

NEW CREATION BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

“Transforming lives, one soul at a time.” *2 Corinthians 5:17*



NCBF NOW

TABLE CHAT

A CHURCH COMMITTED TO MISSIONS

NCBF NOW Table Chat is a recorded discussion amid members describing all things about the church foundation, and the mission forward about beliefs, statements of faith, giftedness, servant covenant commitment approaches and the vision of beloved Dr. Kevin W. James, Sr Pastor. The content therein discussed is intended for those desiring to learn more about the church that Jesus Christ through the vessel of Pastor James leads through biblical discipleship.

New Creation Bible Fellowship is a church committed to being on missions. It is our desire to not only live as the new creatures (2 Corinthians 5:17) that we are in Jesus Christ, but to be actively involved in reaching our community for Jesus in tangible ways. We invite you to join us as we join God in what He is doing in this world. It is our prayer that all that you say and do will bring glory, honor, and praise to our God.

During the Get Connected Series you hear the following:

- ✚ Church History
- ✚ The Mission, Vision, Core Values, Discipleship Focus
 - Goal Characteristics of a Devoted Follower
- ✚ Statements of Faith
- ✚ Discipleship
- ✚ Bible Study Nuggets: Salvation, Baptism & Stewardship
- ✚ Organizational Structure and Ministry information
- ✚ NCBF Membership Covenant Expectations

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THE HISTORY OF NEW CREATION BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

HOW WE BEGAN

In May 2007, the Lord gave Pastor James a vision of a new church plant during his quiet time with Him. The Lord gave the name, mission statement, core values, and the discipleship process for this new work. The name God gave is a constant reminder of who we are **NEW CREATION**, with the **BIBLE** as our foundation, and Christian **FELLOWSHIP** as our goal. As a result, he shared with Pastor Horacio S. Jones (pastor of Family Bible Fellowship) and with much prayer he pursued to implement the new work.

Then Pastor prayed over the site of a then new elementary school in a Tracy neighborhood, met some key vessel who made it possible to secure use of a actual worship center and Children's facility. The beautiful tapestry of our church history testimony was then established and continues today with glorious milestones of servant leadership in the community, persons of peace in the City of Tracy and Foundations/Conventions across the nation.

We witnessed God's faithfulness to His people as we continue to engage our culture for Christ. It is our passion to impact the lives of people with the love of Christ. The dedication of workers and members has resulted in our focus and determination to "**TO ADD VALUE TO OUR COMMUNITY.**" The church has grown from 18 people to over 150+ and we have impacted the lives of over 1000 people through our ministry during our first year.

One emphasis of our ministry is that every member must volunteer in the community. The Lord gave us two words to focus on in this ministry: *intentional* and *relational*. The way that we gain the right to be heard is by developing relationships with others and we are intentional about who we are reaching, young people, the unchurched and the lost. As we continue to be missional in our approach, the Lord continues to open up opportunities for us to make a difference in Tracy and the San Joaquin County, actually across the GLOBE in our virtual posture. We continually encourage each member with these words, "***we are excited about your future***" because through God we will continue to do great things for His Kingdom.

MISSION STATEMENT

New Creation Bible Fellowship exists to transform unchurched, lost people into devoted followers of Christ.

VISION STATEMENT

At New Creation Bible Fellowship, we envision a place where the lost, hurting, depressed, and hopeless can find love, purpose, acceptance, forgiveness, direction, and hope.

We envision sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with thousands of unchurched, lost friends and people in the San Joaquin Valley, our prayer is that many will surrender their lives to the Lord.

We envision New Creation Bible Fellowship will be a church where God's presence is experienced by promoting creative, inspiring, and authentic worship; and teaching that is biblical and relevant to life.

We envision developing all our people – new and mature believers – into devoted followers of Christ and equipping them for ministry by helping them discover the talents and gifts that God has given them.

We envision a family that calls people from the despair of isolation to the joy of meaningful relationships. We will seek to know, meet the needs, help, encourage, and love one another by accepting all believers into God's family.

