10, I Corinthians 15:1-5)

Salvation

We believe that salvation is by grace through faith alone. No amount of good works will produce justification before God. We further believe that the manifestation of faith and grace is a holy life expressed with a repentant heart through righteous works. (Romans 10:9, James 2:14-26)

Eternal Life

We believe that eternal life in heaven is the gift for all who believe and receive Jesus Christ as their Lord. In the same way, those who do not trust and believe in Christ are eternally separated from God in hell. (1 John 5:12, John 17:3, John 3:16, Revelation 21:8)

The Church/Mission

We believe that the Church is the Body of Christ, both universal and local, and is composed of individuals who, through faith in Jesus Christ, have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head and Lord of the Church. The mission of the Church is worship, evangelism, discipleship, and nurturing care of one another. (Matthew 28:18-20, Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 2:19-22)