

# Reservoir Church Membership Covenant

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

<sup>15</sup> Hearing 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!”

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

<sup>21</sup> “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.’ <sup>22</sup> After the servant had done this, he reported, ‘There is still room for more.’ <sup>23</sup> So 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. <sup>24</sup> For 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 there, through regular attendance on Sundays and participation in a community group, as 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 volunteering in the work of Reservoir Church.
  - 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 plan on finding one in the next 4 weeks.

<p><b><i>Would you like help finding a Community Group?    YES    /    NO</i></b></p>
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# Joining a Sunday Teams (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 \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Team." (See list below.)

-- Or --

"I am currently not serving on any Sunday Team.

*Please sign me up for whichever Sunday Team needs my help the most.*

*If openings are available, I've ranked my top choice below with "1" being my top choice.*

## KIDS-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

## SUNDAY TEAMS

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

\_\_\_\_ **Café Completion:** Clean up cafe and other areas after final service.

\_\_\_\_ **Greeting:** Welcome people, pass out programs.

\_\_\_\_ **Logistics:** Sort programs and offering and clean up sanctuary after services.

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

\_\_\_\_ **Projection:** Provide visual support for the services.

\_\_\_\_ **Sound:** Manage the sound board during the services.

\_\_\_\_ **Storehouse:** Help provide short-term food assistance between services..

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

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

## SUNDAY TEAMS THAT REQUIRE SIGNING THE MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

\_\_\_\_ **Welcome Team Lead:** Lead welcome team throughout a Sunday morning.

\_\_\_\_ **Youth Group Leaders:** Hang-out with either the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders or the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.