

## CHURCH COVENANT:

Having been led by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized by immersion in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and accepting the Word of God as our only rule for faith and practice, we do now in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We pledge, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to study the Bible and walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort in time of distress; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to give it a sacred preeminence in all aspects of our lives; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, expenses of this church and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also pledge to work diligently at maintaining a daily time of devotion to the Lord; to educate our children concerning the Lord and His Word; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world and to be just in dealing with all men; faithful in our responsibilities and exemplary in our conduct; to avoid all gossiping, tattling, back-biting and excessive anger; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the cause of Christ.

We believe it would be pleasing to the Lord, because the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, to abstain from the use of tobacco, from the sale and use of illegal drugs, and from a sinful usage of intoxicating beverages. We will seek to avoid any worldly amusements which might be a stumbling block for other believers or which might hinder unbelievers from coming to Christ for salvation. We also believe that we should refrain from using our body in any way that might grieve the Holy Spirit.

We further pledge to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness, distress and material need; 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; to not bring to this church a complaint against any member for any personal trespass against us until we have taken the first and second steps of Matt.18; private offenses which can be privately settled we will never make public.

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

To these and all other Christian duties, we do humbly and cheerfully submit ourselves, promising to perform those duties, not in our own strength, being aware of our weakness, but in the strength of the Lord, Whose we are, and Whom we serve, to Whom be glory in the church through all ages. Amen.