# **Helmers’ Church Membership Covenant**

## **The Leaders’ Commitment:**

## The Pastor(s) and leaders of Helmers Street Baptist Church commit to be faithful leader-shepherds of the church members in the following ways: Hebrews 13:17, Acts 14:23

- Uphold the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in all things related to ministry and their personal lives.

- Pray for and seek God’s best for the church and its members.

- Devote ourselves to the faithful study, proclamation, and application of God’s Word.

- Maintain a Christ-like testimony, both at church and away from church.

- Be available for prayer, encouragement, support and help when called on by the members.\*

- Uphold the Church’s constitution and its bylaws

- Remain accountable to the members in each area listed here.

\*If the leader is not available, it is the leader’s responsibility to find another leader within the church to step in to help.

**The Members’ Commitment**

“I commit to support the mission, vision, and values of Helmers Street Baptist Church both INWARDLY and OUTWARDLY, in the following areas: Philippians 1:27

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| **INWARD COMMITMENTS** | **OUTWARD COMMITMENTS** |
| Growing personal relationship with God | Share the gospel |
| Praying for church growth | Warmly welcoming visitors |
| Refusing to gossip | Regular attendance |
| Seeking reconciliation | Living a godly life/Testimony |
| Following Jesus daily | Regularly giving back |
| Studying God’s Word | Seeking to be equipped/discipled |

**INWARD COMMITMENTS:**

1. I commit to pick up my cross and following Jesus in my daily life (Mark 8:34-37).
2. I commit to focus on love as Jesus’ central command (John 13:34-35, 1 Corinthians 13:4-6).
3. I commit to develop a growing, personal relationship with God through prayer, Bible study, and obedience (Psalm 1; 1 Peter 1:13-16).
4. I commit to be support the ministry at Helmers Street Baptist Church by regularly praying for church growth, both numerically and spiritually (I Thessalonians 1:1-3)
5. I commit to refuse to gossip about others – or even listen to such things (Ephesians 4:29).
6. I commit that I will seek reconciliation with other members when conflict or interpersonal problems arise (Matthew 5:21-26; 18:15-20; Ephesians 4:26-27).
7. I confess that I have personally trusted in and am following Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and Lord, which is the core of my faith (Romans 1:8; 2 Cor. 13:3-5; Galatians 1:6-9).

**OUTWARD COMMITMENTS:**

1. I commit to actively look for ways to share my faith in Jesus Christ with others (Matthew 28:19-20).
2. I commit to warmly welcome those that visit our church or other church-related functions and activities (Romans 15:7).
3. I commit to regularly attend services and Bible Studies (Hebrews 10:23-25), and other church-sponsored events and opportunities to serve (2 Peter 1:5-10).
4. I commit to regularly give back to God a portion of my financial blessings (1Corinthians 16:2).
5. I commit to discover my gifts and talents and use them within the church (I Peter 4:10, 1 Cor. 12)
6. I commit to seek out opportunities to be equipped by my pastor and other leaders to better serve the Lord (Ephesians 4:11-12, Phil. 1:27)
7. I commit to living a Godly life whether I am at the church or away. I understand that I will be held accountable for any serious or ongoing sinful patterns in my life (Matthew 18:15-18; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13; Galatians 6:1-2).
8. I commit to seek out others to disciple in the faith, with a servant’s heart. (Philippians 2:3-4:7, Phil. 1:27).

**As a member applicant, I can sincerely say that I have:**

* Personally repented and placed my faith in Jesus Christ, *and* provided the church leadership with a written statement of how and when that happened.
* Expressed my commitment to trust and follow Jesus through water baptism (immersion)
* Committed to support the mission, vision, and values of Helmers Street Baptist Church as described in this document, both for myself and my family with me, and have signified by signing below:

**The Mission of Helmers Street Baptist Church ”**

* “To make Believers out of unbelievers and disciples out of Believers.”

**The Vision of Helmers Street Baptist Church:**

* “To build a family of devoted followers of Christ that worships God, shares Christ hope and love, and ministers to each other’s needs.”

Applicant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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