



CHURCH COVENANT:

How We Live

As our statement of faith seeks to answer the question of *what do we believe?* Our church covenant seeks to answer the question of *how do we live?* We are convinced that a high-view of covenant membership, before God and to each other, is essential for the health of our local church and advancement of the gospel to all nations.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith and having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;

We do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We pledge, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort;

To promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines;

To contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and personal devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances;

To walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment;

Understanding that immoral and sinful activity alienates us from God, and is destructive to; our personal lives; the lives of our family members; and acts as a stumbling block for others; we do hereby agree to abstain from improper, immoral activity as defined by the Holy Bible. Furthermore, we pledge to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, and be willing to help our brothers and sisters in Christ to be accountable in their walk with the Lord; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to seek it without delay.

We moreover pledge that when we remove from this church we will, as soon as possible, unite with another Baptist church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.