

# Faith Community Covenant

Having been saved by grace through faith in Christ alone, and having been baptized, upon a credible profession of faith, in the name of the triune God, we solemnly and joyfully covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

## **We will protect the unity of our church.**

...By acting in love.

...By encouraging Christ-followers to speak and act according to the truth.

...By following those God has called as leaders.

1. Romans 14:19, So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.
2. 1 Peter 1:22, Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,...
3. Ephesians 4:29, Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.
4. Hebrews 13:17, Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

## **We will share the responsibility of our church.**

...By praying for our health and growth.

...By personally inviting people to trust in Jesus Christ.

...By welcoming and serving others as if we were serving the Lord.

1. 1 Thessalonians 1:2, We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers,
2. Luke 14:23-24, And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.'
3. Romans 15:7, Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

## **We will serve the ministry of our church.**

...By a passionate pursuit of Christ-Likeness.

...By regular and sacrificial giving.

...By prioritizing gathering together for corporate worship on the Lord's Day.

1. 1 Peter 4:10, As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace...
2. Ephesians 4:11-13, And he [Jesus] gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...
3. 1 Corinthians 16:2, On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.
4. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.
5. Hebrews 10:24-25, And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

### **We will support the message of our church in this community.**

...By being salt and light as we participate in our local community.

...By cultivating a servant-heart.

...By pursuing a God-honoring reputation with those inside and outside the church.

1. Philippians 1:27, Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,
2. Philippians 2:3-7, Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.