

ARTICLE III. Church Covenant (*Member Commitment*)

As God established a covenant relationship with His people, the Church, we commit ourselves to God and to one another to be Christ-like in our lives and relationships through the guidance of God's Holy Spirit so that,

We Will Seek the Lord in Worship by:

- Drawing near to God in collective and private worship and prayer. (Hebrews 10:22-23, 25)
- Following the command and example of Jesus, being baptized by immersion after our conversion, (Romans 6:4-5) and participating in the Lord's Supper as we remember Christ on the cross. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)
- Anticipating Christ's return individually and congregationally. (Revelation 22: 7, 12)

We Will Study God's Word by:

- Growing in the knowledge of Christ through personal and shared study. (Colossians 2:6-7)
- Submitting to His Word as the all-sufficient authority in our lives and in His Church. (Romans 12:1-2)
- Discipling one another, especially our own children, in God's Word and Christian character. (Proverbs 29:17)

We Will Serve the Body of Christ by:

- Faithfully carrying out the responsibilities of membership personally and collectively, including involvement in relevant assemblies, decisions, and commitments. (1 Corinthians 1:10)
- Stewarding our God-given resources, including time, talents, spiritual gifts and financial resources to give cheerfully and generously to the support of the church, and our local and world-wide community. (2 Corinthians 8-9)
- Loving one another, being accountable to one another and nurturing one another toward spiritual maturity. (John 13:34, 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, Galatians 6:1)

We Will Share Christ with the World by:

- Spreading the gospel locally, regionally, and globally through our personal and church-wide involvement. (Matthew 28:18-19)
- Praying for the lost. (Colossians 4:3-4)

In these commitments, we submit to the Lordship of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, and to the leadership of elders and deacons in their service to this membership. (Ephesians 5:21, Hebrews 13:17)

Finally, if we move from this place, we will seek to unite with another church as soon as possible where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.