

CSF - Character Covenant - 2021

In the Bible, God asks leaders to lead by example. At CSF, we are committed to living with moral and ethical values that are consistent with the Bible and appropriate for the community we live in. We expect the students who lead at CSF to join our Staff in living according to these values as we pursue the character of Christ together. As you ascend the ladder of leadership, you descend the ladder of rights.

By accepting a student leadership role at CSF, I commit myself to the following covenant:

- I will **seek to know and serve God** in every area of my life. (Jeremiah 29:11-13, James 4:8)
- I will spend time with the Lord in a **daily quiet time**. (Psalm 1:1-3, Mark 1:35)
- I will attend at least **12 of the 15 Synergies and Core Groups** per semester to communally worship and to grow in my faith with my peers and fellow believers. (Colossians 3:16, Hebrews 10:24-25)
- I will be **actively involved** in the ministry area to which I am assigned to be a leader. (Matthew 20:26-28, Colossians 3:23)
- I will **live a life of celibacy** outside of marriage, and I will live above reproach and avoid even the appearance of immorality in all my relationships. This includes purity in dating relationships and forbids sleeping over with the opposite sex. (Matthew 5:8, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4)
- I will **live a life of sobriety** and have **strong accountability** in my life. When it comes to alcohol:
 - If **under 21**, I will adhere to the law and **not drink at all**. (Romans 13:1-2)
 - If 21 or older, I realize that drinking in certain settings could cause others to stumble and will withhold from drinking at all if around students under 21. If I choose to have alcohol, I will not get drunk and I will follow CSF's staff and student leader drinking policy of **1 drinking moment per week**, having a **maximum of 2 alcoholic drinks** per setting. If you have more than one moment in a week (which should be rare), let your care group or core group leader know. (Romans 14:20-21, Ephesians 5:18)
 - While this is a concise communication of our alcohol policy, check out the "[Drinking and Thinking](#)" Podcast to understand how we want to interact with alcohol on a college campus. While not turning drinking into a sin, but also being considerate to our witness on campus.

Do's

- Think through when to drink.
- Be aware of your surroundings, settings, and appearance when drinking.
- Enjoy alcohol in hospitality settings.
- Observe times of feasting and fasting.
- Have strong accountability in your life.

Don'ts

- Drink if you're under 21.
- Drink alone.
- Get drunk.
- Have more than 2 drinks in a setting.
- Drink with students who are under 21.
- Drink in settings where your witness is compromised (ex. bars, strip clubs, frat parties, etc.)

- I will be above reproach and modest in the way that I conduct and represent myself, CSF, and God on Social Media, Snapchat, etc. (Romans 12:1, Romans 14:13)
- I will be aware that what I consume will influence the life I produce. Therefore, I will guard what I watch, read, and listen to. (Proverbs 4:23, Philippians 4:8)
- With regard to all of the above, I will submit myself to those in authority over me (CSF Staff Members) and make myself accountable to them, as unto the Lord. (Hebrews 13:17)

** We know that this year looks a little different with COVID. We want to be good examples on campus. If you are uncomfortable to show up in person, we understand and will have online options to stay connected. But, we want to be of one heart and one mind. That comes when we gather and study together. **

Verse References:

Jeremiah 29:11-13

- “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD . “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.”

James 4:8

- Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

Psalms 1:1-3

- Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

Mark 1:35

- Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray.

Colossians 3:16

- Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

Hebrews 10:24-25

- Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Matthew 20:26-28

- But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Colossians 3:23

- Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

Matthew 5:8

- God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4

- God’s will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor.

Romans 13:1-2

Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished.

Romans 14:20-21

- Don’t tear apart the work of God over what you eat. Remember, all foods are acceptable, but it is wrong to eat something if it makes another person stumble. It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything else if it might cause another believer to stumble.

Ephesians 5:18

- Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Romans 12:1

- And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

Romans 14:13

- So let’s stop condemning each other. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall.

Proverbs 4:23

- Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

Philippians 4:8

- And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Hebrews 13:17

- Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit