

CRAWFORD AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Our Church Covenant

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Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, and having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of the Triune God and this assembly most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage therefore by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to honor its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to be actively involved in the corporate worship and small group life of this church; and to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministries and expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel to all nations.

We also engage to be zealous in our corporate and individual efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior through the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ among all peoples; to seek the salvation of our family, friends, and acquaintances; to maintain personal and family devotions; to educate our children in the Christian faith; to walk watchfully and uprightly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our commitments, exemplary in our behavior, and encouraging in our conversation; to avoid all gossip and sinful anger; to abstain from all drugs, food, drink, and practices which bring unwarranted harm to the body or jeopardize our own or another's faith.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate sincere concern for one another's joys and sorrows; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the commands of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we leave this church body we will, as soon as possible, carry out the spirit of this covenant by uniting with another local church where we will be taught to trust and obey the Word of God.

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip us with everything good that we may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.