

BECOMING A MEMBER

Redeemer Community Church

Membership at Redeemer is a four-part process:

1. **Baptism:** All members of Redeemer are required to follow the command of Jesus Christ to be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as a testimony of God's faithfulness and their devotion to Christ.

2. **Testimony:** All members of Redeemer are required to provide a written testimony briefly covering their conversion and discipleship in the faith. (Guidelines are provided on the following page.)

3. **Membership Covenant Agreement:**

All members of Redeemer are required to enter into the Membership Covenant.

The Membership Covenant is made up of two affirmations:

- 1.) Affirmation of the Redeemer Church Covenant (page 3)
- 2.) Affirmation of the Redeemer Statement of Faith (page 4)

4. **Relationship:** All members of Redeemer are required to live in community with one another. The primary opportunity for relationship, outside of our weekly corporate worship gathering, is in Home Groups. While being a part of a Home Group is not required for Covenant Membership, participation in a Home Group is expected.

Please email your testimony to membership@rccbirmingham.org

Annual Renewal of Membership

All current members will write an update testimony describing the past year as a covenant member.

The Church Covenant will be affirmed corporately annually. This offers an opportunity to reflect on the last year, review covenant expectations and renew our dedication as members of the local church.

Testimony

Redeemer Community Church

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Spouse: _____

Children (& ages): _____

- 1) When did you come to understand the Gospel and trust Jesus as both Lord and Savior?
- 2) In your own words, please explain what the Gospel is.
- 3) What was your subsequent discipleship like? (particularly the last two years.)
- 4) Briefly describe how you came to Redeemer and how God has led you to this decision to becoming a member.

Church Covenant

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DISCIPLESHIP

To be active in making disciples and being discipled; seeking out people through intentional relational evangelism to share in the spreading and understanding of the Gospel throughout the world. To take seriously the study of God's Word; devoting myself to prayer and other spiritual disciplines.

WORSHIP

To live a life of worship within our church community; in the giving of my time, finances, and attention. To live a life of worship in my home; to demonstrate Christ and His Church in my marriage or to honor Christ in my singleness, to educate my children in the Christian faith, and to practice Christian stewardship in my resources.

SERVICE

To share in the responsibility to live the Gospel in the surrounding community; to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God. To serve within our church community; volunteering to aide in ministering to one another with a servant's heart.

COMMUNITY

To participate in the fellowship of the community; willing to confess my sins, always seeking peace, quick to seek reconciliation, and ready to encourage brothers and sisters in the faith. To engage in accountability and discipline from the leadership of RCC; to invite the leadership of the church into my life, that from their accountability I might seek the Lord and live faithfully in His forgiveness and restoration.

I desire to engage in all these things, knowing full well that I will falter. But with the faith given to me by God, I will seek to fulfill these things with all glory and praise to Him alone.

Name _____ Date _____

Statement of Faith

Redeemer Community Church

About God: We believe in one God, Creator and Sustainer of all things, sovereign and supreme, existing eternally as three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with each person being fully God.

About Man: We believe that man was created in the image of God to glorify Him by enjoying Him forever.

About Sin: Sin is any act or attitude that is contrary to God's moral law, whether conscious or unconscious. We believe that through the fall of man, sin entered the world and man is now born into sin. This sin separates man from his holy Creator.

About Jesus Christ: We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, both fully God and fully man in one person, King of kings and Lord of lords. He was born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, suffered at the hands of earthly authorities, was obedient to His Father even unto death on a cross, and was raised from the dead on the third day thus proving He is Lord and Christ. After forty days, He ascended into heaven where He sits at the right hand of God making intercession on our behalf.

About Salvation: We believe that sinners are saved by sovereign grace through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ by which He accomplished redemption, forgiveness of sins, renewal of life, and life everlasting for His people. This salvation is received by grace through the gift of faith so that no man can boast.

About the Holy Spirit: We believe in the deity and personhood of the Holy Spirit who convicts the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment. He is sent to indwell the believer, provides power for righteous living, equips people for service in the church, and guides into truth. He is the deposit guaranteeing our inheritance to come.

About the Church: We believe in the one, holy, universal Church which is the community of all God's elect for all time. The Church has been commissioned to be a light unto the world and to make disciples among all the nations. We recognize the abiding significance of the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which will be used in service of the Church until the Lord returns.

About Scripture: We believe that the canon of the Old and New Testaments is the authoritative standard for the faith and practice of the Church. All Scripture is inspired by God. It is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.

Last Things: We believe Christ is coming again to judge the living and the dead. The righteous shall receive fullness of life and joy and will be raised up and given a body conformable to Christ's glorious body and shall live forever. Those who do not believe will receive everlasting punishment apart from Him in hell.