

Elder's Covenant

The responsibilities of an Elder at Covenant Life are that which have been set forth by the Church of God General Assembly.

Elders in the body of Christ provide spiritual leadership. The primary task of an elder is to be a mature model Christian for the congregation to follow.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. **Committed Christian**, member of the church for one or more consecutive years, male, 25 years or older, in harmony with the objectives and outreach ministries of the church.
2. **Baptized in the Holyspirit** and committed to a life of spiritual growth.
3. **Faithful in all areas of stewardship** such as Bible reading, prayer, devotion, worship service (3/4 minimal of services), and having been a faithful tither for two consecutive years documented by the record keeping system of their church.
4. **Dedicated to the support of the pastoral staff** in the planning and functioning of the total church mission.
5. **Striving to fulfill the biblical role of an elder** as outlined in I Timothy 3:1-7, and Titus 1:5-9.
6. **Prayer each day** for the following areas: your personal, spiritual and family life, pastor and family, and for our church to accomplish all that God desires while overcoming all obstacles.
7. If physically possible, **fasting at least one day per month** while praying for the spiritual well being of our church.
8. **Teach others by the examples** we live: in conversations, our lifestyles and our temperament.
9. Having your helpmate meeting the critia outlined in I Timothy 3:11. (see attached teaching on the wife of an elder & deacon)
10. An active participant of a **Life group** as is consistent with church vision.
11. Be **leaders in our personal worship** during services and in our own devotional life.
12. Having had faithfully served the **Deacons** ministry for one year.

Commitments:

1. A firm resolve to participate in annual planning meetings, training seminars, regular meetings, and involvement in fulfilling the ministry objectives of the church.
2. I understand being on call and visitation (hospital, funeral home and widows) are a part of my responsibilities.
3. The submitting of a signed statement of qualifications with regard to willingness and eligibility to serve.

4. In the event you feel you need to take a break or need to step down from this office of elder notify Pastor immediately upon your decision. And an alternate will be activated or Senior Pastor may choose to wait until next season of appointment.

I believe the Lord has called me to serve Covenant Life as an Elder.

(Men) I covenant to:

1. Be supportive of the pastor and wife in the philosophy of ministry regarding the church.
2. Submit to the authority of the pastor as God's chosen leader.
1. I have discussed the responsibilities of an elder with my wife.
2. Have a positive and cooperative attitude concerning the work of the kingdom of God.
3. Keep my family under subjection.
4. I have discussed the responsibilities of an elder and his wife with my wife.

I have met all the qualifications and I feel God has called me to serve Covenant Life as an elder.

Date _____

Signature _____

(Ladies) I covenant to:

1. Be supportive of the pastor and wife in the philosophy of ministry regarding the church.
2. Submit to the authority of the pastor as God's chosen leader.
3. Have a positive and cooperative attitude concerning the work of the kingdom of God.
4. I believe the Lord has called me to serve Covenant Life and stand beside my husband as a Godly Helpmate in the office of an elder. I have read and fully understand my roll and the qualifications outlined in the teaching provided for an elder's wife training.

I have met all the qualifications and I feel God has called me to serve Covenant Life as an elder.

Date _____

Signature _____