

CONSTITUTION

of the

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH DENHAM SPRINGS, LOUISIANA

Preamble

We, the members of Riverside Baptist Church, do ordain and establish the following articles, to which we voluntarily submit ourselves. We are committed and do pledge ourselves and this church to the furtherance of the complete gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, to which we have been called to be ambassadors. Furthermore, we, the members of Riverside Baptist Church, having searched the Scriptures, recognize the need to constitute ourselves to more closely conform to His will for the Church in this age and prepare ourselves for greater efforts in His name. Therefore, we, the members of Riverside Baptist Church, adopt this Constitution as our articles of governance, to be interpreted at all times to reflect the character of and bring glory to our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Article I - Name

The name of this church shall be Riverside Baptist Church of Denham Springs, Louisiana.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this church is to glorify the Triune God of the Scriptures in promoting His worship in spirit and truth, in edifying saints in the true knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in evangelizing sinners. To this end, we are committed to proclaiming His glorious gospel of grace in Jesus Christ throughout the world by the proclamation of the whole counsel of God, as revealed in the Old and New Testaments, and to defending the "faith once delivered to the saints" (Jude 3; John 4:23; II Timothy 3:16-17; Ephesians 4:11-16).

Article III - Our Confession of Faith

We adopt *The Baptist Faith and Message (2000)* of the Southern Baptist Convention as an expression of our faith and fellowship among other churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. Furthermore, we do hereby adopt as the fullest expression of our faith *The London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689*, which is an excellent summary of the things most surely believed among us. We accept the same, not as an authoritative rule or code of faith, whereby we are to be bound, but as an assistance to us in matters of controversy, a confirmation in faith, and as a means of edification in righteousness. In this confession, the members of our church have a body of concise, scripturally-based doctrine; and, by means of scriptural proofs, they can be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in them (I Peter 3:15; Ephesians 4:14-16).

Our confessions of faith do not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Holy Bible is the inspired, inerrant, infallible, sufficient, and authoritative Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, and is the sole and final source of all that we believe.

Article IV - Church Government

Section 1: Church Authority

Jesus Christ is Lord and Head of this church. His will, as expressed in the Holy Scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments, is the sole authority in matters of faith and practice.

Section 2: Church Polity

The government is vested in the body of members who compose the church as further defined in this constitution. The church is subject to no ecclesiastical body; however, it is associated with churches of like faith and order for purposes of fellowship, consultation, and cooperation. Any such voluntary associations with other bodies shall not infringe upon the rights of this church.

Article V - Membership

Section 1: Requirements for Membership

The membership of Riverside Baptist Church shall consist of those persons who have given a credible profession of faith in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior and have been biblically baptized by immersion upon that profession. Any person who demonstrates repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, has been biblically baptized, expresses substantial and non-divisive agreement with the doctrines, covenant, and government of this church shall be eligible for membership.

A. Confession of Faith

Any person who meets the requirements for membership can apply for membership to one of the Pastors of the church. The pastors will meet with and question the applicant regarding his/her Christian experience, doctrinal beliefs, and their seriousness to wholeheartedly support the total ministry of this church.

B. Transfer of Letter

Any person desiring to unite with this church shall apply for membership to one of the Pastors of the church and obtain a letter of recommendation and transfer from evangelical church of which he/she was a member. Upon the presentation of the letter, the pastors will meet with and question the applicant regarding his/her Christian conversion, doctrinal beliefs, and their seriousness to wholeheartedly support the total ministry of this church.

Section 2: Procedure of Receiving New Members

When an applicant gives a credible demonstration of faith and meets the requirements for membership, they will be presented for membership to the church during a regularly scheduled worship service. The congregation shall receive the applicant into membership by a majority vote of the members present and voting. Upon being voted in the membership of Riverside Baptist Church, the applicant covenants to support and be subject to the government and discipline of this church, under the headship of Christ and His infallible Word.

Section 3: Duties and Privileges of Membership

In accord with the duties enumerated in the Church Covenant, each member shall be privileged and expected to participate and contribute to the ministry and life of the church, consistent with God's leading and with the gifts, time, and material resources each has received from God.

Under Christ, this church is governed by its members. Therefore, it is the privilege and responsibility of members to attend all stated meetings of the church unless Providentially hindered.

Section 4: Termination of Membership

Membership in the church may be terminated by one of the following ways:

- A. Upon the death of the member;
- B. Upon issuance of a church letter from transfer to another church;
- C. Upon withdrawal of fellowship from a member by the discipline of the church (Matthew 18:15-17; I Corinthians 5; Titus 3:9-11);
- D. By removal for a lack of attendance; and
- E. Upon the request of the member, who is not under suspension or in the process of corrective discipline.

