

Church Covenant

(I. Constitution, Article III)

Having been brought by the grace of God to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, having been baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and believing that Christ has led us to become a part of this body, we do now, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with one another. As members of this church:

We will work and pray for unity among the members of this body, choosing to love one another even as we love ourselves and make every effort to do what leads to peace and mutual edification.

We will walk together in brotherly love, exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over one another, and faithfully encourage and counsel one another as occasion may require with wisdom and humility.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and one another.

We will strive to bring up our children and any under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by a pure and loving example to seek the salvation of our family and friends.

We will rejoice at one another's joys and endeavor, by tenderness and sympathy, to bear one another's burdens and sorrows.

We will seek, by His grace, to live in a manner striving for holiness in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts. We will constantly renew our minds to the truth, leading a new and holy life glorifying our Father in heaven.

We will submit ourselves to the discipline of this church as a testimony of our desire to always walk in a manner worthy of the Lord. And for our brothers and sisters, we will seek their spiritual advancement as dearly as our own.

We will uphold and defend the doctrines of the faith against all who would come against them and, consequently, against the Word of God.

We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the relief of the poor and those in need, and the spread of the Gospel throughout all the nations.

We will serve one another, using the gifts God has granted us. And in doing so, we will strive always to rely on the power of His Holy Spirit that all glory may be given to Him.

We will, if the Spirit leads us to move from this place, unite with some other church as soon as possible, keeping ourselves under the oversight and discipline of the church. At such a time we will continue to carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

We will submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final word on all matters of life and doctrine.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.