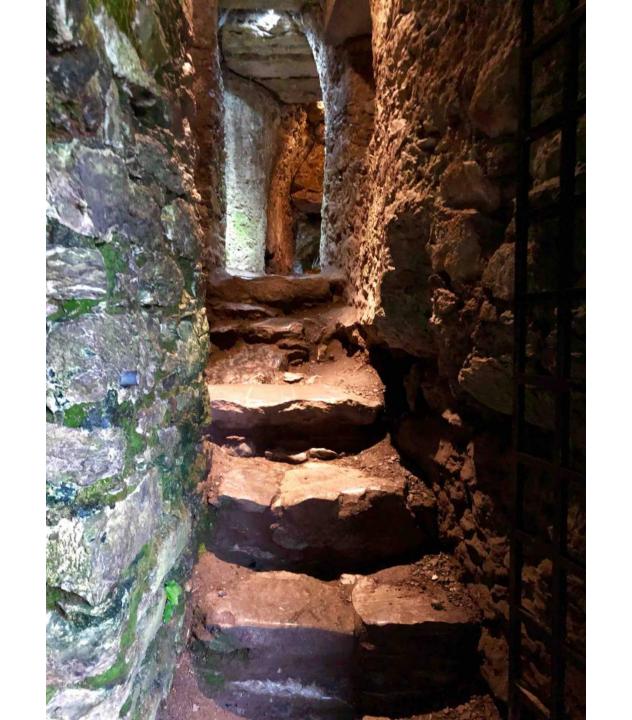
Supporting the testimony of my church

John 8: 31-32

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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:
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

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

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

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

— John 8:34

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)

Support the testimony of my church

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

Not a follower of Jesus

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

- A follower of Jesus, but not yet baptized
 - ☐ Talk with Pastor Mark or Pastor Tina or one of the elders about baptism

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

☐ Sign up for the membership class next Sunday at 12 noon — 3 pm

- 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