

ARTICLE 2

CHURCH COVENANT

SECTION 2.03 - COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and, on the profession of our faith, 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 God, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

That we will exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over each other, and faithfully warn, exhort, and admonish each other as occasion may require (Col 1:28).

That we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but will uphold the public worship of God, and the ordinances of His house (Heb 10:25).

That we will not omit personal and family devotions at home, nor neglect the great duty of religiously training our children, and those under our care, for the service of Christ and the enjoyment of heaven (Eph 6:4).

That, as we are the light of the world, and salt of the earth, we will seek divine aid to enable us to deny ungodliness, and every worldly lust, and to walk circumspectly in the world, that we may win the souls of men (Titus 2:12).

That 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 according as God has prospered us *(1 Cor 16:2; 1 Tim 5:17-18).

That we will appreciate those who diligently labor among us, and have charge over us in the Lord and give us instruction, and esteem them very highly in love because of their work (1 Thess 5:12-13).

That we will humbly obey our leaders and submit to them for they keep watch over our souls as those who will give an account, so that they may do this with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for us (Heb 13:17).

That we will in all conditions, even till death, strive to live to the glory of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Pet 2:9).

"And may the God of Peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work, to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory, forever and ever. Amen." (Heb 13:20).

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, 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.