



Constitution and Bylaws

This Constitution and Bylaws shall regulate the affairs of the corporation, hereafter called, Two Rivers Church, subject to the provisions of the Two Rivers Church Charter and any applicable provisions of the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act.

Section 1

Name

Section 1.01. Name. The name of the church shall be Two Rivers Church.

Section 2

Purpose, Activities & Affiliation

Section 2.01. Purpose. The primary purpose of Two Rivers Church is to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Two Rivers Church shall do so in any manner or method deemed appropriate by the Board of Elders and consistent with the Statement of Purpose and Core Values as adopted from time to time by the Board of Elders of Two Rivers Church. The founding version of the Statement of Purpose and Core Values of Two Rivers Church are as set forth on the attached Exhibit A and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2.02. Activities. The activities of Two Rivers Church shall include, but not be limited to: (a) making available the resources, equipment, facilities, and staff members needed for the operation of a church congregation; (b) implementing ministry activities as determined by the Board of Elders; (c) employing a senior pastor and such other staff members as deemed appropriate by the Board of Elders, and, as specifically set forth herein, as affirmed by the members; (d) owning, leasing, and selling assets, tangible and intangible, as deemed appropriate by the Board of Elders; (e) receiving and making gifts; and (f) any such other activities as may be deemed appropriate by the Board of Elders.

Section 2.03. Affiliation Two Rivers Church is an autonomous local gathering of the Church of Jesus Christ and is affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America.

Section 3

Church Membership

Section 3.01. Admission. A person is eligible to become a Member of Two Rivers Church upon profession of faith in the Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and affirmation of and submission to the Statement of Purpose, Core Values, and Doctrinal Statement of Two Rivers Church. Eligible persons are admitted upon recommendation of the Board of Elders. Eligible persons may be denied membership for reasons deemed sufficient by the Board of Elders. The founding Members of Two Rivers Church are as set forth on the attached Exhibit B and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3.02. Discipline. The Board of Elders may initiate church discipline instructed and regulated by the Scriptures, when a Member persists in error of doctrine or conduct. The objective of church discipline is both the correction and restoration to the Faith of the Member, and the protection of the righteousness and integrity of the entire church body.

Section 3.03. Resignation, Removal, Expulsion or Suspension. A Member may resign at any time by delivering to the Secretary of Two Rivers Church a written notice of resignation signed by the Member. A Member may be removed, expelled or suspended from membership by the Board of Elders upon their death, an unsatisfactory response to church discipline, transfer of affiliation to another church, or other reasons deemed sufficient by the Board of Elders.

Section 3.04. Annual Meeting. The date, time, and location of the annual meeting of the Members of Two Rivers Church shall be fixed by resolution of the Board of Elders, but shall be within a six (6) week period prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. At this annual meeting, the Members shall receive reports on the activities and financial condition of Two Rivers Church and transact such other business as may properly come before the Membership.

Section 3.05. Special Meetings. Two Rivers Church shall hold a special meeting of its Members upon the call of the Board of Elders, or upon the written request to the Secretary by Members holding at least fifty-one percent (51%) of all votes entitled to be cast on any issue to be considered at the proposed special meeting. Any request for a special meeting shall describe the purpose for which the special meeting is to be held. Only business within the purpose described in the meeting notice for the special meeting may be conducted at such meeting.

Section 3.06. Notice of Meetings. Two Rivers Church shall notify its Members of the date, time, place, and purpose of each called annual or special meeting of Members no less than ten (10) or more than twenty-one (21) days before the meeting date. Notice will be sufficient if made orally at any two Sunday morning worship meetings of the Church or in a bulletin distributed at such meetings.

Section 3.07. Quorum. Unless otherwise required by law or these bylaws, the Members present at any called annual or special meeting of the Members will constitute a quorum.

Section 3.08. Voting. A Member in good standing and who is of the age of 18 or older shall have one (1) vote. Members younger than eighteen (18) years in age may enter into discussion in congregational dialogues, but shall not be allowed to vote. A Member may vote in person at a meeting or by proxy delivered to and in a manner required by the Board of Elders.

