

## I'm in...

### ***What is the purpose of the Covenant?***

Our congregation has told us that they want and expect us to challenge them to grow spiritually. This is one of the ways to challenge you. A Covenant is stronger than a contract, and is used throughout the Old and New Testament in ways that demonstrate a Covenant is a deep commitment, and refers to the relationship between God and His people. Our part is to teach the Word of God, and provide classes and other opportunities for you to learn and build relationships. This is a challenge for you to pledge to God that you will do the things that He calls you to do to deepen your relationship with Him. It is based on the 5 S's of Spiritual Growth that we as a church believe will help you in that process. This Covenant is not a "membership." It is a Covenant between you and God, not you and SouthBrook.

### ***Is there a membership at SouthBrook?***

We do not have a membership. However, we will tell you our considerations for being a part of the SouthBrook community. If you attend regularly and consider this your church home; if you are connected via a group or other growing relationship; and, if you support the church with your time, talent, and treasures—we consider you to be a part of the SouthBrook community.

### ***Is the Covenant a requirement if I would like to continue attending SouthBrook?***

The Covenant is not a requirement, but rather a tool to challenge you to take ownership in your spiritual growth and develop personal spiritual disciplines.

### ***If I made a Covenant last year, do I make a new Covenant this year?***

This is a one-year Covenant. The plan is to teach on the Covenant and present this as an opportunity to renew the Covenant on an annual basis.

### ***Why is the address information needed?***

If you notice, the address is considered optional information on the Covenant. We continually refresh our database, so this is an opportunity to add yourself to our database or to assure that we have your most current contact information.

### ***Why do I turn in a copy of the Covenant?***

This is a step of faith on your part, which will help you to take this as a real Covenant. This will also be an indicator to us as a church as to the total number of people who are stepping up and pledging to grow deeper spiritually this year. The Pastoral Staff and Leadership Team will not be reviewing the Covenants individually.

### ***Who will see the Covenant?***

The Covenant will be seen primarily by the Administration Staff who update our church database.

### ***Is the Covenant a requirement for serving or volunteering?***

The Covenant is not a requirement for serving or volunteering, although it is an expectation of the Staff and Key Leaders in the church.

### ***Why is financial support included on the Covenant?***

This Covenant is based on the 5 S's of Spiritual Growth, one of which is Serving. In the teaching component of Serving, it includes Serving God not only with your time and talents, but your treasure as well. The Biblical basis for financially supporting God through the local church is the tithe, or a tenth of your income.