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**New Covenant Church**  
KNOW · HEAR · RESPOND

Step 2 – “Get Connected”



We are so glad you are interested in becoming a member of NCC. NCC is a living organism and not an organization. We consider NCC a part of the larger Body of Christ. This step is an introduction to the NCC family and basic beliefs. After review and prayer, we invite you to join us as a member of NCC.

## **Who We Are:**

NCC is a non-denominational Christian Church serving Lampasas and surrounding counties. We are a body of believers committed to inviting all people to **know, hear** and **respond** to Jesus Christ.

### **1. We are Biblically Centered.** *2 Timothy 3:14-17*

We believe the Bible is the Perfect word of God written by God through men. Our purpose, values and vision are based upon the Bible, and we hold scripture as the ultimate authority in our lives.

### **2. We Thrive in God's Presence.** *Hebrews 10:19-22*

We believe that as a Church and as individual believers, we have direct access into the very presence of God. It is His Presence that defines us, empowers us, and sets His Church apart. (Exodus 33:15,16)

### **3. We embrace the full move and expression of the Holy Spirit.** *Acts 1:4-5*

We believe in the contemporary operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit as described in 1 Corinthians 12. While it can occur at the point of salvation, we believe that Baptism of the Holy Spirit can be a separate experience.

### **4. We are a Missional Body of Believers.** *Acts 1:8*

We have a mission to spread the love of God focusing first on our cities, then our regions, onto our nation, and finally to the entire world.

### **5. Elder Governed.** *Titus 1:5,9*

A theocratic (God ruled) church government is government that is centered under God with the Elders focused on hearing God and obeying His will.

## **What We Believe:**

Our belief statements are listed on our website ([www.newcovenantlampasas.com](http://www.newcovenantlampasas.com)); we hold those beliefs as follows:

1. **We believe in UNITY.** *Ephesians 4:4-6* – We are unified as one body in the new life through Jesus Christ.
2. **We believe in LIBERTY.** *Romans 14:1-4* – We have the liberty and freedom to worship together.
3. **In all our beliefs, we show LOVE.** *1 Corinthians 13:2* – We extend love and grace toward one another as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

## **The NCC Body Life - The Early Church Model**

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” Acts 2:42-47*

## ***Living Life in the NCC Body Provides Three Things:***

1. **A place to BELONG.** When become part of the NCC Body or any local Body, we become the local part of God’s bigger Church. It is in this “belonging” that we can authentically encourage one another. *Hebrews 10:23-25*
2. **A place to SERVE.** Serving as a part of NCC provides an example of the Father’s Love to the local body and to the community in which we live and serve. *1 John 3:16-18*
3. **A place to DEVELOP.** As we serve one another and our community, we are provided an opportunity to develop and become more Christ like. *Proverbs 27:17*

## ***Participating in The NCC Body***

We believe that each person has an opportunity to be a part of and to grow in relationship with a family of fellow believers. NCC is a place where you can find your purpose and make a difference in the lives of others while developing into the likeness and image of Jesus Christ. NCC is a place where you can live out the “one another” commands of Jesus. We hope you will join us in this transformational journey!

### **Body life at NCC consists of:**

#### **1. Worship Services**

- a. Our Worship Services provide an opportunity to join together to Praise, Worship God; as well as to honor, give glory to and to experience His Presence. *Psalm 100:4-5*
- b. Our teaching and preaching are directed at equipping individuals for works of service, and the building up the body of Christ. *Ephesians 4:11-16*
- c. We are committed to preaching the good news of Jesus Christ in our services, reaching out to the lost and hurting of our community. *Romans 10:13,14*
- d. Worship Services provide a place for individuals seeking God to have a life-changing encounter with Him. *1 Corinthians 14:24,25*

**2. Life Groups** are the cornerstone of spiritual life and ministry at NCC. These meetings serve as a place to practice Christ’s “one another” commands, provide fellowship and for discipleship. Life Groups become a second family growing together as we serve and share life with one another as we grow in Jesus. Life Groups meet at various times of the day and week throughout our community. There are women’s, men’s, couples and family groups; gathering around specific passions or interests.