Members shall have the opportunity to vote on the following items:

- (a) the calling of the senior pastor which requires an affirmative vote of seventy-five percent (75%) of all Members present; and
- (b) the acceptance of Elders which requires an affirmative vote of seventy-five percent (75%) of all Members present; and
- (c) the purchase, sale, or pledge of any tangible asset of Two Rivers Church which involves an amount of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00); and
- (d) the adoption of an annual budget submitted by the Board of Elders.

Unless otherwise noted herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the Members present at a meeting shall control. All called meetings of the Membership shall follow and be procedurally governed by the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 3.09. Teleconferencing. A Member may attend a meeting by teleconference, videoconference, or similar means provided such Member makes all arrangements and incurs all expenses associated with such participation by electronic means.

Section 4 **Board of Elders**

Section 4.01. General Powers. The legislative and governing body of Two Rivers Church is the Board of Elders. The Board of Elders shall constitute the "Board of Directors" of the corporation for all legal purposes. All corporate powers of Two Rivers Church shall be exercised by and under the authority of the Board of Elders. All affairs of Two Rivers Church shall be managed under the direction of the Board of Elders.

The officers of Two Rivers Church, the senior pastor, individual Elders, and all other staff members and employees shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Elders and may be removed by the Board of Elders at any time.

Section 4.02. Qualifications All Elders must be Members of Two Rivers Church, at least twenty-one (21) years of age, and males who meet the Scriptural qualifications required of Elders.

Section 4.03. Number. The Board of Elders shall be comprised of no less than three Elders, and as many Elders as the Board deems necessary by its majority vote.

Section 4.04. Candidacy & Acceptance The founding Board of Elders shall consist of the persons and initial terms of office as listed on the attached Exhibit C and incorporated herein by reference.

For a term following the conclusion of the initial term of the original Board of Elders, Elders shall thereafter be selected by the sitting Board of Elders observing the following process:

- 1) The Board of Elders shall receive general recommendations from the congregation of potentially eligible persons.
- 2) The Board of Elders will select potential candidates and initially discuss with candidates their eligibility, availability, and willingness to serve.
- 3) The Board will then present Elder candidates to the congregation.
- 4) The Members shall have at least twenty-one (21) days in which to voice their affirmation or concerns regarding the proposed Elder candidates. Words of acceptance or concern regarding a proposed Elder candidate are to be expressed personally to a member of the Board of Elders, or by written and signed letter to the Board of Elders.
- 5) Following the twenty-one (21) day period, the Board of Elders shall make the final selection of Elder candidates, who shall, at a special meeting, or at an annual meeting, be presented for a vote of acceptance by the members. Should the Elder candidate be accepted, he shall be installed and immediately begin his duties. Should the Elder candidate be rejected, the Board will begin the process anew.

Section 4.05. Term of Office. The term of office for an Elder shall be three (3) years. Upon satisfactory review of an Elder by the Board of Elders at the conclusion of his term, an Elder may succeed himself in office, adhering to the procedures for candidacy and acceptance. Upon request, the Board may grant an Elder a leave of absence from the Board for a stated period of time. A remaining term of office vacated by an Elder, due to resignation, death, church discipline, transfer of affiliation to another church, or other actions of the Board of Elders, may be filled by a new Elder, adhering to the procedures for candidacy and acceptance. The Senior Pastor shall have a term concurrent with his employment. Pastoral Staff members shall not serve on the Board of Elders, but may attend Board of Elder meetings at the request of the Senior Pastor or the Board of Elders.

Section 4.06. Resignation or Removal. Any Elder may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Elders. The Board of Elders may remove an Elder by majority vote, with or without cause from his office at any time during his term of office.

Section 4.07. Vacancy. If a vacancy occurs on the Board, including a vacancy resulting from an increase in the number of Elders, the Board may fill the vacancy adhering to the procedures for candidacy and acceptance.

Section 4.08. Regular & Special Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board may be scheduled by the Board and held without further notice of the date, time, place, or purpose of the meeting and at such time and place as the Board shall determine from time to time. Such meetings shall not occur less often than twice per quarter. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chairman, or Vice Chairman of the Board, by the Senior Pastor, or by any three (3) Elders. Special meetings of the Board of Elders must be preceded by at least two (2) days' notice to each Elder of the date, time and place of such special meeting; the specific purpose of the meeting need not be stated.

