

Forest Park Relational Covenant

At Forest Park Covenant Church we seek to represent Christ in our world through the following:

- We build each other up through encouragement and affirmation.
“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” Eph. 4:29
“Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Phil. 2:14
- We communicate openly, honestly, respectfully and directly.
“If a brother or sister sins, go and point out the fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.” Matt. 18:15
- We will not gossip, nor will we listen to gossip.
“A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid anyone who talks too much.” Prov. 20:19
- We accept disagreement, conflict and evaluation as normal and natural
“Lord, how many times shall I forgive someone who sins against me? Up to seven times?”
Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy times seven times. Mt. 18.21a-22
- We respect and honor the office of pastor and other lay leaders.
“Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.” Heb. 13:17
- We are willing to be inconvenienced for the sake of the gospel.
“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” Mark 8:34
- We strive for excellence, but realize and accept that mistakes are part of the growth process.
“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matt. 5:16
- We strive to model the sacrificial love of Christ in all that we do.
“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” John 13:34

I do hereby covenant with my brothers and sisters at Forest Park Covenant Church to strive to live by these principles with God’s gracious help.

Signature

Date