**3. Generosity.** Generosity is a characteristic of God and giving is an expression of God’s generosity. We are taught that we are to give God our first fruits, tithes and offerings. We are also taught to give with a joyful and thankful spirit, not begrudgingly or out of obligation. Giving includes all our resources: time, talents and finances. *2 Cor 8:7, Acts 20:35, Proverbs 3:5-6, Proverbs 3:9, 2 Cor 9:6-7*

**4. Relational Discipleship.** Christian maturity is all about helping people become students of Jesus -- the Biblical word for this is discipleship. Jesus used a particular method when creating disciples. That method was relational discipleship. The word **disciple**: *mathēteúsō* - means not only to learn, but also to become attached to one’s teacher and to become his follower in doctrine and conduct of life. We seek to walk that out in our daily relationship with Christ, our family and our world.

## **Becoming a Member of NCC**

Everyone is welcome to attend NCC. We reserve membership for those who have:

- Received Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. *John 1:12*
- Have been baptized, symbolizing your new life in Him. *Acts 2:38*
- Committed to seek to forsake sin. *Romans 6:1-2; 11-12*
- Are led by the Holy Spirit to walk in agreement (covenant) with this local body of believers.

## **NCC Growth Track**

NCC Growth Track is designed to assist Christ followers to develop and mature in order to fulfill the “Great Commission.” *“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’” Matthew 28:18-20*

### ***Get on Track: IN >> UP >> OUT!***

1. We invite you to come **IN** and be a part of our family. At NCC, you can find a place to belong.
2. We are here for you, committed to training you **UP** and helping you grow in experiencing the fullness of life in Jesus Christ.
3. We believe you were created on purpose for a purpose. Fulfill that purpose as you minister **OUT** to your family, to your community, and to others throughout the world.

### **Your next steps:**

Steps 3 & 4 are offered to those who desire to serve as a servant leader within NCC.

Step 3 – “Discovering your Design” – This session consists of 3 assessments (DISC, Redemptive Gifts and Passion) when combined are designed to help you discover your unique personality traits, gifts and passion. The results of these assessments will help you find your place and role at NCC.

Step 4 – “One Body, One Team” – This session builds on Step 3 by helping you find your place on and in One Team. You can complete ministry specific training once you complete steps 1-4.

## **NCC Membership Covenant**

Having come by the grace of God to receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, and, on the public profession of our faith, having been baptized in obedience to His command, we have entered a New Covenant with God. Realizing our covenant relationship with God and having been led by the Holy Spirit to this part of the Body of Christ, we most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with the members of the part of the Body known as NCC.

We affirm God's covenant with us and our covenant with Him through Jesus Christ. We understand that our part of the covenant is love Him with all our hearts, soul, mind and strength, and that this is expressed by continuing to trust in His promises and obedience to His commands.

We affirm our covenant with this part of the Body of Christ, agreeing to commit ourselves to seek to grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, to seek to forsake sin, to regularly and cheerfully give of ourselves spiritually and materially for the building up of the Body, to watch over one another in brotherly love, to be accountable before our fellow members in Christ, and to lovingly submit to all who God appoints over us.

We agree to actively participate in the ministry of this Body whether it be in worship, prayer, discipleship, fellowship or service, to love not only in word but in deed, to actively pursue peace in the Body, to walk humbly before God and this fellowship, and to walk properly toward those who are in the world.

As God as our witness, to this we give ourselves, admitting our totally dependence upon the Holy Spirit working in us for the fulfillment of this covenant.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## NCC CONNECT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email (Spouse): \_\_\_\_\_

Sex:  Male  Female

Age Range:  20s,  30s,  40s,  50s,  60s,  70s +

Marital status:  Single  Engaged  Married  Widowed  Divorced