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## *Family Covenant*

### **With God's guidance, the elders and ministerial staff commit ourselves to ...**

- † Preach the gospel message and base our actions on the Word of God.
- † Pray often for UCC, that God's grace may be evident in the individuals represented here.
- † Provide servant-leadership that equips you to grow more fully into the image of Christ.
- † Submit our own lives to the Lordship of Christ and the authority of the Holy Scriptures.
- † Be one in spirit and purpose "contending as one man for the faith of the gospel".
- † Use the gifts God has given us for building up the body, whether in preaching, meeting pastoral needs, edification, or training; that UCC may become "thoroughly equipped for every good work".
- † Be pure in our daily walk and will encourage you to do the same.
- † Fulfill a shepherd's spirit description (Ezekiel 34:4 paraphrased in positive terms):
  - You have strengthened the weak, healed the sick, bound up the injured.*
  - You have brought back the strays, searched for the lost.*
  - You have ruled them kindly and gently.*
- † Give a sincere hearing to your dreams, plans, concerns, and suggestions.
- † Stand by you in times of need or crisis.
- † Love you and your families unconditionally.
- † Ask "How may we help you do what you believe God is calling you to do?"

### **Trusting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and having been immersed into Him, under God's grace and with His help I now commit myself to ...**

- † Live in a way that brings honor to the name of Jesus and to the church He died for by living a life that imitates Christ.
- † Protect the unity and witness of the body of Christ at UCC ...
  - By acting in love toward other members.
  - By resolving conflicts in a godly manner.
  - By refusing to participate in gossip.
  - By willingly following my spiritual leaders.
- † Share the responsibility of my church ...
  - By praying for its spiritual growth and maturity.
  - By inviting the unchurched to attend.
  - By warmly welcoming those who visit.
- † Serve in the ministry of my church ...
  - By discovering and using my spiritual gifts and talents.
  - By being equipped to serve and then ministering to others.
  - By developing a servant's heart.
- † Involve myself fully in the life of the church ...
  - By attending faithfully and participating in worship, prayer, and communion.
  - By becoming a part of a small group, CROSS Training class, or a service team.
  - By building spiritual relationships with the Family of God at UCC.
  - By giving of my time, talents, and finances to the work of the Kingdom.

# CONNECTING TO CHRIST ...

## † PRAYER MINISTRY — *Alan and Stanna Porter, Ministry Leaders;*

This ministry encourages prayer without ceasing, strengthens the congregation to rely upon God through prayer, seeks to create opportunities, and provide resources for motivating, teaching and equipping UCC members to pray as naturally as they breathe. The ministry involves volunteer "Prayer Warriors" to pray over specific requests and to be available during worship assemblies to pray with you.

- Serve as Prayer Warrior for others
- Help with Special Prayer Events (Global Day of Prayer, National Day of Prayer, and Las Cruces Prayer Network Events)
- Serve on a Prayer Team during Worship ..... 1st ..... 2nd
- Assist in Prayer Room ..... 1st ..... 2nd
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

## † WORSHIP MINISTRY — *Greg Bowles, Minister; Monte Womble, Minister*

This ministry is responsible for the planning and implementation of meaningful worship assemblies. It coordinates the men to lead and serve in assembly.

- Praise Team ..... 1st ..... 2nd
- Praise Band (2<sup>nd</sup> Service Only) Instruments: \_\_\_\_\_
- Lead Prayer ..... 1st ..... 2nd
- Read Scripture ..... 1st ..... 2nd
- Read Scripture in Spanish (1<sup>st</sup> Service Only)
- Lead a Song in Spanish (1<sup>st</sup> Service Only)
- Communion Reflection (2-3 minute) ..... 1st ..... 2nd
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

### Communion/Assistance — *Garen Saulsberry, Ministry Leader;*

This ministry is responsible for preparing and serving communion, answering the telephone during assemblies and assisting anyone needing help or information.

- Prepare Communion
- Serve Communion ..... 1st ..... 2nd
- Count Worship Attendance .... 1st ..... 2nd
- Count Bible Class Attendance
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

### Greeters— *Bonnie Murphy, Ministry Leader;*

This ministry greets members and visitors and assists them with seating, helps parents locate the nursery or cry room and assists the minister with various special needs.

