



# Covenant of Fellowship

As the people of Maple Avenue Baptist Church,

- We believe that Jesus died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures.
- We repent of our sins and trust in Christ alone for the forgiveness of sins.

Because of this, we are members of Christ's body, which we have signified by our baptism.

As individual members of Christ's body, we endeavour by God's grace:

- To uphold the gospel, delivered once for all to the saints in the Holy Scriptures,
- To submit to the Scriptures as the way in which God leads and directs us,
- To yield ever more fully to the indwelling Spirit, that the fruit of the Spirit may be manifested in us,
- To depend upon Christ through regular corporate and private prayer, and
- To live a life that fittingly adorns the doctrine we profess.

As a local gathering of Christ's body, we commit ourselves to:

- Meeting regularly together around God's Word,
- Observing together the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Baptism,
- Loving, supporting and bearing with one another, and giving of our time, talents and resources for the furtherance of God's Kingdom in and through Maple Avenue Baptist Church until Christ returns to usher in the fullness of His Kingdom.
- This we do under the faithful shepherding of elders and alongside the humble service of deacons.

If any of us, by our life or our doctrine, drifts from these commitments, we ask the others to love us, pray for us, and call us to repentance in keeping with the teachings of our Lord in Matthew 18.

All this we do until God calls us home or moves us to unite with a different local church.

