

THE CHURCH COVENANT

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Opening Statement:

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior ([John 1:12-13](#)); 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 ([Philippians 4:13](#)) in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

Agreements:

1. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit ([I Corinthians 2:12-16](#)) –
 - to walk together in Christian love ([Romans 13:8-10](#));
 - to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort ([Philippians 1:9-11](#));
 - to promote its prosperity and spirituality ([I Corinthians 12:4-7, 11](#));
 - to sustain its worship ([Hebrews 10: 23-25](#)), ordinances, discipline, and doctrine;
 - to contribute cheerfully and regularly ([II Corinthians 9:6-8](#));
 - 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 ([I Corinthians 9:7-14; 16:1-2](#)).
2. We also engage –
 - to maintain family and secret devotion ([Deuteronomy 6:1-9](#));
 - to religiously educate our children ([Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:1-4](#));
 - to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance ([Romans 10:1; Colossians 1:9](#));
 - to walk circumspectly in the world ([Proverbs 4:23; Romans 13:13; Colossians 3:12; Hebrews 12:14; Galatians 5:23; I Peter 5:8](#));
 - to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment ([Isaiah 1:17; 61:8; Deuteronomy 27:19; Proverbs 29:26; Matthew 23:23; I Corinthians 10:23-24](#));
 - to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger ([Proverbs 16:28, 26:20; I Corinthians 1:10; Romans 16:17-18; James 4:11-12; I Peter 2:1; I Timothy 5:13](#));
 - to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage ([Proverbs](#)