

Church Covenant

We, having been brought by God's grace to repent of our sins and believe and accept our gift of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, do now both joyfully and solemnly enter into this covenant with God and each other.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we agree to walk together in love, as is becoming to the members of a Christian church, and to exercise care and watchfulness over each other as we strive to support our church body in the growth and maturing of our faith by upholding the teachings regarding the New Testament church. We commit to regularly assembling together to worship God and pray together ([Hebrews 10:24-25](#)) and agree to defend and maintain a Christ-exalting ministry in this church by supporting and upholding the preaching of the Bible, the right administration of believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper, and when necessary, the exercise of church discipline ([Matthew 18:15-20](#); [Acts 2:38](#); [1 Corinthians 5:9-13, 11:26](#); [2 Timothy 4:2](#)). We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, and the spread of the Gospel through the nations ([1 Peter 4:10](#), [Galatians 6:6](#), [2 Corinthians 9:6-8](#)).

With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will pray and work for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, bearing each other with all humility, gentleness and patience ([Ephesians 4:1-3](#), [Romans 12:16-18](#)) and will encourage each other, counting others as more significant than ourselves ([John 13:34-35](#), [1 Thessalonians 5:11](#), [Hebrews 3:12-13](#), [Philippians 2:3](#)). As co-heirs in Christ, we will strive to use our words to build up one another and glorify God rather than speaking lies, deceit, slander, or gossip ([Ephesians 4:29-31](#)) and will show Christian love, affectionate care, and genuine forgiveness toward each other ([John 13:34-35](#); [Ephesians 4:32](#); [1 Peter 1:22](#)). We will endeavor to lead our children and youth to a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, to instruct them in the Scriptures and the spirit of this covenant, and to seek the salvation of our family and acquaintances. As followers of Christ, we will proclaim the Gospel in our home, neighborhoods and to the ends of the earth in whatever way the Lord enables us ([Matthew 28:18-20](#), [Romans 10:14-15](#), [2 Corinthians 5:20](#)).

We further agree that we submit to the authority of the Scripture as the final word on all matters of life and doctrine ([1 Thessalonians 2:13](#), [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)) and will seek to please God by resisting sin and pursuing holiness remembering that, as we have been voluntarily buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave, there is on us an obligation now to lead a new and holy life. ([1 Peter 1:15-16](#), [Romans 12:1-2](#), [1 Thessalonians 4:1](#), [Titus 2:21](#)).

Moreover, when we move from this place we will as soon as possible, unite with another biblical church, where we can carry out the principles of God's Word and the spirit of this covenant. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen. ([2 Cor 13:14](#))