

RESERVOIR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

The Story of the Great Banquet (Luke 14: 15-24, NLT)

¹⁵Hearing this, a man sitting at the table with Jesus exclaimed, “What a blessing it will be to attend a banquet in the Kingdom of God!”

¹⁶Jesus replied with this story: “A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. ¹⁷When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, ‘Come, the banquet is ready.’ ¹⁸But they all began making excuses. One said, ‘I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.’ ¹⁹Another said, ‘I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.’ ²⁰Another said, ‘I now have a wife, so I can’t come.’

²¹“The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, ‘Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ ²²After the servant had done this, he reported, ‘There is still room for more.’ ²³So his master said, ‘Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full. ²⁴For none of those I first invited will get even the smallest taste of my banquet.’”

Three things this passage tells us about the kingdom of God:

1. Life with Jesus is meant to be like going to **a fantastic party**.
2. It’s worth making this party **a priority**.
3. God wants **as many people as possible** to be at this party.

The Reservoir Church Covenant

The story above presents the kingdom of God as a big party to which all of us are invited. We think of our church as a reflection of that heavenly party. If our church is meant to be one big party, being a member of the church means being both an attendee and a host of the party Jesus is throwing.

By becoming a member of Reservoir Church, we’re saying . . .

1. I want to attend Jesus’ party
 - a. By listening for and responding to invitations from Jesus
 - b. By treating other guests at the party well
 - i. Through loving and respecting others
 - ii. Through refusing to gossip.
 - c. By simply being part of the Reservoir community, and present at Sunday worship and a community group as I am able.
2. I want to invite others to the party
 - a. By praying for my non-churchgoing friends.
 - b. By praying for the growth of our church.
 - c. By inviting my non-churchgoing friends to attend.
3. I want to co-host the party
 - a. By warmly welcoming people who visit.
 - b. By joining a Volunteer Team.
 - c. By giving regularly and generously toward our church’s work.

And as you connect with Jesus and our community, Reservoir Church commits that we will seek to be a Jesus-centered faith community that will seek to help you and our city thrive and flourish - finding more joy, hope, wholeness, and vitality.

Signed _____ Date _____ Print Name _____

YOUR INFORMATION:

Name:

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Birthday (month/day/year):

Salutation (Nickname):

E-mail

I am: Single Married Other

If you are married, what is your Spouse's name:

Names & birth dates (month/day/year) of children under 18 living at home:

Are you a student? If yes: Name of School:

Graduation Year:

I am a: Highschool Student Undergraduate Graduate Student

JOINING A WEEKLY COMMUNITY GROUP (ATTENDING JESUS' PARTY)

Current Community Group Leaders' Name(s): _____

Or,

I was in a group that has recently ended, and I'm currently looking for a group.

Most recent community group leader's Name(s): _____

Or,

I'm not in a group, but I'll plan on finding one.

Would you like help finding a Community Group? YES / NO

JOINING A VOLUNTEER TEAM (CO-HOSTING JESUS' PARTY)

Please circle the Sunday Service that you typically attend.

9:30 am

11:30 am

"I am currently serving on the _____ Volunteer Team." (See list below.)

-- Or --

"I am currently not serving on any Volunteer Team. Please sign me up for whichever Volunteer Team needs my help the most. If openings are available, I've ranked my top choice below with "1" being my top choice.

SUNDAY TEAMS

_____ **Café:** Provide refreshments either before or between & after the services.

_____ **Greeting:** Welcome people at the front door and hand-out programs.

_____ **Logistics:** A multifaceted team with roles ranging from putting out signs to passing communion and offering.

_____ **Parking:** Help ensure our parking remains legal and courteous.

_____ **Projection:** Provide visual support for the services.

_____ **Sound:** Manage the sound board during the services.

_____ **Usher:** Help people find a seat during the services.

FAMILIES-FOCUSED SUNDAY TEAMS AT THE 9:30 AM SERVICE

_____ **Families Welcome Team:** Serve as greeters and check-in assistants to welcome families and help them find their child's classroom. Must be comfortable with computers.

_____ **Kids' Church:** Help with Baby Church, Preschool and Elementary groups. CORI check required

TEAMS THAT REQUIRE SIGNING THE MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

_____ **Info Kiosk:** Answer questions at the lobby kiosk.

_____ **Youth Group Leaders:** Hang-out with either the 5th-8th graders or the 9th-12th graders at their respective 9:30 am youth services. CORI check required.

_____ **Intercession:** Pray for the pastoral staff and the church on Sunday morning and during the week.

_____ **Prayer Ministry:** Pray for people during the music set. The Spirit & Power class is also required.

_____ **Worship Team:** Play or sing in the worship band.

BEYOND SUNDAYS

_____ **Storehouse:** Help provide short-term food assistance.

_____ **Neighboring:** Help serve our North Cambridge neighborhood (soccer nights, Iftar dinner, school relationships)

_____ **Justice:** Help us work for justice in the Greater Boston Area and beyond (GBIO/civic engagement)