

# CHURCH COVENANT

Winchester Baptist Church

Having, as we trust, been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to Him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.

We will submit ourselves to the authority of Christ through His Word (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:16-21).

We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ps 133:1; Eph 4:3; Phil 2:2-3).

We will walk together in love, as becomes the members of a Christian church; exercising affectionate care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully admonishing one another when required (Rom 12:10; 15:14).

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others (Heb 10:24-25; Eph 6:18).

We will rejoice at each other's happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows (Rom 12:15; Gal 6:2).

We will seek, by Divine aid, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and remembering that, as we have been voluntarily buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave, so there is on us a special obligation to lead a new and holy life (Matt 28:19; Rom 6:4; Phil 2:12; 1 Thess 5:21-22; Titus 2:11-12; 1 Peter 1:14-16).

We will endeavor to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by a pure and loving example to seek the salvation of our family and friends (Matt 28:19-20; Eph 6:4; Col 1:28-29).

We will work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church, as we sustain its worship, doctrines, ordinances, and discipline. (Acts 2:41-47; Phil 1:27; 1 Thess 1:2-3; Jude 3)

We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations (1 Cor 16:1-2; 2 Cor 8:1-3; 9:6-7; 1 Tim 5:17-18).

We will, when we move from this place, unite with some other church as soon as possible, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word (Heb 10:25).

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 (2 Cor 13:14).

Signing this document is a covenant of membership. To that end, (1) I testify that God has graciously brought me to repentance and faith, reconciling me to Himself through the finished work of His Son, Jesus Christ; (2) I agree to submit to the teaching of Scripture as expressed in the Confession of Faith; (3) I have read and will abide by the Constitution and Bylaws; and (4) by God's grace, I promise to keep the commitments expressed in the Church Covenant, understanding that failure to do so invites biblical church discipline which exists for the glory of God, my sanctification, and the health of this church.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_