

Basic Responsibilities for Members of CVBC

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with the Chippewa Valley Bible Church's Governing Policies (including the Essential Christian Doctrines) and general approach to leadership and ministry, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the CVBC family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

I. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF THIS FELLOWSHIP:

- by acting in love toward others
- by refusing to gossip, lie or fault-find
- by making every attempt to follow the leaders
- "So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together." (Romans 14:19)
- Have a sincere love for other believers; "love one another deeply from the heart." (1 Peter 1:22)
- "...be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate,..." (Titus 3:1-2).
- Deal with disagreements in person, face to face; "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you." (Matthew 18:15)
- "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 would be no advantage to you." (Hebrews 13:17)

II. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS FELLOWSHIP:

- by praying for its message to be clearly proclaimed
- by inviting others to attend
- by warmly welcoming those who visit
- Paul requests prayer for their message to spread; "... And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ,..." (Colossians 4:2-5) Jesus said we should pray that people would be raised up to reach the lost and harassed; "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (Matthew 9:37-38)
- "The Master said to the servant, Go out to the roads and country lanes, and urge the people there to come so my house will be full." (Luke 14:23)
- "So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." (Romans 15:7)

III. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF THIS FELLOWSHIP:

- by discovering and using my gifts and talents to serve Christ, His body and the world
- by being equipped to serve by the equippers
- by developing a servant's heart
- "Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you." (1 Peter 4:10)
- "God gave...some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." (Ephesians 4:11-12)
- "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." (Philippians 2:3-4, 7)

IV. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF THIS FELLOWSHIP:

- by attending faithfully
- by living a godly life
- by prayerfully considering how God is leading me to spend my time, energy, and financial resources
- "Let us not give up meeting together...but let us encourage one another." (Hebrews 10:25)
- "Whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ." (Phil 1:27)
- "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)



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