

Attachment B

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been ledⁱ, as we believe by the Spirit of Godⁱⁱ, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviorⁱⁱⁱ and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized by immersion in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit^{iv}, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.^v

We therefore agree with the help of the Holy Spirit and with the Bible, the inspired Word of God as our guide, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort;^{vi} to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances,^{vii} discipline^{viii} and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry^{ix}, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor^x and the spread of the gospel to all nations.^{xi}

We also agree to encourage personal^{xii} and family devotions; to educate our children according to our faith;^{xiii} to seek the salvation of the unbeliever; to be an example to those around us; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment;^{xiv} to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger;^{xv} to abstain from substances harmful to our bodies,^{xvi} and to use our influence to combat the abuse of all such harmful substances and the spread of pornography; and to diligently work for the advancement of the kingdom of our Savior by witnessing in words and actions.^{xvii}

We further agree to watch over one another in brotherly love;^{xviii} to remember one another in prayer;^{xix} to aid one another in sickness and distress; to demonstrate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense^{xx}, but always ready for reconciliation and seeking it without delay.^{xxi}

We further agree that when we move from this area 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.^{xxii}

- i James 1:8
- ii 2 Corinthians 2:6-14
- iii Acts 15:11
- iv Matthew 28:19-20; Romans 6:1-11
- v John 17:22-26; Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-20
- vi 2 Timothy 3:14-17
- vii Hebrews 10:23-25
- viii Matthew 18; Galatians 6:1-2
- ix 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8
- x Galatians 2:10
- xi Acts 1:6-8
- xii Matthew 6:4, 6, 16-18
- xiii Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Matthew 18:2-6; 19:14
- xiv 1 Peter 2:11-12
- xv 2 Corinthians 12:20-21; Galatians 5:19-20
- xvi 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- xvii Matthew 5:16; Ephesians 5:15-16; Titus 2:11-15
- xviii 1 John 4:7-8, 10-11,20-21; Hebrews 3:12-13; see also John 13:34; 15:12, 17
- xix James 5:16
- xx James 1:19-20
- xxi Proverbs 19:11
- xxii Hebrews 10:23-25