

Membership Covenant

FAMILY CHURCH ON THE ROCK OCHO RIOS

Having accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Saviour and been obedient to the command of Water Baptism and having completed the membership class of Family Church on the Rock – Ocho Rios, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the FCOTR church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

I will protect the unity of my church

- a. ...by acting in love toward other members
- b. ...by refusing to participate in gossip
- c. ...by submitting to my pastor

"And this is the commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also" (1 John 4:21). "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honour giving preference to one another" (Rom. 12:10) "But do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs" (Eph. 4:29) "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that will be no advantage to you" (Heb. 13:17)

I will share the responsibility of my church

- a. ...by praying for its leaders, vision and growth
- b. ...by sharing my faith and inviting others to attend
- c. ...by warmly welcoming those who visit

"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16)
"Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled'" (Luke 14:23)
"Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God" (Rom. 15:7) "Let brotherly love continue. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels" (Heb. 13:1-2)

I will serve the ministry of my church

- a. ...by discovering my gifts and talents
- b. ...by being equipped to serve by my pastor and other leaders
- c. ...by developing a servant's heart

"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10)
"And [Christ] gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ..." (Eph. 4:11)
"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who... [took on] the very nature of a servant" (Phil. 2:3-4, 7)

I will support the testimony of my church

- a. ...by attending faithfully
- b. ...by living a godly life
- c. ...by giving regularly

"Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some..." (Heb. 10:23)

"Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ..." (Phil. 1:27)

"And all the tithes of the land... is the Lord's" (Lev. 27:30) "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house...say the Lord of hosts" (Mal. 2:10)

I will participate in the spiritual growth of my church

- a. ...by attending the Pre-Encounter classes, Encounter and Post-Encounter Classes
- b. ...by being open to receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit
- c. ...by participating in a cell group

"As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, which you may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2)

"For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit... but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..." (Ac. 1:5, 8)

"and they continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers...continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house..." (Acts. 2:42, 46)

I have read and understood the covenant as outlined above and recognize that the grace of God is sufficient to keep me in these areas of my commitment.

I moreover engage that if I remove from this place, I will as soon as possible unite with another Bible-believing church where I can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Pastor: _____

Date: _____