

## **Church Covenant**

Having been led by the Holy Spirit of God to receive Jesus Christ as Saviour and to confess Him as Lord, and on confession of this 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 and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully covenant with one another, as one body in Christ, to lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him.

We promise by the aid of the Holy Spirit to forsake the ways of sin and to walk together in Christian love and in paths of righteousness. With this in view we engage to strive together for both the peace and purity of this church, to sustain its worship and steadfastly to cherish and hold its ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute, as faithful stewards, such time, talent, and money, in the measure that God prospers each of us, that the responsibility of the work of the local church and of the world-wide ministry of spreading the Gospel be faithfully and effectively discharged.

We also engage to maintain family and private devotions; to teach the Bible to our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to be just in our dealings and faithful in our engagement; to be exemplary in our deportment; to avoid unkind words and unrighteous anger; to promote self-control and abstinence from every form of evil; to combine zeal and knowledge in our effort to advance the cause of our Saviour; to make Christ first in all things both spiritual and temporal.

We further engage to give and receive admonition with meekness and affection; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in case of 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 Scriptures, to seek it without delay; to encourage one another in the blessed hope of our Lord's return.

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