

RAFTING CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

THE

Church covenant



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GROWING AS A CHURCH WITH A REDEMPTIVE PURPOSE

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](#)

- to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior ([Matthew 5:13-16](#); [I Corinthians 9:25-27](#)).
3. We further engage –
- to watch over one another in brotherly love ([John 13:34-35](#); [I Timothy 3:3](#));
 - to remember each other in prayer ([Ephesians 6:18](#); [James 5:16](#); [I Timothy 2:1](#));
 - to aid each other in sickness and distress ([James 1:26-27](#));
 - to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech ([I Peter 3:8](#); [James 3:1-12](#));
 - to be slow to take offense ([Hebrews 3:12-15](#)), but always ready for reconciliation ([Hebrews 10:24](#); [II Corinthians 5:18](#)) and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay ([Matthew 18:15-18](#)).

Concluding Statement:

We moreover engage that when we remove 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 ([Hebrews 6:1](#); [Psalm 82:5](#)).