

Our Covenant as Members of First Baptist Church

Having been led by the Holy Spirit into a new relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ, and having repented of our sins and trusted in Jesus for our salvation, we now commit ourselves to walk in newness of life.

As members of one Body in Christ, we now know God's grace and his claim on our lives. Therefore, we joyfully accept this Covenant as an expression of our faith, trusting the Holy Spirit to help us as we fulfill our Covenant to Christ and his Church.

We acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus over every area of our life, and the power of the indwelling Spirit to strengthen and direct us in all we do. We will seek to be faithful in personal prayer and Bible Study, to maintain a devotional life, and to educate our children in the Christian faith. In work and action, we will share our faith in Christ as opportunity allows, seeking the salvation of our relatives and friends.

We will meet together regularly to worship, study, pray, and observe the ordinances of Baptism and Communion. We will seek the love and unity of the Holy Spirit in our fellowship, encouraging one another in spiritual growth. Recognizing that our time, abilities and resources are all a trust from God, we will be faithful in stewardship, contributing regularly and cheerfully to support the ministry of our Church, to help the poor, and to spread the Gospel at home and around the world.

We agree to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ, and to remember each other in prayer. We will share each other's joys and sorrows, and be patient with each other's weaknesses and failures. We will be slow to criticize or take offense, but quick to ask and give forgiveness. We will be gracious in speech, and seek to build up one another through the expression of love.

We will seek to direct all our behavior in obedience to the Great Commandment – that we love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. We will be honest and gentle in our dealings with all persons. We will seek the direction of the Holy Spirit in every matter, and when convinced that any personal attitude, habit, or activity is harmful to ourselves or others, we will make every effort to correct it.

We will cooperate with other Christian Churches and organizations as we have opportunity to exercise Christian influence in our community, and work for justice, peace, and morality in our world. If we move from this community, we will continue our service to God by uniting as soon as possible with another Church which is carrying out the spirit of this Covenant, and the teaching of God's Word.