Section 4.09. Waiver of Notice. If an Elder attends or participates in a meeting, he waives any required notice to him of the meeting unless the Elder at the beginning of the meeting (or promptly upon arrival) objects to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting and does not thereafter vote for or assent to action taken at the meeting.

Section 4.10. Quorum. A quorum of the Board consists of a majority of the Elders then in office before a meeting begins.

Section 4.11. Action Without Meeting. Action that is required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Elders may be taken without such a meeting if all Elders consent to taking such action without a meeting. If all Elders so consent, the affirmative vote of the number of Elders that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting, shall be the act of the Board of Elders, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws. Needed votes shall be gathered by the Chairman and recorded by the Secretary.

Section 4.12. Executive Committee. At each annual meeting of the Board of Elders, the Board of Elders may appoint an Executive Committee, which shall consist of at least two (2) Members. All members of the Executive Committee must be members of the Board of Elders and shall serve on the Executive Committee at the pleasure of the Board of Elders. The Executive Committee shall keep regular minutes of its meetings and proceedings, and shall report to the Board of Elders upon request. The Board may, in its sole discretion, delegate some or all of its authority to the Executive Committee.

Section 4.13. Indemnification; Insurance. With respect to claims or liabilities arising out of service as an Elder of Two Rivers Church, Two Rivers Church shall indemnify and advance expenses to each present and future Elder (and his estate, heirs, and personal representatives) to the fullest extent allowed by the laws of the State of

Tennessee, both as now in effect and as hereafter adopted or amended. Two Rivers Church shall purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of the Elders of the Two Rivers Church as to any liability asserted against such person in connection with his status as an Elder.

Section 4.14. Immunity. To the fullest extent allowed by the laws of the State of Tennessee, both as now in effect and as hereafter adopted or amended, each present and future Elder (and his estate, heirs, and personal representatives) shall be immune from suit arising from the conduct of the affairs of Two Rivers Church.

SECTION 5 CHURCH OFFICERS

Section 5.01. Required Officers. The officers of Two Rivers Church shall also be the officers of the Board of Elders and shall be: A Chairman (who, for all legal purposes, shall be considered the President), a Senior Pastor, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other officers as may from time to time be elected or appointed by the Board of Elders. The offices of Chairman and Secretary may not be held by the same individual. All officers must be members of the Board of Elders.

Section 5.02. Election. The founding officers of Two Rivers Church, who shall serve until their successors are elected, are those persons listed on attached Exhibit D which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Thereafter, at the first meeting of the Board of Elders following each annual meeting of the Members, the Board shall elect the officers of Two Rivers Church by a majority vote of those Elders present, provided a quorum exists. However, the office of Senior Pastor shall be elected as otherwise required by these bylaws.

Section 5.03. Term of Office. The officers of Two Rivers Church shall hold office for one (1) year (except the Senior Pastors whose term shall be concurrent with his employment and also with conditions as otherwise required by these bylaws). This term is subject, however, to the right and authority of the Board to remove any officer at any time, with or without cause.

Section 5.04. Powers and Duties of Officers. The powers and duties of the officers of Two Rivers Church shall be as follows:

- (a) **Chairman.** The Chairman, or his appointee, shall preside at the annual and special meetings of Two Rivers Church and at all meetings of the Board of Elders. He shall be an ex-officio member of all standing ministry teams or committees of Two Rivers Church. He shall also have such powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Elders or these Bylaws. He shall assume all powers and responsibilities as may be required by law of a president of the corporation. He shall be the designated, administrative spokesman for the Board

of Elders to the Senior Pastor and to the Members of Two Rivers Church. The Senior Pastor or any other staff member shall not be eligible to fulfill the office of Chairman.

(b) Senior Pastor. The Senior Pastor shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer and shall have general and active management of Two Rivers Church. He shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect, subject, however, to the right of the Board to delegate any specific powers to any other officer of Two Rivers Church. He shall be an ex-officio member of all standing ministry teams or committees of Two Rivers Church. He shall have such additional powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Elders or these Bylaws. The Senior Pastor shall report on the activities of Two Rivers Church at all annual meetings of the Members.