CORE VALUES

- ❑ We believe that unchurched, lost people matter to God, and therefore matter to us as well. (Luke. 19:10 (KN); Matt. 28:19-20 BS)
- ❑ We desire to acknowledge God's supreme value and worth in our personal lives and in pure and authentic corporate worship. (John 4:24 KN; Rom. 12:1-2 AP will comment)
- ❑ We believe that the Word of God is foundational for transformation in individuals' lives and in the church. (2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16 (JD))
- ❑ We believe sowing into the Kingdom through our time, talents, and treasure is the responsibility of every believer. (Acts 20:35; 2 Cor. 9:7-8)
- ❑ We believe that loving relationships should permeate every aspect of our church life. (John 13:34-35; Gal. 6:10 (KN))

DISCIPLESHIP FOCUS

- **BELIEVING**
 - Lordship of Jesus Christ (Luke 6:46)
 - Authority of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16)

- **BELONGING**
 - To God's household (Ephesians 2:19-22)
 - Local Assembly

- **BECOMING**
 - More Like Christ (Luke 9:23; Colossians 3:17)

CHURCH SLOGAN:

WE ARE BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST, BELONGING TO THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD,
BECOMING WHO GOD CALLED US TO BE!

GOAL OF NEW CREATION BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

□ MAKE DISCIPLES

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

(Matthew 28:18-20, NKJV)

AT NEW CREATION OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES WHO KNOW GOD IN A DEEP INTIMATE WAY
RESULTING IN GROWING IN CHRIST-LIKENESS AND RESPONDING TO GOD IN LOVING OBEDIENCE.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF CHRIST

A devoted follower will manifest the following biblical characteristics as a result of our discipleship process:

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| 1) Puts Jesus first in all things | (Mk 8:34-38) |
| 2) Follows Jesus' teachings | (Jn 8:31-32) |
| 3) Fruitful | (Jn 15:5-8; Gal 5:22) |
| 4) Love for other disciples | (Jn 13:34-35) |
| 5) Evangelizes & disciples others | (Mt. 28:18-20; 2Tim 2:2) |
| 6) Desires spiritual growth | (2Tim. 2:15; Mt. 13:18-23; 1Pe 2:2) |
| 7) Spiritual disciplines | (1Th 5:17; Mt. 6:16; Ps 1:2; Mk 1:35) |
| 8) Sows into the Kingdom | (2Cor. 9:7; Eph. 4:11-13; 1Pe 4:10) |
| 9) Seeks a more intimate relationship | (Eph 1:17; Php 3:10; Ps 24:4) |
| 10) Lifestyle of worship | (Rom 12:1; Ps 29:2; 95:6) |

STATEMENT OF FAITH

What We Believe

□ **In essential beliefs – we have unity.**

“There is one body and one Spirit...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all...” Ephesians 4:4-6

□ **In non-essential beliefs – we have liberty.**

“Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters...Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls...So then each of us will give an account of himself...so whatever you believe about these things keep between yourselves and God.” Romans 14:2, 4, 12, 22

□ **In all our beliefs – we show charity.**

“...If I hold in my mind not all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains – but have no love, I amount to nothing at all.” 1 Corinthians 13:2

The Essentials We Believe

1. ABOUT GOD

God is the creator and ruler of the universe. He is eternally existing in three personalities: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal, co-eternal, and co-existent.

Genesis 1:1, 26,27, 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14 (BS)

2. ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

Jesus is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and while fully human, never divested himself of any godly attributes. He offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead, after three days, to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return someday to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Matthew 1:22, 23 (JD); Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14:10-30, 17:14; Hebrews 4:14, 15; 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4; Romans 1:3, 4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14, 15; Titus 2:13

3. ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He (JD & BS) also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. (JD). He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth (BS), and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer spiritual gifts when they are saved and as Christians, we seek to live under His control daily.

2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13, 16-17, 26; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 2:10-12; Ephesians 1:13, 5:18; Galatians 5:25

4. ABOUT THE BIBLE

The bible is God's Word (KN) to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error.

II Timothy 3:16 (KN) ; 2 Peter 1:20,21; Psalm 12:6, 119:105, 160; Proverbs 30:5-6 (BS)

5. ABOUT HUMAN BEINGS

People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin." This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life.

Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a, 59:1,2; Romans 3:23

6. ABOUT SALVATION

Salvation is God's gift to us, but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of

forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus Christ in faith, we will be saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his/her life by faith.

Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1-2

7. ABOUT ETERNAL SECURITY

Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely 'saved', you cannot "lose" it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us this security.

