

## A Biblical Church Covenant

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God established a covenant relationship, first with His people—Israel, and then a new covenant with His people—the church.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, as members of God’s covenant family known as \_\_\_\_\_ Baptist Church, we commit ourselves to God and to one another to be Christlike<sup>2</sup> in our lives and relationships through the presence, guidance, and power of God’s Holy Spirit.

We will love one another as Christ loved us,<sup>3</sup> honor one another above ourselves,<sup>4</sup> be kind and compassionate to one another,<sup>5</sup> encourage and build up one another,<sup>6</sup> comfort one another,<sup>7</sup> and offer hospitality to one another.<sup>8</sup>

We will have a spirit of unity based on our common bond in Christ,<sup>9</sup> be united in mind and convictions,<sup>10</sup> meet together regularly,<sup>11</sup> have equal concern for each other, suffer when one suffers and rejoice when another is honored,<sup>12</sup> and consider others more important than ourselves.<sup>13</sup>

We will use our God-given knowledge to instruct one another,<sup>14</sup> use our spiritual gifts to bless one another,<sup>15</sup> use the Word of Christ to teach and admonish one another,<sup>16</sup> and nurture one another toward spiritual maturity measured by the life and ministry of Jesus.<sup>17</sup>

We will confess our sins to one another, pray for each other,<sup>18</sup> warn those who are idle, encourage the discouraged, help the weak, be patient with one another,<sup>19</sup> forgive one another as the Lord forgave us,<sup>20</sup> and gently restore those who sin.<sup>21</sup>

We will not talk negatively about one another,<sup>22</sup> not pass judgment on one another, not put any stumbling block in one another’s way,<sup>23</sup> not be morally impure, not use obscenities, not be greedy,<sup>24</sup> but we will be filled with the Spirit.<sup>25</sup>

We will let the light of godly lives shine together to bring glory to God.<sup>26</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Hebrews 8:7-13;9:15

<sup>4</sup> Romans 12:10

<sup>7</sup> 2 Corinthians 1:4

<sup>10</sup> 1 Corinthians 1:10

<sup>13</sup> Philippians 2:3

<sup>16</sup> Colossians 3:16

<sup>19</sup> 1 Thessalonians 5:14

<sup>22</sup> James 4:11

<sup>25</sup> Ephesians 5:18

<sup>2</sup> 1 Peter 2:21

<sup>5</sup> Ephesians 4:32

<sup>8</sup> 1 Peter 4:9

<sup>11</sup> Hebrews 10:25

<sup>14</sup> Romans 15:14

<sup>17</sup> Ephesians 4:13

<sup>20</sup> Colossians 3:13

<sup>23</sup> Romans 14:13

<sup>26</sup> Matthew 5:16

<sup>3</sup> John 13:34

<sup>6</sup> 1 Thessalonians 5:11

<sup>9</sup> Ephesians 4:3-6

<sup>12</sup> 1 Corinthians 12:25-26

<sup>15</sup> 1 Corinthians 12:7

<sup>18</sup> James 5:16

<sup>21</sup> Galatians 6:1

<sup>24</sup> Ephesians 5:3-4

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