

CHURCH COVENANT

PREDICATE:

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and, on the profession of our Faith, having been baptized by emersion into the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 10:9-10; Rom. 10:13; Acts 2:40-41).

COVENANT IN GENERAL:

We do now, in the presence of God, angels, and the assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another that we will walk together in newness of life, with brotherly love, to His glory, as our common Lord (Rom. 6:4; Rom 12:10).

We do, therefore, in His strength, particularly engage:

IN THE ASSEMBLY:

That we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, at such times and places as the Church may appoint, for instruction, for prayer, for business or for evangelizing that we will strive to promote the prosperity and spirituality of the Church, and to sustain its worship, ordinance, discipline, and doctrine (Heb. 10:13; Rom. 2:18; Acts 2:42; Matt. 28:19-20; John 4:22-24).

And 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 the covenant and the principles of God's Word.

MUTUAL CARE:

That we will exercise a mutual care, as members, one of another, to promote the growth of the whole body in Christian knowledge, holiness, and comfort, in the will of God; that we will remember each other in prayer; that we will aid each other in sickness and distress; that we will frequently exhort, and if occasion require, admonish one another (according to Matthew 18:15-17) in the spirit of meekness, considering ourselves lest we also be tempted (Gal. 6:1-2).

CONTRIBUTIONS:

That we will cheerfully and regularly contribute of our means for the relief of the poor, the expenses of the Church, for the maintenance of a faithful gospel ministry among us, and for the spreading of the gospel throughout the world (II Cor. 9:7; I Cor. 16:1-2; Luke 21:2).

ALONE AND AT HOME:

That we will not omit closet religion, nor family religion, nor allow ourselves to permit the too common neglect of the great duty of religiously training our children, and others under our care with a view to the service of Christ and the enjoyment of Heaven (Deut. 6:5-9; II Tim 2:15; Pro. 22:6).

BEFORE THE WORLD:

That we will walk circumspectly before the world; that we will refrain from such games, amusements and fashions as are foes of spiritual mindedness; that we will be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our department that we avoid consumption of alcoholic beverages, gambling, all tattling, and repeating of gossip, speaking mean or spiteful things, backbiting and excessive anger, in order that we may win souls, remembering that God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and a sound mind.

INVOCATION:

And the God of Peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do His will, working in Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.