John 5:24; 10:27-30; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25; 10:10-14; Ephesians 1:13

8. ABOUT MARRIAGE

Marriage is a biblical institution established by God as clearly described in the scriptures. This Church recognizes that marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. Accordingly, this Church, its pastors, staff, and members will not participate in same sex unions or same sex marriages, nor shall its property or resources be used for such purposes.

Genesis 2:18, 21-24; Matthew 19:4-6; Mark 10:5-8; 1 Corinthians 7:2; Ephesians 5:3; Hebrews 13:4

9. ABOUT HUMAN SEXUALITY

The Bible teaches that legitimate sexual relations are exercised solely within marriage. Hence, this Church opposes all forms of sexual immorality including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography.

Genesis 1:26-28; 19:4-11; Judges 19:22-25 Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Ephesians 1:13; Jude 7

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Spiritual Gifts

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” Ephesians 4:11-12

Heart

“I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers, hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all saints...For we have great joy and consolation in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother.” Philemon 4, 7

Abilities

“Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.” 1 Corinthians 3:5-6

Personality

- Confrontational – Peter in Acts 2-5, 10-12
- Interpersonal – Matthew in Luke 5:29
- Intellectual – Paul in Acts 17:16-34
- Serving – Tabitha in Acts 9:36
- Testimonial – Blind man in John 9
- Invitational – Woman at the well in John 4

Experiences

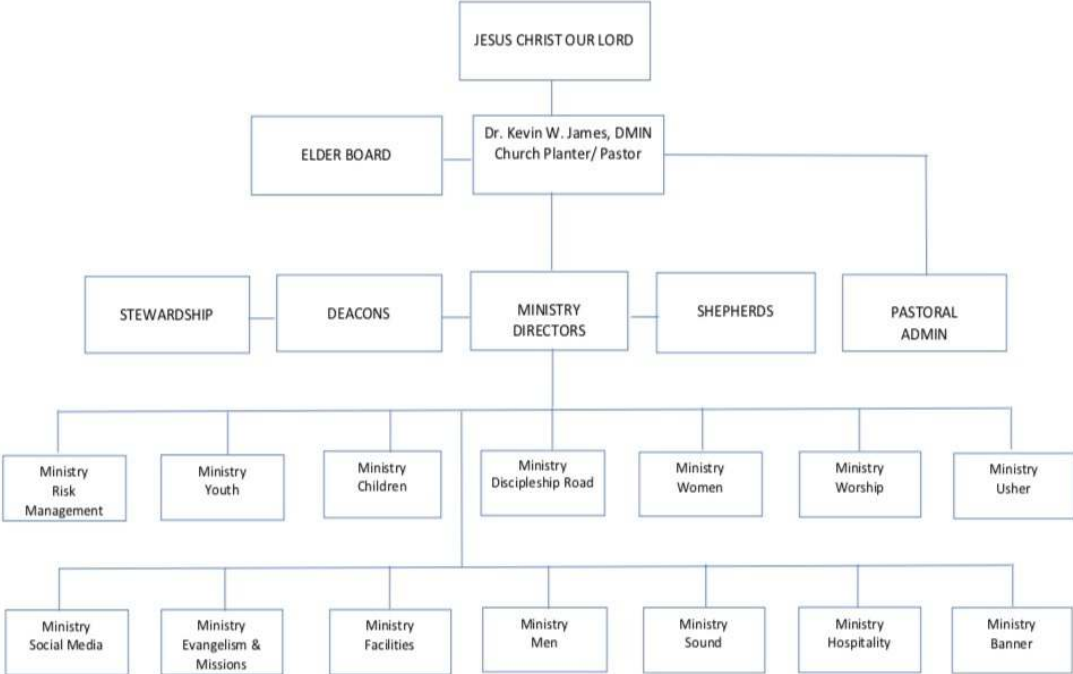
“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

Remember that to discern where the Lord is leading you to serve:

- Know how God has S.H.A.P.E. you (Spiritual Gift Inventory)
- Look for the NEED
- What’s your BURDEN

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Ministry: New Creation Bible Fellowship
Organizational Chart



Our Current Ministries Offered A-Z

Ministry Name
5 Loaves & 2 Fish Feeding Ministry
Benevolence Ministry
Children’s Ministry
Communications
Community Partnership & Ministries
Couple’s Ministry
Deacon Ministry
Facilities
Footprints to Jesus (7th/8th Graders)
Hospitality
Intercessory Prayer Ministry
Jehovah Nissi Banner Ministry
Men’s Shelter
Pastor’s Aide
Praise Dance Ministry
Risk Management Ministry
Shepherds Ministry
Social Media Ministry
Stewardship Ministry