Article VI - Church Discipline

Any member consistently neglectful of his or her duties or guilty of conduct by which the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be dishonored, and so opposing the welfare of the church, shall be subject to the admonition of the Pastors and the discipline of the church, according to the instructions of our Lord in Matthew 18:15-17 and the example of Scripture. Church discipline should only be contemplated after individual private admonition has failed.

Church discipline can include admonition by the Pastors or congregation, suspension from communion for a definite period, deposition from office, and excommunication (Matthew 18:15-17; 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15; 1 Timothy 5:19-20; 1 Corinthians 5:4-5).

The purpose of church discipline should be for the repentance, reconciliation, and spiritual growth of the individual disciplined (I Corinthians 4:14; Ephesians 6:4; 1 Timothy 3:4-5; Hebrews 12:1-11; Matthew 7:26-27; 18:15-17; Luke 17:3; Acts 2:40; 1 Corinthians 5:5; Galatians 6:1-5; 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14-15; 1 Timothy 1:20; Titus 1:13-14; James 1:22).

For the instruction in righteousness and good of other Christians, as an example to them (Romans 15:14; 1 Corinthians 5:11; 15:33; Colossians 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; 1 Timothy 5:20; Titus 1:11; Hebrews 10:24-25).

For the purity of the church as a whole (1 Corinthians 5:6-7; 2 Corinthians 13:10; Ephesians 5:27; 2 John 10; Jude 24; Revelation 21:2).

For the good of our corporate witness to non-Christians (Matthew 5:13-16; John 13:35; Acts 5:1-14; Ephesians 5:11; 1 Timothy 3:7; 2 Peter 2:2; 1 John 3:10); and

Supremely for the glory of God by reflecting His holy character (Deuteronomy 5:11; 1 Kings 11:2; 2 Chronicles 19:2; Ezra 6:21; Nehemiah 9:2; Isaiah 52:11; Ezekiel 36:20; Matthew 5:16; John 15:8; 18:17, 25; Romans 2:24; 15:5-6; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1; Ephesians 1:4; 5:27; 1 Peter 2:12).

Article VII - Officers

Section 1: Summary

Jesus Christ alone is the head of His church. However, He has ordained that individual churches should be blessed with the spiritual rule and ministry of special office bearers. Therefore, it is the duty of the church to seek to discover those persons to whom Christ the Lord has imparted the necessary graces and gifts for office bearing. The Lord's appointment is recognized through the understanding of the biblical definition of the office, the inward conviction and call of the individual, and the approval of the church, as it observes the possession of those required graces and gifts.

It should be the desire of the congregation to come to one mind regarding those office bearers to whom they must submit in the Lord, but should such unanimity not be fully realized, a 75% majority vote of the membership present and voting at a called members meeting shall be required for the election of an officer.

Christ has ordained that the administration of the local church is to be by Pastors/Elders and Deacons (Acts 14:23; 6:1-6; Philippians 1:1).

Section 2: Pastors

The Pastors shall be comprised of men who satisfy the qualifications for the office of pastor set forth in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9. Subject to the will of the congregation, the pastors shall oversee the ministry and resources of the church. In keeping with the principles set forth in Acts 6:1-6 and I Peter 5:1-4, the Pastors shall devote their time to prayer, the ministry of the Word (by teaching and encouraging sound doctrine), and shepherding God's flock.

The church shall recognize men gifted and willing to serve in this calling, in accordance with the constitutional provisions on elections. These men shall be received as gifts of Christ to His church and set apart as Pastors.

A Pastor may be terminated by resignation or by dismissal. Any two members with reason to believe that a Pastor should be dismissed on biblical grounds (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:6-9) should express such concern to the pastors and, if need be, to the congregation. Any such action shall be done in accordance with the instructions of our Lord in Matthew 18:15-17 and 1 Timothy 5:17-21. To dismiss a Pastor, a two-thirds vote of the members is necessary.

The Pastors shall take particular responsibility to examine and instruct prospective members, examine and recommend all prospective candidates for offices and positions, oversee the work of appointed church agents and committees, conduct worship services, administer the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, equip the membership for the word of the ministry, encourage sound doctrine and practice, admonish and correct error, oversee the process of church discipline, coordinate and promote the ministries of the church, and mobilize the church for world missions. The Pastors are to further ensure that all who minister the Word to the congregation, including outside speakers, share our fundamental convictions.

