

Church Covenant

*H*aving 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,
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 this covenant with one another,
as our 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 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,
to the expenses of the Church, the relief of the poor,
and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

God established the home.
During His ministry on earth, Christ gave marriage His blessing.
As commanded by God, we will honor our parents, be faithful to our marriage vows,
and love and respect all the members of our family.
We will discipline our children in the spirit of love and never abuse them;
we will maintain family and secret devotions
and we will educate our children in the teachings found in the Word of God.
In the spirit of Christian love, we will adopt into our family those of our fellowship
who do not have family in this area and serve as their surrogate family.

To most unbelievers, the main source of knowledge of God is what they see in us.
We therefore, with the help of the Holy Spirit, will carefully choose actions
that will glorify God and avoid those things that can be interpreted as aiding Satan;
To be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment;
To avoid tattling, backbiting and excessive anger;
To abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as beverage
or other mind-altering drugs as intoxicants.
We will use our influence to stop the distribution and abuse of alcohol,
the abuse of drugs, and the production and distribution of pornographic material.

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

We moreover engage that when we move from this place we will, as soon as possible,
unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the
principles of God's Word.