Future Ministries:

Single’s Ministry
 Men’s Ministry
 Young Adult Ministry

Community Ministry Opportunities

Financial Assistance (Residents of City of Tracy)
 Raise Your Game (RYG) Sports Camp
 Tracy Convalescent Rehabilitation Center
 Restoration Center (Intervention & Prevention Program)
 Volunteer at Schools (Tracy Unified School District)
 Relay for Life
 Pregnancy Resource Center
 Tracy United to Make A Difference
 Tracy Crime Stoppers
 Boys & Girls Club of Tracy

RISK MANAGEMENT - SAFETY FIRST & GETTING ASSISTANCE

1. EMERGENCY & EVACUATION

- First Aid Kit
- Fire Extinguisher Locations
- Evacuation Plan Locations (every room)

2. HOW TO REPORT PROBLEMS

- Immediately contact a minister or deacon when situation occurs
- Complete an incident report form (be as detailed as possible)
- In case of injury, immediately call 911
 - Children or youth involved, contact parent or guardian immediately
 - Do not try to provide CPR or First-Aid if you are not trained (**NCBF has staff that is trained in CPR & First-Aid**)
 - Hospital visit required, do not drive yourself
 - Submit copies of all hospital and insurance documentation

3. IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

- First – Contact Elder Ed Tucker (Head Deacon)
- Second – Contact Dr. Kevin James (Senior Pastor)
- Provide assistance in emergency situations only (**do not** support ongoing problems)
- Provide help with PG&E and food **only**
- Providing assistance is **reviewed** by the Pastor. (maximum once a quarter & not guaranteed)

4. ACCESS TO BUILDING & PARKING

- Park in designated areas (follow the directions of parking lot staff)
- To reserve the building, complete the facility use form (prior approval required)
- **NO** alcohol, music with profanity, drugs and/or smoking is allowed on NCBF property.

Topic II: Bible Study Lessons

“You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine...”

Titus 2:1

TOPIC PURPOSE:

- To gain a better understanding of Salvation, Believer’s Baptism, and Stewardship

LESSON I – SALVATION

Understanding Salvation (Ephesians 2:1-10)

A. God has a **PURPOSE** for our lives.

1. We were created:
 - To be **holy** and **blameless** in His sight. (Ephesians 1:4)
 - To **glorify** God. (Ephesians 2:6)
 - To be **like** Christ. (Romans 8:29)

B. We have new **LIFE** in Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. We were **dead** (spiritually separated from God) because of our trespasses and sins. (Ephesians 2:1)
 - Our will, intellect, and emotions were not under His **control**.
 - We failed to **obey** the Word of God
 - Our lives did not **measure** up to the will of God. (Romans 3:23)
2. God’s disposition towards us is one of **mercy**. (Ephesians 2:4)
 - He extends mercy in order to satisfy His great love for us. (John 3:16)
3. God has brought us to life **through** Christ. (Ephesians 2:5)
 - He has made us alive. (quicken us)
 - Because of our identification with Christ we have received a divine life. (Romans 6:3-4)
4. The means by which we **apprehend** salvation is through Faith. (Ephesians 2:8)
5. Salvation is a **free** gift from God. (2:9)
 - There are no strings attached. (Rom. 4:4-5)
6. We now can live **consistent** with God’s will for our lives. (Ephesians 2:10)
 - He determined beforehand how we should live.

How Does Conversion Take Place (John 1:12-13)

A. We are **CONFRONTED** about our sinfulness.

1. The **LAW** is used to expose us. (Romans 3:19-20)
2. It is one of the **WORKS** of the Holy Spirit. (John 16:8)

B. Conversion calls for a **RESPONSE** from us.

1. **CONVICTION** leads to Godly sorrow. (2 Corinthians 7:9-10)
2. Requires **REPENTANCE** from sin. (Acts 26:20)
3. Conversion requires **FAITH** in a person. (Numbers 21:5-9; John 3:14-15)

C. We **RECEIVE** a new start.

1. The **Penalty** for our actions has been removed. (Romans 8:1-2)
2. We have a **Change** in our status. (Romans 6:18)

Evidence of Salvation (2 Peter 1:5-11)