- Entrance Greeter ..... 1st.... 2nd
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

### Multi-media Ministry — *Regor Saulsberry, Ministry Leader;*

- Operate Sound System During Worship Services ..... 1st ..... 2nd
- Operate Video During Worship Services ..... 1st ..... 2nd
- Help with production/distribution of tapes, CD's, and videos
- Produce Graphics and MediaShout/Power Point Presentations
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

### Children's Worship — *Suzanne Womble, Ministry Leader*

This ministry allows children ages 3 through 4th Grade to worship God on an age-appropriate level while at the same time allowing their parents to have an uninterrupted time of worship in the main auditorium. Children's Worship includes worship, singing, and prayer time.

### (Background Check Required)

- Teach (One Week per Month) ..... 1st ..... 2nd
- Assist (One Week per Month) ..... 1st ..... 2nd

# CONNECTING TO RELATIONSHIPS ...

## † **CAMPUS MINISTRY** — *Greg Bowles*, Minister

This ministry is helping university students know Jesus, mature spiritually, and integrate into the Christian community.

- Host a Thursday Small Group (once a month)
- Become a Mentor for a College Student
- Have a College Student over for a meal
- Host Summer Devotionals in Your Home
- Teach or Facilitate a Class
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

## † **DEAF MINISTRY** — *Andy Bristol*, Ministry Leader

This ministry seeks to provide access for the hearing impaired to classes and sermons on Sunday morning.

- Learn to sign
- Sign for other classes and special events
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

## † **FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY** — *Bob and Gretchen Winters*, Ministry Leaders;

This ministry seeks to support fellowship within the church by coordinating special group functions and all-church events. It is also responsible for maintaining a good supply of kitchen supplies for ministry sponsored events.

- Set up/help decorate tables for fellowship events
- Clean up after fellowship events
- Plan and coordinate a church-wide fellowship
- Plan and coordinate special events (summer picnics, cookouts, etc.)
- Help make sure supplies and condiments are always available for activities
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

## † **GROUPS MINISTRY** —

### Shepherding Groups (future) — ???, Ministry Leader

Shepherding Groups were created to connect every single family to one of our six shepherds at UCC. The groups meet at various times during the year. This ministry seeks to accomplish the following four goals: (1) enhancement of members' **spiritual** lives, (2) addressing **physical** needs, (3) providing a time of group **fellowship**, and (4) facilitating the provision of greater numbers of opportunities for **involvement** in the life of the church and its ministries.

- Host a Shepherding Group
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

### Small Groups — ???, Ministry Leader

Small groups meet various nights during the week in the fall and spring for the multiple purposes of Bible study, outreach, discipleship, fellowship, accountability, and support. This ministry seeks to connect the members in deep and meaningful relationships with each other. Our focus is the continuing spiritual formation of people into the image of Christ with a goal to involve 80% of the congregation in small groups to reach out to the lost and needy and nurture the believers.

- Lead a Small Group
- Co-Lead a Small Group
- Host a Small Group
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

## † **MEN'S MINISTRY** — ???, Ministry Leader

This ministry provides special classes and events for our men.

- Cook for monthly men's breakfast
- Help plan an activity or outing for men
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

## CONNECTING TO RELATIONSHIPS continued...

### † **MEMBER VISITATION** — ???, Ministry Leader

This ministry is designed to ensure that UCC members receive a personal visit or contact from another UCC member. It focuses on providing encouragement and interaction with those who are hospitalized, live in a Senior Living Community or nursing home, are home-bound or live alone, or are temporarily in a rehabilitation facility.

- Visit someone in the hospital
- Visit someone in a Senior Living Community or nursing home
- Visit someone who is lonely
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

### † **NEW MEMBERS MINISTRY** — *Monte Womble*, Minister

#### **Connecting Families** - *Monte Womble*, Minister

This ministry recruits UCC families who will host our new members for a meal to make sure they are developing relationally and spiritually within our church family.

- Host new members for a meal or take new members out for a meal
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

### † **SINGLES MINISTRY** — ???, Ministry Leader

This ministry seeks to develop a specialized program focused on meeting the needs of single adults. Scheduling classes, fellowship, and recreation are important dimensions of the ministry.

- Help with quarterly blood drives
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

### † **SPANISH MINISTRY** — ???, Ministry Leaders

This ministry seeks to maintain a program for our Spanish-speaking members and to integrate our worship to God with the Hispanic community. This includes a growing Spanish class to meet the needs of our Spanish members and incorporating Spanish elements into our worship on Sundays.