The Pastors may establish ministry positions or committees to assist them in fulfilling their responsibilities. The Pastors may also propose funding for new paid staff positions. The membership shall approve all candidates to fill the positions of senior pastor and associate pastor(s), as well as all other ministry and staff positions. The scope and approval of job descriptions for all staff positions shall rest in the hands of the Pastors, subject to approval of the membership.

All Pastors must give to the church wherein he holds office of his tithe, time, and talents.

Section 3: The Senior Pastor

The senior pastor shall serve with other pastors in the church. He shall perform the duties of a Pastor described in Section 2 and shall be recognized by the church as particularly gifted and called to the full-time ministry of preaching and teaching. He shall preach on the Lord's Day, administer the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and perform other duties as usually pertain to that office, or as set forth in the constitution. In the absence or incapacity of the senior pastor, the Pastors shall assume responsibility for his duties, any of which can be delegated.

Section 4: Associate Pastors

The church may call additional pastors, whose relationship to the senior pastor is that of an associate. An associate pastor shall serve with other pastors. He shall perform the duties of an Pastor described in Section 2, and shall be recognized by the church as particularly gifted and called to the full-time ministry of preaching and teaching. He shall assist the Pastor in the performance of his regular duties as usually pertain to the office of the Pastor, or as set forth in the constitution, or which may be specifically assigned to him by the congregation. In the absence or incapacity of the senior pastor for defined periods of time (such as vacation or illness), the associate pastor(s) shall assume the responsibility for his duties under the oversight of the pastors.

Section 5: Deacons

The diaconate shall consist of all this church's duly elected deacons. The deacons shall be men who demonstrate the personal and domestic qualifications as set forth in Acts 6:3 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13. They must first be tested (proven) men, in full communion with the church, being sober in life, having a good reputation, and able to comfort the poor and oppressed. Only men shall be eligible to serve as deacons, and must be a member of the church for one year prior to nomination.

It shall be required of all deacons to:

- A. Maintain the qualifications for the office of deacon as found in 1 Timothy 3:8-13;
- B. Mutually respect and submit to the other deacons in the fear of God and in the love of Christ, realizing that the church is under the headship of Christ;
- C. Give to the church wherein he holds office of his tithe, time, and talents;
- D. Attend all stated meetings of the church unless providentially hindered;
- E. Meet collectively with other deacons at least once per month unless providentially hindered;
- F. Consistently communicate with the pastors of the church; and
- G. Seek to be a servant who cares for the temporal needs of members, attends to the accommodations for public worship, and encourages and supports those persons able to help others and those with the gifts of administration.

Section 6: Clerk

It shall be the duty of the clerk to record the minutes of all regular and special members meetings of the church, to preserve an accurate roll of the membership, and to render reports as requested by the Pastors. In the absence or incapacity of the clerk, the pastors shall appoint a

member to perform the duties of the church clerk. The church clerk shall ensure that dated copies of the most recent revision of this constitution shall be available for all church members.

Section 7: Financial Secretary

The financial secretary shall ensure that all funds and securities of the church are properly secured in such banks, financial institutions, or depositories as appropriate. The financial secretary shall also be responsible for presenting regular written reports of the account balances, revenues, and expenses of the church at each members' meeting. The financial secretary shall also present a written report to the church treasurer. This responsibility may be delegated with the responsibility of the Pastors. The financial secretary shall also ensure that full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements are kept in books belonging to the church, and that adequate controls are implemented to guarantee that all funds belonging to the church are appropriately handled by any officer, employee, or agent of the church. The financial secretary shall render to the Pastors and Deacons an account of all transactions and the financial condition of the church.

Section 8: Church Treasurer

The church treasurer shall be the custodian of all money, insurance policies, and valuable papers according to the policies and practices of the church. He shall meet with the financial secretary and shall be responsible for the preparation of the monthly financial statement according to the policies and practices of the church.

Article VIII - Election of Pastors and Officers

Section 1: General Principles

The process for church elections shall be interpreted and carried out to fulfill the following principles:

- A. Substantial prayer, both individually and corporately, should be an integral part of the election process.
- B. Nominations should proceed with the support of the Pastors.
- C. All candidates for office should be treated with the grace, kindness, and honesty appropriate in the evaluation process.
- D. The election process shall express that spirit of mutual trust, openness, and loving consideration that is appropriate with the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Section 2: Selection of Pastors and Officers

- A. The search committee for all church offices shall be comprised of Pastors and Deacons.