(c) Secretary. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board and of the Members of Two Rivers Church and shall be responsible for preparing the minutes of such meetings. The Secretary shall be responsible for the care and custody of a book of minutes recording the official meetings of Two Rivers Church and for authenticating records of Two Rivers Church. It shall be his duty to give or cause to be given notice of all meetings of the Members and of the Board. The Secretary shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board or by the Chairman, under whose supervision he shall act. In the event the Secretary is absent for some reason from any meeting where minutes are to be prepared or is otherwise unable to take such minutes, the presiding officer of such meeting shall appoint another person to take the minutes.

(d) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have custody of Two Rivers Church funds and securities. He shall keep full and accurate account of receipts and disbursements in the appropriate Two Rivers Church books. He shall institute and maintain adequate accounting controls to assure the safeguarding of all church assets. He shall require the deposit of all monies and other valuable assets in the name of and to the credit of Two Rivers Church in such financial institutions as may be designated by the Board. The Treasurer shall require disbursement of the funds of Two Rivers Church as may be ordered by the Board. He shall render to the Senior Pastor, Chairman, and the Board of Elders, at any time they may require, an account of his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of Two Rivers Church. The Treasurer shall also report on the activities and financial condition of the Two Rivers Church at all annual meetings. In the absence or disability of the Chairman, the Treasurer shall perform the duties of the Chairman, and when so acting shall have the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chairman.

(e) Other Officers. The Board may elect other persons to be officers of Two Rivers Church, with such title, authority, and responsibilities as established by the Board from time to time.

Section 5.05. Resignation or Removal. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board. The Board of Elders may remove any officer at any time, with or without cause.

Section 5.06. Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring in the offices of the Chairman, Senior Pastor, Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled by the Board of Elders as soon as practicable. Vacancies in other offices may be filled at the discretion of the Board.

Section 5.07. Delegation of Powers and Duties. In case of the absence of any officer of Two Rivers Church, or their inability to act, or for any reason that the Board of Elders may deem sufficient, the Board may delegate the powers of such officer to any other officer or to any Elder for the time being.

Section 6 Senior Pastor

Section 6.01. Qualifications. He shall be a gifted teacher and communicator. He shall be in agreement with the Statement of Purpose, Statement of Doctrine, and Core Values, Constitution and Bylaws of Two Rivers Church. He shall meet the qualifications of Elder.

Section 6.02. Selection. When the Senior Pastor position is open or imminently available, the Board of Elders shall establish a Pastoral Search Team that will oversee throughout the search process. The Board of Elders will define the criteria that will be used in the evaluation of prospective candidates. A final Senior Pastor candidate shall be selected by the Board of Elders at the recommendation of the Pastoral Search Team. He shall then be presented to the congregation for a vote to call him as the Senior Pastor.

Section 6.03. Term of Office. The Senior Pastor serves at the pleasure of the Board of Elders for an indefinite period of time.

Section 6.04. Resignation or Removal. The Senior Pastor may resign at any time from his employment upon giving one (1) month's written notice to the Board of Elders. The Board of Elders may remove the Senior Pastor from his employment, with or without cause, at any time, upon giving him one (1) month's written notice. The notice period for resignation or dismissal may be a lesser time, or longer, by mutual agreement between the Board of Elders and the Senior Pastor. The Board of Elders may choose to waive the one month's written notice period and conclude the Senior Pastor's services immediately. Should this occur, the Senior Pastor's current salary and benefits shall continue for at least one (1) month from the date of notice of termination. In any event, if the Senior Pastor is removed by the Board of Elders without cause, he shall receive no less than ninety (90) days severance pay from the date of deliverance of written notice.

Section 6.05. Duties. In general, the Senior Pastor shall devote himself to “the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry.” In addition to duties as a officer of Two Rivers Church and the duties as a member of the Board of Elders, the Senior Pastor shall be responsible for the search, selection, hiring and terms of employment, supervision, evaluation, and dismissal of all the pastoral and support staff. The Senior Pastor is responsible for any other duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Board of Elders. His execution of these duties shall reflect and fulfill the strategic objectives of the Board of Elders and shall be subject to the financial guidelines and boundaries of the church budget.

