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## **Ridgecrest Baptist Membership Agreement**

I believe that to carry on the religious mission of Ridgecrest Baptist Church (RBC), to preserve the function and integrity of RBC as a local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to other RBC members and the community, it is imperative that I and all persons who associate with RBC as members should abide by and agree to the following statements and conduct ourselves in accordance with them.

\_\_\_\_\_ **A. Doctrinal Statement**  
(initial)

I believe in and subscribe to the Doctrinal Statement contained in the Bylaws of Ridgecrest Baptist Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ **B. Statement on Church Discipline**  
(initial)

I believe that:

The threefold purpose of church discipline is to glorify God by maintaining purity in the local church (1 Cor 5:6), to edify believers by deterring sin and promoting purity (1 Tim 5:20), and to promote the spiritual welfare of an offending believer by calling him or her to return to a biblical standard of doctrine and conduct (Gal 6:1).

The Lord Jesus Christ has entrusted the local church with the authority and responsibility to discipline members for flagrant sin or serious doctrinal error, with the goal of the restoration of the offender. This discipline is entrusted to the Elder Board and is to follow the biblical pattern as set forth in Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5; 2 Corinthians 2:7-8; Galatians 6:1-2 Thessalonians 3:6; Titus 3:10-11; and 2 John 7-11. Any member of RBC who practices or affirms a doctrine or conduct that, in the judgment of the Elder Board, is opposed to the teaching of the Word of God, threatening to the testimony of this church, or divisive to the body shall be subject to church discipline.

Discipline should follow the biblical pattern set forth above in an effort to bring the individual to repentance and protect RBC from unrepentant sin. Discipline may involve exclusion from participation in ministry and communion, as well as dismissal from the fellowship of RBC. An individual may be disciplined by the Elder Board short of dismissal from the fellowship, as it deems appropriate for the specific circumstance. For example, an individual may remain in certain circumstances as a member of RBC but be denied the privilege of serving in a particular ministry. The Elder Board, as is required by Scripture, may seek affirmance by the congregation of the loss of membership by reason of church discipline as prescribed in Matthew 18:15-20.

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\_\_\_\_\_ **C. Statement of Final Authority on Matters of Faith and Conduct**  
(initial)

The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that I believe. For purposes of RBC's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, the Elder Board is RBC's final interpretive earthly authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

**I have reviewed the statements above, as indicated by my initials before each of them, and agree to be governed by all the provisions herein.**

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name

If member is under the age of 18 must have Parent/Guardian Signature.

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name