- B. The election of officers shall be held at a members' meeting of the church. names of candidates for senior pastor and associate pastor shall be presented by the search committee (comprised of Pastors and Deacons), and the election shall proceed as directed by the moderator.
- C. Any member with reason to believe that a candidate is unqualified for office should express concern to the Pastors. Members intending to speak in opposition to a candidate should express their objection to the Pastors as far in advance as possible before the members' meeting.
- D. The moderator shall declare elected all men receiving a 75% majority of all votes cast for the offices of senior pastor and associate pastor. For all other offices, the moderator shall declare elected all persons receiving a 75% majority of all votes cast; abstentions will not be considered as votes cast. A member must be present in order to vote; absentee ballots will not be permitted.

Section 3: Calling of the Senior Pastor

In the calling of any man to this position, the same basic process of calling an officer must be followed. Additionally, however, the church must be given adequate opportunity to assess the preaching gifts of any candidate for the office of Senior Pastor and, before being asked to express its judgment, must receive assurance from the Pastors that, having interviewed the candidate, they are in no doubt as to his wholehearted assent to the Statement of Faith and Church Covenant. Notice of the nomination of a man to be elected to membership and called as Senior Pastor must be given at two Sunday morning services prior to the vote at a members' meeting.

Section 4: Calling of Associate Pastor

In the calling of any man to this position, the same basic process of calling an officer must be followed. Additionally, however, the church must be given adequate opportunity of assess the preaching gifts of any candidate for the office of senior pastor and, before being asked to express its judgment, must receive assurance from the pastors that, having interviewed the candidate, they are in no doubt as to his wholehearted assent to the Statement of Faith and Church Covenant.

Notice of the nomination of a man to be elected to membership and called as associate pastor must be given at two Sunday morning services prior to the vote at a members' meeting.

Section 5: Calling of Deacons

In the calling of any man to this position, the same basic process of calling an officer must be followed. Any member can request that the search committee (pastors and deacons) consider qualified men for election of deacon. After the candidate has been interviewed, they are in no doubt as to his wholehearted assent to the Statement of Faith and Church Covenant. Notice of the nomination of a man to be elected as a deacon must be given at two Sunday morning services prior to the vote at a members' meeting. The candidate must receive 75% of the vote to be elected.

Article IX - Finances

The work of this church is financially dependent upon the tithes, offerings, and gifts of God's people. A yearly budget detailing the proposed expenditures for the coming year will be presented to the membership for approval. When this budget is approved by the vote of the congregation, it shall be considered the basis for the current liabilities. No pastor, deacon, individual, committee, or board is authorized to make changes in its provisions or to make unauthorized disbursements without the consent of the congregation. The fiscal year of the church shall begin January 1 and end December 31.

Article X - Association of Churches

When it is thought desirable to have fellowship, consultation, and cooperation with local churches of like faith and order, this church may join itself to associations of churches. Upon the recommendation of the officers, such affiliations may be agreed upon by a majority vote of the membership present and voting at a duly called members meeting. Withdrawal from associations may be affected by the same procedure.

Article XI - Conflict Resolution

Believing that the Bible commands Christians to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian Church, the church shall require its members to resolve conflict among themselves according to biblically based principles, without reliance upon secular courts. Consistent with its call to peacemaking, the church shall encourage the use of biblically based principles to resolve disputes between itself and those outside the church, whether Christian or pagan and whether individuals or corporate entities (Matthew 18: 15-20; I Corinthians 6:1-8).

Article XII - Amendments

Amendments to the constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a duly called members' meeting, provided that such amendments have been distributed by the officers in written form at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

BY-LAWS

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RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH DENHAM SPRINGS, LOUISIANA

Article I - Congregational meetings

Section 1: Notice of Meetings

Notice of all members' meetings shall be given at regular worship services on the two successive Sundays immediately prior to the meeting. In case of emergency, a meeting may be called on shorter notice by notifying each local member of the time, place, and purpose of the members' meeting.

Section 2: Number of Meetings

Members meetings shall be held monthly for the reception of reports and the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting. The adoption of the annual budget shall take place in the November meeting.

Section 3: Responsibility for Meetings

The Pastors shall arrange the details of all members meetings and shall ensure that all possible preparation for their successful conduct is arranged, following the principles articulated in *Roberts Rules of Order, Revised*.

Section 4: Quorum for Transaction of Business

The voting members present at any constitutionally called members meeting shall be considered a quorum for the transaction of business. All church officers shall be voted upon by written ballot.

Section 5: Voting Age

Any member of the church 18 years of age or older, in good and regular standing, shall have the right to vote on any question properly brought before the congregation.

