

Membership Statement: *Living in and as community at Bruntsfield Evangelical Church.*

We believe that:

By grace through repentance and faithⁱ we have received Jesus Christ as the Lord, Saviour and Treasureⁱⁱ of our lives;

As those who believe on Jesus' name we have been adopted by God and are therefore co-heirs with Christⁱⁱⁱ;

We have been gifted new life^{iv} through the Holy Spirit who is within us, renewing us to be more like Jesus^v.

In the presence of God, looking to Christ Jesus and dependent on the Holy Spirit, we commit to living gospel centred^{vi}, grace saturated^{vii} and sacrificial lives^{viii} with one another as one body^{ix}.

We will devote ourselves to^x

The apostle's teaching;

Fellowship;

The breaking of bread; and

Prayer.

With the help of the Holy Spirit,

We will pray for one another.^{xi}

We will walk together and watch over one another in brotherly love.^{xii}

We will rejoice at each others' happiness and bear each others' burdens and sorrows.^{xiii}

We will support one another in sickness and distress.^{xiv}

We will show courtesy in speech and be slow to take offence, always ready for reconciliation.^{xv}

We will make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.^{xvi}

Together we will seek to glorify Christ Jesus, our Lord and Head.^{xvii}

We will submit to the authority of Scripture, feasting upon it together and seeking to obey it.^{xviii}

We will use our spiritual gifts to build up the body of Christ.^{xix}

We will reach out to others lovingly with the Gospel of Christ.^{xx}

We will cheerfully contribute to the church, the relief of the poor and other Christian work, as we are able financially.^{xxi}

We will obey our leaders knowing they watch over us as men who must give an account.^{xxii}

We will seek to live lives worthy of the Lord and to please Him in every way.^{xxiii}

We will live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts.^{xxiv}

We will seek the salvation of our friends and neighbours.^{xxv}

We will endeavour to nurture our children in the Christian Faith.^{xxvi}

We commit to live our lives as faithful and diligent disciples of Jesus^{xxvii}; our identity will be in Him^{xxviii}, our worship will be for Him^{xxix}, our fellowship will be through Him^{xxx} and our community will exist for His glory.^{xxxi}

ⁱ Romans 5:2, Ephesians 2:8

ⁱⁱ Luke 12:24, Hebrews 11:6, Colossians 2:3

ⁱⁱⁱ Ephesians 1:5, Romans 8:23

^{iv} Romans 6:4, Acts 5:15, 1 Peter 1:3

^v Romans 8:29, 1 Thessalonians 1:6

^{vi} 1 Peter 3:15

^{vii} 2 Corinthians 4:15, 2 Corinthians 12:9

^{viii} Romans 12:1, John 15:3

^{ix} 1 Corinthians 12:20, Ephesians 4:25

^x Acts 2:42

^{xi} James 5:16

^{xii} Romans 12:2

^{xiii} Romans 12:15

^{xiv} Matthew 25:40, 45

^{xv} 1 Timothy 4:12, 1 Peter 3:10

^{xvi} Ephesians 4:3

^{xvii} 2 Thessalonians 1:2, Ephesians 4:15, Colossians 2:10

^{xviii} 2 Timothy 3:16

^{xix} 1 Corinthians 14:12

^{xx} Matthew 28:19, Mark 5:16, Ephesians 5:2

^{xxi} 2 Corinthians 9:7, Malachi 3:10, Ezekiel 16:49

^{xxii} Hebrews 13:7

^{xxiii} Ephesians 4:1, Colossians 1:10, 1 Thessalonians 2:12

^{xxiv} Titus 2:12, 1 John 2:17

^{xxv} Mark 5:19, John 4:29

^{xxvi} Deuteronomy 11:19

^{xxvii} 2 Peter 3:18

^{xxviii} Colossians 3:4

^{xxix} John 14:6

^{xxx} 1 John 1:7

^{xxxi} 1 Peter 1:7, 2 Thessalonians 2:14