



# CHURCH MEMBER COVENANT

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We believe that Jesus Christ has redemptively entered into a covenant relationship with His Bride, the Church. As participant members within this covenant of grace, we enjoy a unique, privileged, and committed relationship with Christ and His church.

We have been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation from our sins and wholly give ourselves to Him. Upon profession of our faith, we have been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Because we believe the local church is central to the advance of the gospel in our lives and throughout the world, we willingly, solemnly, and joyfully commit ourselves as covenant members within Trinity Baptist Church of Franklin, TN.

We humbly confess we are unable to fulfill the commitments of this covenant relationship apart from the sufficient, enabling grace of the Holy Spirit.

By grace, we will live for God's glory, striving to love Him wholeheartedly and to love others as ourselves. We will pursue a life of holiness, yielding to the work of the Holy Spirit and waging war on our flesh. We will maintain spiritual fellowship with God through regular, personal Bible reading and prayer. We will participate in the disciple-making mission of the church by intentionally and verbally sharing the gospel with the unconverted, and by seeking to spiritually nurture and admonish believers within our sphere of influence and care.

By grace, we will walk in brotherly love with the members of this church, submitting our preferences and desires to others while endeavoring to preserve the unity created by the Spirit. We will be slow to take offense and quick to seek reconciliation. Recognizing that God has created us for community, we will yield ourselves to others within this church for care and accountability and will graciously exercise watchfulness toward them. We will cultivate fellowship with them and will help to bear their burdens through prayer and practical assistance.

By grace, we will consider Trinity Baptist Church of Franklin, TN a priority in our lives as an expression of our devotion to Christ, the Head of the Church. We will regularly attend the church's gatherings and will uphold its doctrine, worship, and discipline. We will remain teachable and obedient before the preaching and teaching of God's Word. We will submit to the authorities God has given us in this church and earnestly serve in such a way as to be a joy to lead. We will contribute regularly, generously, and cheerfully to this church, supporting its expenses and ministries with our money, time, and energy. Believing that every member is made for ministry and has a place of service, we will promote the maturity of the church by faithfully using our spiritual gift(s).

By grace, we will not resign our membership to avoid corrective discipline by this body, but will consider ourselves bound by this covenant until providentially removed from this body and united in good standing with another gospel-abiding church where we can, as soon as possible, carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

*"Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21*