Article II - Membership

The membership of this church shall be composed of individuals who are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and affirm the tenets of Riverside Baptist Church's constitution, by-laws, and confession of faith who demonstrate evidence, by their confession and conduct, that they are living in accord with their affirmations of this constitution, by-laws, and confession of faith are actively pursuing and continuing in a vital fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ. **The membership of this church, under the leadership of the Pastors, shall have final authority in all matters of church governance, as set forth and described in the by-laws.**

In order to keep an accurate membership roll, there shall be an annual review of the membership roll by the Pastors and the church clerk. All members who have been inactive, for whatever cause, will be classified as such and will be notified of this action in writing. If they offer no response or recommitment, they shall be removed from membership.

Article III - Church Corporation/Board of Trustees

In compliance with the laws of the State of Louisiana for Corporation Not for Profit, the church shall, from its members in good standing, elect at least three (but not more than five) church officers to serve as trustees of the corporation. They shall serve for a term of one year and perform such services as required by law. This election shall take place at the December members' meeting. Those persons elected shall select a president, one or more vice-presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer for purposes of carrying out their required duties.

Article IV - Committees

Section 1: Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee shall recommend raises for ministerial staff and secondary staff positions. The Personnel Committee shall be responsible for resolving issues regarding secondary staff members.

Section 2: Nominating Committee

The Pastors and Deacons shall serve as the Nominating Committee.

Section 3: Committee on Committees

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Section 4: Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall be comprised of at least one Pastor and three additional members who are recommended by the Nominating Committee. Their duties include working with the Pastors to prepare and recommend to the congregation an annual budget. After it has been approved by the congregation, this committee shall work in conjunction with the Pastors to oversee the administration of the budget.

Section 5: Building and Grounds Committee

The building and grounds committee shall work with the Deacons to assess maintenance, repair, and equipment needs relating to the physical plant, and shall solicit and award bids for needed maintenance and repairs.

Section 6: Lord's Supper Committee

The Lord's Supper Committee shall be responsible for assisting the Pastors and the congregation in the observance of the Lord's Supper by maintaining an accurate inventory of materials and supplies, and with the preparation of the elements to be used in the observance.

Section 7: Missions Committee

The missions committee shall be comprised of the Pastors and up to three additional members to be recommended by the nominating committee. Their duties shall include leading the church in supporting and participating in responsible missions activities and efforts as approved by the membership.

Article V - Statement on Religious Employment

We believe that in order to preserve the function and the integrity of the local church as the visible body of Christ and to provide a biblical role model to church members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by this church in any capacity, or who serve as officially appointed volunteers, shall agree with, abide by, and conduct themselves according to biblical standards of Christian holiness and with Article VI of these by-laws and Articles II-III of this church's constitution as well as all other articles in these constitution and by-laws.

Article VI - Statement on Marriage and Sexuality

We believe that marriage is a sacred and blessed gift of God. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: marriage is that institution ordained and sanctioned by God that joins one natural, biological man and one natural, biological woman in an exclusive union, as delineated in the Scriptures, the Holy Bible. We believe that God intends sexual activity to occur only between a man and woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no sexual activity should take place outside the bonds of a biblical marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexuality, bigamy and polygamy, pedophilia, incest, bestiality, necrophilia, pornography, voyeurism, prostitution, any attempt to change one's sex, or disagreement with one's biological sex, is sinful and offensive to God.

Article VII - Statement on Declaration of Sexual Sins

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Holy Scripture or the doctrines of this church.

On the usage of "love" and "hate" we believe that if God, in the Holy Bible, states that something is sinful, then the proclamation of the fact that God deems a thing sinful is not hate; instead, we believe that such proclamation epitomizes love. The position of this church is that proclaiming God's stance on any given subject, as revealed in the Holy Bible, embodies love and that the withholding of such proclamation contrariwise embodies hate. When this church proclaims that God, in the Holy Scriptures, declares certain sexual behaviors, practices, appetites, and desires to be an offense to, a perversion of, and/or an abomination of the sexuality that God intends, expects, and demands from His human creatures, the intention of this church is to declare what is in the best interests of people everywhere to hear, namely that is bringing judgment on any and all sinners, even all mankind, and that God commands all sinners everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to Christ. We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and will deliver these from the judgment of His holy wrath

against sin.

Article VIII - Amendments

Amendments to the by-laws may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a duly called members' meeting, provided that such amendments have been distributed by the officers in written form at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having, as we trust, been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to Him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.

We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We will walk together in brotherly love, as becomes the members of a Christian Church, exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others.

We will endeavor to bring up such as may at any time be under our care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by a pure and loving example to seek the salvation of our family and friends.

We will rejoice at each others' happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows.

We will seek, by Divine aid, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and remembering that, as we have been voluntarily buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave, so there is on us a special obligation now to lead a new and holy life.

We will work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church, as we sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines.

We will contribute 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 through all nations.

We will, when we move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.