- Teach a bible class
- Read scripture in Spanish during worship
- Lead song in Spanish during worship
- Lead Spanish Welcome during worship
- Translate sermon into Spanish during worship
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

### † **WOMEN'S MINISTRY** — ???, Ministry Leaders

This ministry provides opportunities for service and special Bible studies. The ministry hosts a Fall Retreat and a Spring Ladies Day.

- Serve on Planning Committee for Fall Retreat
- Serve on Planning Committee for Spring Ladies Day
- Teach a Women's Bible Study
- Facilitate a Video Series
- Help coordinate Baby Blessings
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

CONNECTING TO RELATIONSHIPS continued...

† **YOUNG-AT-HEART** –*Sharon Odom & Gretchen Winters*, Ministry Leaders

This ministry seeks to actively involve our 55 and older members at UCC. Led *by* senior adults specifically *for* senior adults, the ministry endeavors to provide opportunities for social, spiritual, and service-oriented interactions. The emphasis is to minister WITH senior adults and not just TO senior adults.

- Mentor Young Mothers
- Visit Nursing Homes/Homebound Members
- Send Cards or Visit the Bereaved
- Help Plan Recreational Activities and Trips
- Help Organize Special Programs and Seminars
- Provide Transportation to Church for the Elderly
- Serve on Young-At-Heart Committee
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

† **YOUTH MINISTRY** – *David Harrelson*, Youth Minister

This ministry works closely with our young people in Grades 6 thru 12. Our prayer is that in the seven-year period students will develop their own faith apart from any youth program and live a life of loving God and loving others. We believe that knowing God leads to becoming like Jesus, which leads to reaching out to others, which leads back to knowing God, and so on. (Background Check Required)

- Teach or Assist: .....  Middle School Class .....  High School Class
- Sponsor In-Town Activities.....  Middle School .....  High School
- Sponsor Out-of-Town Trips ....  Middle School .....  High School
- Huddles Leader
- Summer Camp .....  Counselor
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

**Fabulous 13 Youth Rally and Bible Bowl—**

This is the premier youth rally/bible bowl that is hosted by UCC in January or February every year. Teams from California to Texas attend this weekend.

- Provide housing (we will host about 200 out-of-town guests and NEED housing support)
- Help coordinate housing needs
- Help with food (bring snacks or cook at the church)
- Help with registration
- Work with the candy store
- Be a Bible Bowl Reader
- Help as a Technology Worker
- Be a Runner
- Work on set up crew
- Be a scorekeeper
- Help as a Ticket Seller
- Help with concert (usher, merchandise worker, or ticket taker)
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

**Bible Bowls –**

This program is designed for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders to encourage in-depth study of specific books of the Bible in preparation for competition. Classes begin in September (Sunday afternoons) and meets run through April. Activities include Family Lunch, lock-ins, trips to competition meets, and end-of-the-year awards parties.

- Assist in Bible Bowl Class Meetings
- Donate Funds for Trips and Prizes
- Transportation for Out-of-Town Trips (Motor Vehicle Background Check required)
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

## CONNECTING TO RELATIONSHIPS continued...

### Children's Ministry – *Michelle Sparks & Elizabeth Baca*, Ministry Leaders

This ministry is responsible for coordinating the program for spiritual formation of children from birth through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and for training children in the bible and its principles providing them with comprehensive age level material. It selects and equips teachers, develops curriculum, chooses materials, and schedules classes. This ministry is also responsible for planning Vacation Bible School, Parents' Nights, Goal Nights, Teacher Appreciation, and overseeing the Teacher Resource Center. (**Background Check Required**)

- Teach or Assist Cradle Roll Class
- Teach or Assist Preschool
- Teach or Assist Grades K-2
- Teach or Assist Grades 3-5
- Serve as Teacher Resource Center Volunteer (help order material, organize room, etc.)
- Be a Vacation Bible School director
- Help With Vacation Bible School
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

### Nursery – *Kelli Thompson & Jewelie Smith*, Ministry Leaders

This ministry provides childcare during worship assemblies and other congregational special events. (**Background Check Required**)

- Sunday Morning Nursery Helper..... 1st ..... 2nd
- Provide Child Care for Special Congregational Events
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

### † **YOUNG MARRIEDS** – *Greg and Tami Odom*, Ministry Leaders

This ministry seeks to provide a peer/support group for the young married couples in the congregation and provide them with biblical tools to strengthen their marriage.

- Volunteer to organize/host an activity
- Teach a class
- Volunteer to plan a retreat
- Attend special marriage-enrichment activities
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

# CONNECTING TO OUTREACH ...

## † **FIRST IMPRESSIONS** –

**Information Center** – *Beverly Robinson*, Ministry Leader

This ministry is responsible for assisting members and visitors with general information and directions to restrooms, nurseries, Children's Bible Hour, classrooms, etc.

