



## Church Covenant

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive Jesus Christ as the Lord, Savior, and, supreme Treasure of our lives, and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 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 engage, 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 peace; to promote its spirituality and fruitfulness; to sustain its worship, ordinances, and discipline; to welcome, and test biblically, instruction from the Scriptures by the Pastors of the church, seeking to grow toward biblical unity in the truth; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses 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 educate our children in the Christian faith; 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, to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to seek God's help in abstaining from all drugs, drink, and practices which bring unwarranted harm to the body or jeopardize our own or another's faith.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another 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 secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will, if possible, unite with a like-minded church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant.



## Membership Agreement

### 1. ***I will protect the unity of my church.***

- *By acting in love toward other members*
- *By refusing to gossip*
- *By following the leaders*

#### **Romans 14:19 (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup> Therefore let us pursue the things *which make for peace* and the things by which one may edify another.

#### **Ephesians 4:29 (NKJV)**

<sup>29</sup> Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

#### **Hebrews 13:17 (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup> Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

### 2. ***I will share the responsibility of my church.***

- *By praying for its growth*
- *By inviting the unchurched to attend*
- *By warmly welcoming those who visit*

#### **1 Thessalonians 1:2 (NKJV)**

<sup>2</sup> We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,

#### **Luke 14:23-24 (NKJV)**

<sup>23</sup> Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.

<sup>24</sup> For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' "

#### **Romans 15:7 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.



### 3. ***I will serve the ministry of my church.***

- *By discovering my gifts and talents*
- *By being equipped to serve by my pastors*
- *By developing a servant's heart*

#### **1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

#### **Ephesians 4:11-12 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

<sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

#### **Philippians 2:3-4 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup> Let nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

<sup>4</sup> Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

### 4. ***I will support the testimony of my church***

- *By attending faithfully*
- *By living a godly life*
- *By giving regularly*

#### **Hebrews 10:24-25 (NKJV)**

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

<sup>25</sup> not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

#### **Philippians 1:27 (NKJV)**

<sup>27</sup> Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,

#### **1 Corinthians 16:2 (NKJV)**

<sup>2</sup> On the first *day* of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.