Section 6.06. Performance Evaluation. The Senior Pastor shall be evaluated by the remaining members of the Board of Elders. This evaluation shall occur at periodic intervals or at least once a year. A written report of the findings of this evaluation shall be furnished the Senior Pastor and also placed in his personnel file.

SECTION 7 RECORDS AND REPORTS

Section 7.01. Corporate Records. Two Rivers Church shall keep, at its principal office, as permanent records, minutes of all meetings of its Members and the Board of Elders; a record of all actions taken by the members or Board of Elders without a meeting; appropriate accounting records, and a list of its Members showing their respective addresses, and any other documents as may be required of them.

Section 7.02. Annual Financial Statements. Two Rivers Church shall prepare annual financial statements that include a balance sheet as of the end of the fiscal year, an income and expense statement for that year, and such other information necessary to comply with the requirements of the applicable provisions of the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act.

SECTION 8 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 8.01. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of Two Rivers Church shall be fixed by resolution of the Board of Elders.

Section 8.02. Seal. Two Rivers Church shall not have a seal. The signature of the Secretary shall serve as the seal of Two Rivers Church to the extent a seal is required by a third party.

Section 8.03. Notices. Whenever notice is required to be given to Members, Elders or officers, unless otherwise provided by law, the Charter or these Bylaws, such notice may be given in person, by facsimile transmission, teletype or other form of wire or wireless communication, or by telephone, telegraph, mail or private carrier. If such notice is given by mail, it shall be sent postage prepaid by first class United States mail or by registered

or certified United States mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the respective address that appears for each such person on the books of Two Rivers Church. Any other written notice shall be deemed to have been given at the earliest of the following: when received; five (5) days after its deposit in the United States mail if sent first class, postage prepaid; or on the date on the return receipt, if sent by registered or certified United States mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, and the receipt is signed by or on behalf of the addressee.

Section 8.04. Waiver of Notice. Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of any statute, or of the Charter or these Bylaws, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person entitled to such notice, whether before or after the date stated thereon, and delivered to the Secretary of Two Rivers Church and included in the minutes or corporate records, shall be deemed equivalent thereto.

Section 8.05. Negotiable Instruments. All checks, drafts, notes or other obligations of Two Rivers Church shall be signed by an officer of Two Rivers Church or by such other person(s) as may be expressly authorized by the Board of Elders.

Section 8.06 Deposits. The monies of Two Rivers Church shall be deposited in the name of Two Rivers Church in such financial institution(s) as the Board shall designate from time to time and shall be drawn out by check signed by the officer(s) or person(s) designated by resolution adopted by the Board.

SECTION 9 AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

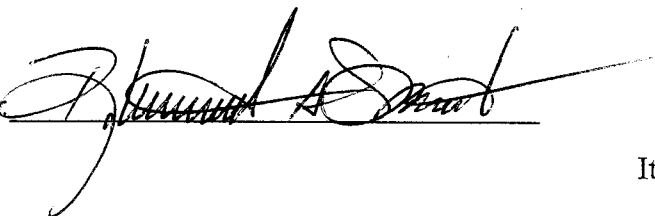
For a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date of the signing of this document, these Bylaws may be amended only by a unanimous vote of the Board of Elders. Thereafter, the Members may amend or repeal these Bylaws at any annual or special meeting of the members where a quorum is present, provided that the notice of such meeting shall state that the purpose, or one (1) of the purposes, of the meeting is to amend the Bylaws and shall also contain a description of the amendment to be considered. An amendment to these Bylaws by the Members must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the Member votes cast.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, ROBERT A. SMITH, Secretary of TWO RIVERS CHURCH, formed and existing under the laws of the State of Tennessee, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Amended and Restated Bylaws of Two Rivers Church as submitted to and adopted as the bylaws of Two Rivers Church by its Members and Board on the 4TH day of FEBRUARY, 1999.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder subscribed my name, this 4TH day of FEBRUARY, 1999.

TWO RIVERS CHURCH

By: 

Its: Secretary

EXHIBIT A

The Founding Statement of Mission, Core Values, and Doctrinal Statement, of Two Rivers Church

Our Mission as Two Rivers Church is...

**To Live Beyond Religion,
with passion for God,
and compassion for others.** (Mark 12:30-31)

Our Motivation is...

