

FAMILY  
COVENANT



Join The Adventure



**EMMAUS ROAD**  
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Welcome to the adventure!

If you want to glorify God, by maximizing all he has given you, then Emmaus Road is the right family for you.

**The Vision** of our church is *to become a growing and diverse community living everyday like Jesus*. This is the adventure you join by becoming a member. We call our members "Missionary Partners". Missionary Partners are Christians who have covenanted together to give their time, treasure and talent to Emmaus Road and to live the Emmaus Road Values in their everyday lives.

### **Emmaus Road Values**

- 1) God-Centered [REJOICE]-live for God 24/7 at home, in the office, on the road, etc.
- 2) Biblical [READ] - Read and study the Bible and learn what it says
- 3) Missional [RELATE] – befriend non-Christians and share your faith with others
- 4) Community [RECONNECT] – befriend other Christians and fellowship with them
- 5) Restore people to Wholeness [RESTORE]-Serve others and help them
- 6) Reproduce [REPRODUCE]-mentor others and help start other new churches

As a family we do not always fulfill these ideals but nevertheless we still strive to become a team that brings glory to God, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Four reasons why we sign a covenant**

1. To clarify the beliefs and the on-going responsibilities of each family member
2. To encourage consistency, accountability and loving unity within the church
3. To counter the prevailing notion of consumerism that makes churches little more than social clubs or entertainment venues
4. To make it possible to protect the church against lawsuits in 21<sup>st</sup> Century America

### **The New Testament shows there was some sort of church membership in the early church.**

- A numerical record was kept of those in the church (Acts 2:42-47)
- Records were kept of the widows (1 Timothy 5:3-16)
- Formal elections were conducted (Acts 6:1-6)
- Discipline was carried out (Matthew 18:15-20, 1 Corinthians 5, Galatians 6:1)
- There was an awareness of who was in local churches (Romans 16:1-16)

In addition, the many one-another's found in the New Testament: "be devoted to one another in brotherly love," "carry each others burdens," "confess our sins to each other" etc. require that we engage in intentional covenant community in order to live them out.

We hope you will make your membership in the family official and join the adventure!

## MISSIONARY PARTNER PACKET | PERSONAL FAITH STORY

Please share how you came to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior by completing the statement below. For direction it is recommended that you model your answer on Paul's testimony given before King Agrippa in Acts 26:1-23 where he describes

- 1) His life before he became a Christian, (what you used to believe, how you used to live)
- 2) How he met Jesus, (the moment, or moments, where your faith in Christ became real)
- 3) How his life has changed after becoming a Christian. (what you now believe and how you now live)

I know I am a Christian because....

## ERC MISSIONARY PARTNER PACKET | FAMILY COVENANT

**With the guiding help and power of the Holy Spirit I publicly proclaim the following...**

1. I believe that Jesus Christ is exactly who he claimed to be  
(*John 6:35, 8:58, 10:30, 14:8-9, Luke 22:70, Mark 14:61-62, Matthew 19:28-29*).  
I have renounced my old way of life, repented of my sins, asked God to forgive my sins, to cleanse me and make me a new creation (*I John 1:9; II Corinthians 5:17*).  
I confess Jesus Christ as Lord and believe God raised him from the dead (*Romans 10:9-10*).
2. I recognize that my sin has separated me from God and made me his enemy and that as a result I deserve his wrath (i.e. hell) (*Isaiah 59:2, 64:6, Romans 3:10-20, 23, 6:23*).
3. I believe that God loved me anyway and that I am a Christian who has been saved from God's wrath by the grace of Jesus Christ. I have accepted His gift of salvation bought by His death on the cross, the penalty for my sins, and His resurrection, by which I am assured of eternal life (*John 3:16-18; Colossians 1:21-22, Romans 3:23-26*).
4. I have read and understood the Emmaus Road doctrinal statement (see below) and agree to 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 (*Ephesians 4:1-3; Hebrews 13:7, 17*).
5. I covenant to be self-disciplined, to follow the biblical procedures of church discipline regarding my brothers and sisters in Christ, and submit myself to church discipline if the need should ever arise (*Matthew 18:15-17; I Corinthians 5:1-5; II Corinthians 2:5-8; Galatians 6:1-5, 8; I Timothy 5:20; II Timothy 2:25; Titus 1:9; 3:10-11; Revelation 2:5-7*).
6. I covenant to willingly submit to the Bible as the final authority in spiritual, moral, ecclesial and theological issues. (*2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21, James 1:22*).
7. I covenant to live out the ERC Values to be **God-Centered, Biblical, and Missional**, to value **Community**, to **Restore Others** to Wholeness and to **Reproduce** myself by training others (*John 14:12, Ephesians 5:1-2*).
8. I covenant to live as a missionary to my neighborhood and workplace, consistently befriending non-Christians and sharing the Gospel with them (*Philemon 1:6, Matthew 5:13-16, 28:18-20, 1 Peter 3:15*).

9. I covenant to use the skills, talents and spiritual gifts God has given me to serve Emmaus Road Church and forward it's mission (*1 Corinthians 12:7,14-27, 1 Peter 4:10*).
10. I covenant to submit to the authority of the Emmaus Road Elders as they submit to the authority of the Bible (*Hebrews 13:7,17, 1 Timothy 5:17*).
11. I covenant to regularly attend weekly worship services of Emmaus Road Church unless providentially hindered (*Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 2:42,46*).
12. I covenant to give financially to Emmaus Road Church regularly, joyfully, and sacrificially (*2 Corinthians 8:7, 9:10-13, Deuteronomy 8:17-18, Malachi 3:8-12*).
13. I covenant to be an active part of this church by cultivating authentic relationships, bearing with others in love, and being friendly towards Missionary Partners and Sunday visitors (*1 Peter 4:8-9, 1 John 4:7-8, James 2:1-4, Romans 15:7, Acts 2:44,46*).
14. I covenant to follow the household guidelines handed down from the Apostles - husbands are to lead through sacrificial love, wives are to respectfully follow as their husbands follow Jesus, parents are to teach with firm kindness, children are to obey their parents. (*Ephesians 5:22-6:4*)
15. I covenant to submit to governing authorities who were put in their position by God and to respect my employer for the sake of adorning the Gospel (*Romans 13, Titus 2*)

**God enabling me, I will strive to consider my commitment to this Missionary Partner Covenant every June. I understand that it is an evaluative tool, as well as an affirmation of my continuing conviction and purpose. My responsibility will be to notify the Emmaus Road leadership if at any time I can no longer commit to this covenant, or if I have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding Emmaus Road Church.**

**My signature (or typed name) below signifies that I have given an honest answer to all of the above questions.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_