Information Center Attendant .....  1st....  2nd

"Please contact me about ways I can help."

**Guest Follow-up** –

This ministry will involve as many members as possible to contact people from our community who visit UCC. These contacts will be made through personal visits, phone calls or letters.

Contact Guests by:  Telephone.....  Personal Visit.....  Written Notes

"Please contact me about ways I can help."

## † **LOCAL EVANGELISM** – ???, Ministry Leader

This ministry seeks to help UCC fulfill its responsibility to spread God's Word in and around the Las Cruces community.

"Please contact me about ways I can help."

## † **NON-LOCAL MISSIONS** – ???, Ministry Leader

This ministry seeks to help UCC aggressively fulfill its responsibility to spread God's Word beyond Las Cruces. This includes a foreign and domestic emphasis.

Join Missions Committee

Volunteer for mission trip to build churches in Mexico

"Please contact me about ways I can help."

## † **WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL** – *Jan McDougall*, Ministry Leaders

This ministry involves members in corresponding with individuals in African countries and the Philippines who are interested in studying the Bible. Bible lessons are provided to enable effective study of God's Word to take place. This ministry works with hundreds of Christians to teach souls around the world by correspondence course.

Grade lesson sheets, write letters, and prepare packets to be sent.

Help with WBS Internet.

"Please contact me about ways I can help."

# CONNECTING TO SERVICE ...

## † **BENEVOLENCE** — *Doug Coalson, Elder*

This ministry provides temporary assistance of everyday household needs, including guidance and direction.

- Supply food for Thanksgiving Baskets
- Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets
- Help out with "Furniture for Families"
- Work with local organizations to see how UCC can help them meet their needs
- Organize Food Drive (CROSS Training Class project)
- Sponsor a Family/Child (CROSS Training Class project)
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

## † **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** — *???, Ministry Leader*

Provide a more comfortable and desirable environment for worship and education through regularly scheduled care, maintenance and upkeep of facilities and grounds. It is also responsible for all repairs, remodeling, help in coordinating and supervising new construction and security of all premises. It also ensures that the needs of special events such as funerals, weddings, and numerous other church and private functions are met -- security, setting up of fixtures, and janitorial services.

- Be available for general repair work (indicate any special skills you may have on the last page)
- Help with lawn maintenance
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

## † **C.A.R.E. (Christian Activities "R" Edifying)** — *Jim & Debbie Moore, Ministry Leaders*

Wednesday Evening Inreach and Outreach activity where members sign cards, make phone calls, and visit others, when needed. They may even share a meal together.

- Help with organization of C.A.R.E.
- Join in the group activities
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

## † **COMMUNICATION** — *???, Ministry Leader*

Addressing congregational communication issues, this ministry advises and provides resources to individual ministries as needed.

- Serve as Liaison for the Public Media (Las Cruces Sun-News, Las Cruces Bulletin, TV Stations, Radio Stations, etc.)
- Graphic Designer for Special Publications and Projects
- Website Maintenance
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

## † **COMMUNITY SERVICE** — *???, Ministry Leader*

This ministry seeks to reach out to our members in need, as well as, the community around us and create within the congregation an awareness of community and world needs and to respond in a sensitive and responsible way to provide food, clothing, bedding, household goods, assistance in finding jobs, etc., for those in need.

- Help with "Undie Sunday"
- Help with "Hope Soap"
- Help with school supplies drive
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

## CONNECTING TO SERVICE continued...

### CONNECTING/NEW MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT — *Monte Womble*, Minister

This ministry is designed to help every member realize their God-given gifts and provide the opportunities to serve God and others. Sometimes, this may include creating new ministries in order to provide increasing opportunities to serve at UCC.

- Discover your God-given, unique design by attending a PLACE class
- Attend UCC 101 as a new member
- Attend UCC 101 to meet new members
- Help lead UCC Orientation or UCC 101
- Propose and lead a new ministry for the glory of God
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

### † **DORCAS QUILTERS** — *Lexie Armstrong*, Ministry Leader

This ministry makes quilts for various events as a service to the body of UCC. Ladies meet regularly on Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 pm in the worship center fellowship hall.

- Become a quilter
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

### † **FAITH & FINANCE MINISTRY** — *Monte Womble*, Minister

Helping our members to become good asset managers of God's blessings and to experience the joy of giving.

