

Supporting the testimony of my church

John 8: 31-32

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**IT IS NEARLY
TIME TO
KISS THE
BLARNEY
STONE...**

*Please remove
bags, hats, glasses
and anything loose
in your pockets.*



Orchard Valley Christian Church Membership Covenant

I, _____, having received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, and been baptized, agree with the Statement of Faith, the Bylaws, and the structure of Orchard Valley Christian Church. I feel led by the Holy Spirit to join the Orchard Valley Christian Church family. As a member I will continually dedicate myself to God and to the other members of the church to:

Guard the unity of my church

.....by acting in love and respect toward other members of my church

.....by following the leaders of my church

Share in the responsibilities of my church

.....by praying for its growth

.....by inviting those who are unchurched to attend

.....by warmly welcoming all who visit

Serve in the active ministries of my church

.....by discovering my spiritual gifts and talents

.....by being equipped to serve

.....by developing a servant's heart

Support the testimony of my church

.....by faithful attendance

.....by tithing regularly

.....by being a godly example to all

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Signature of elder: _____

Whose church is it?

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

— Matthew 6:18

Whose church is it?

As Saul drew near to Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?”

— Acts 9:3-4

The testimony of the Church - Holiness

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

—1 Peter 1:15-16

The testimony of the Church - Unity

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

— 1 Corinthians 1:10

The testimony of the Church - Love

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

— 1 John 4:7-8

The testimony of the Gospel / 1

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

— John 8:31-32

The testimony of the Gospel / 2

They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

— John 8:33

The testimony of the Gospel / 3

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin

— John 8:34

The testimony of the Gospel / 4

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

— John 14:6

The testimony of Baptism and Communion

Baptism - the believer confesses his or her identification with Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord

Communion - the body of believers remember the sacrifice of Jesus upon the cross by partaking of the elements of bread and wine (juice)

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- By faithful attendance
- By tithing regularly
- By being a godly example to all

Key Take Aways

Not a follower of Jesus

- Read your Bible
- Listen to the sermons
- Visit an Alpha group or a Home group
- Ask lots of questions

Key Take Aways

A follower of Jesus, but not yet baptized

- ☐ Talk with Pastor Mark or Pastor Tina or one of the elders about baptism

Key Take Aways

A follower of Jesus, baptized, but not yet a member

- Sign up for the membership class next Sunday at 12 noon – 3 pm

Key Take Aways

A follower of Jesus, baptized, and a member

- ❑ Serve in guarding the unity, sharing in the responsibilities, serving in the active ministries, supporting the testimony of the church
- ❑ Sign up for the membership class next Sunday at 12 noon – 3 pm