

West Oaks Baptist Church Church Covenant

Having been brought by the Holy Spirit to repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ¹ according to the will of the Father,² and having been baptized in faith in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,³ we do now joyfully and solemnly covenant together.

By the gracious aid of God,⁴

We promise and commit to trust and obey the Word of God,⁵

- Acknowledging its supreme and final authority⁶
- Confessing and defending the doctrines of the church as they are expressed therein⁷
- Welcoming, and testing biblically, instruction from the Scriptures by the elders of the church which accords with the confession of this church⁸
- Striving for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and spiritual comfort⁹

We promise and commit to promote and protect the unity of the church by¹⁰

- Walking together in Christian love,¹¹
- Speaking in ways that are edifying,¹²
- Seeking reconciliation by humbly repenting and freely offering forgiveness,¹³
- Serving and providing care for one another as members of one body in Christ,¹⁴

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- Submitting to the leaders who have been granted authority by Christ through the church, recognizing that they must give an account,¹⁵
- Working together in accordance with this Covenant, our Church Constitution and Confession, ¹⁶
- Watching over one another and receiving admonishment as occasion may require,¹⁷
- Participating in and accepting the discipline of the church concerning doctrine and conduct,¹⁸

We promise and commit to take part in the edification of the church by¹⁹

- Giving our time and money cheerfully and regularly to the ministries of the church,²⁰
- Serving the church using our spiritual gifts,²¹
- Praying for the church as a whole and for its members,²²
- Participating in the life of the church by actively engaging in worship, fellowship and ministry, regularly and faithfully, unless providentially hindered,²³
- Giving the church a sacred pre-eminence over all institutions of human origin,²⁴
- Observing the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper that Christ has given to the church,²⁵
- Fulfilling family obligations and commitments,²⁶
- Engaging in family worship and private devotion,²⁷
- Educating our children in the Christian faith and raising them and all others under our care in the fear of the Lord,²⁸

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**We promise and commit to be faithful kingdom witnesses
by²⁹**

- Seeking the salvation of others through the proclamation of the gospel throughout the world,³⁰
- Aiding the poor and oppressed,³¹
- Living with humility, justice, mercy, holiness, and peace in the world,³²

Moreover, we promise to unite as soon as possible with another church of like faith and commitment to God's Word if we move from this place.³³

Now to Him who is able to keep us from stumbling and to present us blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.³⁴ Amen.

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1. [Acts 11:18; John 3:1-8; John 6:44.](#) **2.** [Galatians 1:3-4; Ephesians 1:5-6.](#) **3.** [Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:38-41.](#) **4.** [Galatians 3:3.](#) **5.** [2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19-21.](#) **6.** [Ephesians 2:20; Acts 15:15; 28:23.](#) **7.** [Romans 16:17; Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Timothy 6:3-5](#) **8.**[Galatians 1:8-9; Acts 17:11](#) **9.** [Ephesians 3:18; Philippians 3:10.](#) **10.** [John 17:20-21; Philippians 2:1-2.](#) **11.** [John 13:34; Ephesians 5:2; 1 John 4:7-8.](#) **12.** [2 Corinthians 12:20; Ephesians 4:25, 29; 5:4.](#) **13.** [Matthew 5:23; 6:12, 14-15; 18:15-35.](#) **14.** [Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; 14:12; Galatians 6:10.](#) **15.** [1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; 1 Timothy 5:17-19; Hebrews 13:17.](#) **16.** [Romans 15:5-6; Ephesians 2:19-22.](#) **17.** [1 Thessalonians 5:14; 1 Timothy 5:20; Titus 1:9; Hebrews 3:13.](#) **18.** [Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5; 2 John 7-11.](#) **19.** [Ephesians 4:15-16.](#) **20.** [Acts 2:44-45; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:6-15.](#) **21.** [Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7.](#) **22.** [1 Timothy 2:8; James 5:16; Jude 20-21.](#) **23.** [Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:23-25.](#) **24.** [Matthew 16:18-19; 18:17; 1 Timothy 3:15.](#) **25.** [Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.](#) **26.** [Exodus 20:12; Matthew 5:31-32; Ephesians 5:22-6:4; Colossians 3:18-20.](#) **27.** [Joshua 24:15; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 5:3; 119:147; Matthew 6:6; 14:23.](#) **28.** [Proverbs 2:1-5; Ephesians 6:4.](#) **29.** [Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:20.](#) **30.** [Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:20.](#) **31.** [Matthew 6:19-34; Luke 12:32-34; 16:1-13; James 1:27; 2:14-17; 5:1-6.](#) **32.** [Micah 6:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12.](#) **33.** [Hebrews 10:23-25.](#) **34.** [Jude 24-25.](#)