Enjoying God in public and personal worship. (John 10: 10)

Experiencing life-change through the application of His word. (John 14:21)

Encouraging one another in caring Christian community. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Extending the Kingdom of God to our neighbors, and around the world.
(Matthew 28:18-20)

Our Core Values are To Live...

Beyond rituals of religious ceremony...

...to enjoying God in public worship and personal devotion.

Beyond theory about God...

...to experiencing life-changing biblical truth in the context of meaningful relationships.

Beyond relational isolation...

...to connecting our lives together in genuine Christian community.

Beyond dreading evangelism...

... to joining God's initiative in drawing people to Himself through building friendships with those who don't yet know Jesus Christ.

Beyond spectator Christianity...

...to embracing your unique and essential role as God directs you in joining the expansion of His kingdom.

Statement of Doctrine

Our doctrinal statement includes the following truths we believe:

- A. The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the Salvation of men, and the Divine and final authority for Christian faith and life.
- B. In one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- C. That Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Further, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He is now our High Priest and Advocate.
- D. That the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ; and during this age to convict men; regenerate the believing sinner; indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.
- E. That man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is; therefore, lost, and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.
- F. That the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit and, thus, become children of God.
- G. That water baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as a means of salvation.
- H. That the true Church is composed of all such persons who, through saving faith in Jesus Christ, have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the Body of Christ of which He is the Head.
- I. That only those who are thus members of the Church shall be eligible for membership in the local church.
- J. That Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church and that every local Church has the right, under Christ, to decide and govern its own affairs.
- K. In the personal premillennial and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that this "Blessed Hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.
- L. In the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord; and of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment.

EXHIBIT B

Founding Members of Two Rivers Church

(Insert Names)

EXHIBIT C

**Founding Board of Elders of
Two Rivers Church**

David Benner (1 year)
Brad Brinson (Concurrent with term of employment)
Kenny Morgan (2 years)
Randy Smith (3 years)

EXHIBIT D

**Founding Officers of
Two Rivers Church**

Brad Brinson, Pastor
Kenny Morgan, Chairman
Randy Smith, Secretary/Treasurer

Two Rivers Church Membership Covenant

Having received Jesus as my Lord and Savior, and having been baptized, or planning to obey the Lord's instructions to be baptized at first opportunity, and being in agreement with Two Rivers' Purpose, Values, Doctrinal Statement and Constitution, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Two Rivers Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

I will protect the unity of Two Rivers Church

... by acting in love toward other members

... by refusing to gossip

... by following the leaders

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together."

Romans 14:19

Have a sincere love for other believers, love one another earnestly with all your heart.

1 Peter 1:22

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs."

Ephesians 4:29

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you."

Hebrews 13:17

I will share the responsibility of Two Rivers Church

... by praying for its growth

... by inviting the unchurched to attend

... by warmly welcoming those who visit

"To the church- we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly."

1 Thessaionians 1:1-2

"The master said to the servant, "Go out to the roads and country lanes, and urge people there to come so my house will be full." Luke 14:23

"So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." Romans 15:7

I will serve in the ministry of Two Rivers Church

... by attending faithfully

... by being equipped to serve

... by developing a servant's heart

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you."

1 Peter 4:10

"[God] gave... some to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."

Ephesians 4:11-12

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who...took on] the very nature of a servant."

Philippians 2:3-4,7

I will support the testimony of Two Rivers Church

... by attending faithfully

... by living a godly life

... by giving regularly

"Let us not give up meeting together ... but let us encourage one another."

Hebrews 10:25

"Whatever happens, make sure your everyday life is worthy of the Gospel of Christ."

Philippians 1:27

"Each one of you, on the first day of the week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering."

1 Corinthians 16:2

"A tenth of all your produce is the Lord's, and is holy."

Leviticus 27:30

**Above all things, I will seek to live beyond
forms of religion, choosing instead
to live passionately toward God,
and compassionately toward others.**

Mark 12:30-31

Member Application

I (we) _____ and _____,
do hereby pledge to abide by and honor this covenant. This
expression of commitment also serves as my application for
membership to Two Rivers Church.

Date _____

Please let me know about next baptism opportunity.

For Office Use:

Elder having received testimony _____

Date of Membership Acceptance _____