

The **mission of KCC** is to make gospel-centered disciples who delight in Christ, declare His cross, and display His love.

5 Core Identities

1. We are **Worshippers** who live to delight in Christ.
2. We are **Witnesses** who labor to declare the cross.
3. We are **Family** who display God's love to one another.
4. We are **Servants** who display his love to our neighbors.
5. We are **Disciples** who learn to follow Christ from Scripture.

KCC Church Life Part 2

Marriage, Gender, Sexuality, and Divorce

From **KCC Statement of Faith: Marriage, Gender, Sexuality, and Divorce**

We believe God created marriage to display the gospel, to provide a secure foundation for raising children, and to encourage the joy and holiness of mankind. People are wonderfully and immutably created as male and female, and these distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. God ordained marriage as the union of one man and one woman in an intimate covenant relationship lasting until death. Therefore, no sexual activity should take place outside of biblical marriage. Furthermore, divorce should be rigorously avoided because reconciliation is central to the Christian life. However, due to the hardness of the human heart and brokenness of our world, divorce is a reality and in rare cases may be legitimate. Regardless of circumstances, following the example of our Lord Jesus, Christians ought to display forgiveness, restoration, and love toward one another.

Christians are not perfect people, but we must be repentant people.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 - ⁹Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹**And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

Historic Creeds

We regularly affirm together in our worship gathering the historic creeds (the Apostle's Creed once a month and the Nicene Creed at Christmas time) as a reminder of the essential truths of our faith as well as connect us to Christians from all ages.

KCC Partnerships

Fellowship of Evangelical Churches

The vision of the FEC is to establish reproducing churches worldwide.

Acts 29

Acts 29 stands in the tradition of historic evangelical confessionalism. While we believe it is vital that the elders of each of our churches determine where they stand on doctrines of second importance, we do wish to make known our convictions on the following five theologically-driven core values:

1. Gospel centrality in all of life.
2. The sovereignty of God in saving sinners.
3. The work of the Holy Spirit for life and ministry.
4. The equality of male and female and the principle of male servant leadership.
5. The local church as God's primary mission strategy.

Gospel Partnerships

- *Home Missions*
 - CPC: Women's Health Resource
 - CRU
 - Mission Church, Montgomery, IL (Church Plant)
 - Cedar City Church, Lebanon, OH (Church Plant)
 - LifeWise Academy
 - Youth For Christ

- *International Missions*
 - Training Leaders International
 - Basque Initiative
 - Summer in the USA
 - Rural Collective
 - Kuwait Church Plant
 - Witness Mongolia (Sheika Shinetulga)

Service Partnerships

- Children’s Lantern
- PATH Center
- Summer Food Program (NOCAC)
- United Way of Defiance County

Responsibilities of Church Members

The Church is like an embassy.

Church membership is like a passport.

Church membership doesn’t make you a citizen of God’s Kingdom, but is a stamp of approval from the Church body (embassy) that proclaims, “Yes, we affirm that this person is a citizen of heaven.”

A covenant is a relational commitment.



God has made many covenants with his people throughout the Bible. A covenant is more relational than a contract and more formal than a mere unspoken agreement.

KCC MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Since God the Father, according to the riches of His grace, saw fit to not only redeem us through Christ, but to unite us together as one body, one bride, one family in the bond of the Spirit—we joyfully commit ourselves to God and to one another in this covenant.

We hereby commit ourselves to **growing personally**.

- We will cultivate a life of **prayer**. Since we are able to boldly approach the throne of grace through our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, we will intercede for ourselves, for one another, and for the advancement of God’s Kingdom locally and globally (Col. 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:17; Heb. 4:14-16).
- We will pursue **holiness**. In cooperation with the Holy Spirit, we will seek to understand His revealed will in order to live in a manner worthy of the Lord. We will resist the temptations of the flesh and the adversary, remembering that our union with Christ brings about the joyful duty of living a new and holy life (Rom. 12:1; Col. 1:1:10; 1 Pet. 1:15-16).

We also commit ourselves to **loving one another**.

- We will remain steadfast in **unity**. We will walk together in love, and maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, pursuing unity in the core doctrines of the Christian faith, not allowing petty discord or secondary issues to divide us (Eph. 4:1-3; John 17:20-23).
- We will **be present**. As the visible display of Christ’s body, we will not neglect meeting together regularly. We will engage one another in personal relationships and will participate in the responsibilities of the covenant membership (Heb. 10:24-25).
- We will **follow** the leadership of the church. As Christ is the Head of the church and has appointed men to be elders over the congregation, so we will submit to the authority that God has graciously set over us (Heb. 13:7; 1 Pet. 5:1-5).

Finally, we commit ourselves to **engaging the world**.

- We will **make disciples**. God has entrusted us with the treasure of His gospel, in order to present everyone mature in Christ. Therefore in every area of our lives we will strive to proclaim Christ with our words, and display Christ through our works (Matt. 28:19-20; Col. 4:5-6).
- We will **give** of our time and resources. Since God has given us the riches of our salvation in Christ, we will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the ministry of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations (2 Cor. 9:6-8; 1 Tim. 6:17-19).

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all (2 Cor. 13:14).

8 Blessings of Covenant Membership

- 1) you can be assured that the pastors will be regularly praying for you;
- 2) The pastors will regularly seek to love and care for your spiritual growth through pastoral visits
- 3) you can participate in helping make decisions in the church;
 - Voting for elders, affirming the budget, ousting bad elders, accepting members
- 4) you can participate in baptisms of people whom you've spiritually influenced
- 5) you can be considered for leadership in the church (elder or deacon)
- 6) you experience the joy of using your gifts to serve other brothers and sisters in Christ
- 7) you will bless the KCC elders by making their work a joy, not a burden
- 8) you are a part of a loving community of believers who will help you grow in Christ, hold you accountable, and encourage you.

Process of Covenant Membership

- 1) Class or podcasts
- 2) Conversation with an elder
- 3) Covenant Commitment in a CM meeting