

Membership Covenant

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church

Having been led by the Holy Spirit to repent of our sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ¹, and having been baptized upon our profession of that faith², we do now enter both solemnly and joyfully into covenant with one another.

We desire to strive for the spiritual prosperity of this church, of our own souls, and of the Kingdom of God by:

- ❖ Promoting and adhering to the Values and Articles of Faith of this church³
- ❖ Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together⁴
- ❖ Contributing 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 both among our neighborhoods and the nations⁵
- ❖ Finding our part in the body by actively participating in some servant ministry role⁶
- ❖ Walking together in Christian love⁷
- ❖ Bearing one another's physical and spiritual burdens⁸
- ❖ Being slow to anger and quick to forgive⁹
- ❖ Refusing to participate in or listen to gossip or slander¹⁰
- ❖ Letting our light shine before men in such a way that they may see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven¹¹
- ❖ Engaging in verbal witness for Christ as opportunities arise¹²
- ❖ Cultivating humility, as we remember that we are merely sinners saved by the grace of the Lord Jesus¹³
- ❖ Maintaining personal and family devotions in our homes¹⁴
- ❖ Striving to bring up our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord, and pressing upon them their need for the Savior¹⁵
- ❖ Treating our physical bodies as the temple of the Holy Spirit¹⁶

In addition to these things, we commit, if we should move from this fellowship, to unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.¹⁷

May the Lord help us to be faithful to Himself, His Word, His people, and this covenant. And may He receive the glory! Amen.

¹ Acts 2.37-38

² Acts 2.37-38, Matthew 28.18-20

³ Ephesians 4.1-6

⁴ Hebrews 10.24-25

⁵ Malachi 3.10, 1 Corinthians 16.1-2, 3 John 8

⁶ 1 Corinthians 12.12-26

⁷ 1 John 4.10-11

⁸ Acts 4.32-34, Galatians 6.1-2

⁹ James 1.19

¹⁰ Ephesians 4.29

¹¹ Matthew 5.16

¹² Matthew 28.18-20, Romans 10.14

¹³ 1 Corinthians 6.9-11

¹⁴ Deuteronomy 6.4-6, Joshua 1.8

¹⁵ Ephesians 6.4

¹⁶ 1 Corinthians 6.19-20

¹⁷ Hebrews 10.24-25