A. Our faith will lead to **ACTION**.

- You can see what we **believe** in by what we do. (James 2:18)

B. We will demonstrate **LOVE** toward all people.

- Our love is **evidence** that we belong to God. (1 John 4:7-8)

C. Our **HOPE** will be for eternal things.

- Our commitment to Christ will **endure** to the end. (Matthew 10:22; 1John 3:2-3)

LESSON II – BAPTISM

A. New Believers are to declare **PUBLICLY** their faith in Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "Whoever _____ me before men, I will also _____ him before my Father in heaven. But whoever _____ me before men, I will _____ him before my Father in heaven." (Matthew 10:32-33)

B. Baptism is an act of **OBEDIENCE** that declares one's faith. (1 John 2:3)

C. Jesus **Commanded** baptism. (Matthew 28:19-20)

D. In the New Testament, the New **Believers** were baptized (Acts 2:37-38, 41, 47)

E. Baptism is an **expression** of our love for Jesus Christ. (John 14:21)

Remember:

- Baptism is our profession that we believe in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:46-58)
- Through baptism, we declare to the world that we have died to our old person and have been raised a new person in Jesus. (Romans 6:3-4)
- The New Testament method of baptism was *immersion*.
- Being baptized is our first act of obedience to the Lord.

LESSON III – STEWARDSHIP

- A. Believers must remember that God owns **EVERYTHING**.
Psalm 24:1; I Chronicles 29:14; Luke 19:11-27; 1 Corinthians 4:7
- B. We were created to be **STEWARDS** over God's creation.
Genesis 1:26; 1 Corinthians 4:2

Biblical Examples of Stewards:

- Adam (Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-6)
- Nehemiah (Nehemiah 1:4-11; 2:4; 4:4-5; 5:19; 6:14)
- Joseph (Genesis 39:1-9, 23; 41:38-41)

Remember:

In order for us to be good stewards, we must be both right with God and right with man.

- C. Believers are to **TOTALLY** give themselves to the God.
Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 6:20; 2 Corinthians 8:5
- D. Believers live their lives **FOCUSING** on the future, not the present.
2 Peter 3:10-13
- E. Believers should give **WILLINGLY** and with joy.
2 Corinthians 9:6-11
- F. Believers should always be willing to **HELP** other believers in times of need.
Mark 10:28-30; Acts 4:32-5:4
- G. Believers understand the proper **ORDER** of giving.
- Home (Family & Extended family)
 - Church
 - Mission efforts
 - Helping other Believers
 - Helping the Unbeliever

THE NEW CREATION BIBLE FELLOWSHIP MEMBERSHIP COVENANT (PASTOR@NCBFTRACY.ORG)

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized and being in agreement with *New Creation Bible Fellowship Mission & Core Values*, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the NCBF family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

- ❑ By acting in love toward other members
- ❑ By refusing to gossip
- ❑ By following the leaders

2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

- ❑ By praying for its growth
- ❑ By inviting the unchurched to attend
- ❑ By warmly welcoming those who visit

3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

- ❑ By discovering my gifts and talents
- ❑ By being equipped to serve by the leadership of my church
- ❑ By striving to fulfill the Ministry Priorities of my church

4. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

- ❑ By attending faithfully
- ❑ By living faithfully, a Godly life
- ❑ By giving faithfully my tithes and offerings

NEW MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

As a member and volunteer worker within any ministry of New Creation Bible Fellowship I agree to fulfill the following priorities:

1. Have publicly accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of my life, followed by the Believers Baptism.
2. A member of New Creation Bible Fellowship and have completed the New Member Class.
3. Regularly attend Sunday Morning Bible Study or a weekly bible study and volunteer to serve in the community once a month for a minimum of one hour.
4. Regularly contribute through my tithes and offerings to the united budget of the church.
5. Actively seek opportunities to share my faith with unchurched and lost individuals.
6. Affirms agreement with and adherence to the By-laws, policies and procedures of the church.
7. Support the Pastor and Church Leaders through my prayers and harmony with one another.
8. Promote and support harmony and unity within my particular ministry.

I covenant with God and the church through my support of the new member covenant:

NEW MEMBER COVENANT

I _____ have read and understand the ministry priorities of New Creation Bible Fellowship. I count it a privilege to serve the Lord through His Church. I support the ministry priorities of our church and indicate it with my signature below.

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(New Member)

Signature: _____
(Pastor)