- Attend Financial Peace University
- Provide a "scholarship" to help someone attend Financial Peace University
- Help Facilitate Financial Peace University
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

### † **FINANCES** — *Robert Johnson*, Elder

This ministry coordinates church funds from the weekly counting of the contribution to the annual budget preparation. The basic purpose is to ensure that all of UCC's financial obligations are met in an efficient manner. Duties include counting and depositing funds, providing monthly reports to the elders and seeing that ministries have sufficient funds to accomplish their objectives.

- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

### † **LIBRARY** — *Lori Howe*, Ministry Leader

This ministry serves the church by providing helpful library resource material for the members of UCC. Books and video tapes are available in our church library.

- Process new materials
- Re-shelf returned books
- Send out overdue notices
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

### † **TRANSPORTATION** — *Bryan Wetzel*, Ministry Leader

This ministry is available to pick-up and drop-off church members for Sunday worship attendance as well as for other activities. It also maintains vehicles and coordinates the use of them to provide safe and reliable transportation for church-related activities.

- Help maintain and service the vans (as needed)
- Serve as a volunteer driver (requires Motor Vehicle Background Check and listing on insurance)
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

# CONNECTING TO STUDY ...

† **CROSS TRAINING** – *Monte Womble*, Minister

This teaching ministry for UCC's Sunday morning adult bible classes is seeking to create a context in which faith can be awakened, supported, and challenged.

- Facilitate a CROSS Training class
- Teach a CROSS Training class
- Provide/organize snacks and drinks for your CROSS Training class
- Send a "We're Glad You Were Here!" postcard to guests in class
- Coordinate prayer requests for the class
- Plan and coordinate a service project for your CROSS Training class
- "Please contact me about ways I can help."

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- Appliance Repair
- Auto Mechanic
- Baby Sitting
- Carpentry
- Carpet Cleaning
- Carpet Installation
- Church Office Volunteer
- Cook
- Driver for Special Needs(i.e. Dr. visits)
- Electrician
- Electronics Repair
- Event Planning
- Heating/Air Conditioning
- Marketing/Advertising
- Masonry
- Meals for Funerals, Hospitals, etc.
- Painting/Wallpapering
- Plumbing
- Provide transportation to/from Church
- Respite Care & support for care of sick, disabled, or elderly
- Roofing
- Set-up/Serve at Church-Wide Fellowships
- Sing/Funerals (Part: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Sing/Weddings (Part: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Small Engine Repair
- Tutoring (Subject: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Visit Hospitals
- Visit Nursing Homes/Shut Ins
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- ... Advertising
- ... Career Counseling
- ... Chiropractic
- ... Computers
- ... Counseling
- ... Dental
- ... Financial Services
- ... Hospice
- ... Journalism
- ... Landscaping
- ... Law Enforcement
- ... Legal Aid
- ... Medical Aid
- ... Nursing
- ... Personnel Management
- ... Public Relations
- ... Social Work
- ... Systems Analysis
- ... Tax Consultant
- ... Television/Radio
- ... Other \_\_\_\_\_

## PAIN BANK

### I can help others dealing with:

- ... Abortion
- ... Abuse/Neglect  Children  Adults
- ... Adopted Children
- ... Adopting Parents
- ... Aging Parents
- ... AIDS
- ... Alcoholism
- ... Alzheimer's
- ... Anorexia/Bulimia
- ... Attention Deficit Disorder
- ... Bankruptcy
- ... Cancer
- ... Career Changes
- ... Caregiving
- ... Children of Divorced Parents
- ... Crime Victims
- ... Depression
- ... Divorce
- ... Drug Abuse
- ... Empty Nesters
- ... Gambling
- ... Hearing Impaired (Signing)
- ... Homelessness
- ... Homosexuality
- ... Inability to Conceive/Miscarriage
- ... Incarcerated
- ... Learning Disabilities
- ... Loneliness
- ... Loss of Child
- ... Loss of Spouse
- ... MADD
- ... Mastectomy
- ... Mental Illness
- ... Mothers W/O Custody
- ... Fathers W/O Custody
- ... Orphan
- ... Overeater
- ... Poverty
- ... Rape Victims
- ... Runaway
- ... Sexual Addiction
- ... Single Parenting
- ... Smoking Addiction
- ... Special Needs  Adults  Children
- ... Step-Children/Step-Parents
- ... Suicide
- ... Unemployed/Laid Off
- ... Unmarried Pregnancy