



REDEEMING GRACE

BAPTIST CHURCH

While a Statement of Faith is a summary of our essential beliefs as a church, the church covenant is a summary of how we intend to live as a church. It is based on verses of Scripture that reflect many of the “one another” passages found in the New Testament. When someone becomes a member they are agreeing, by the grace of God, to live out these Biblically informed commitments with one another. We read the covenant at the beginning of each members meeting and other appropriate contexts to reaffirm our commitment to love God and each other in this way.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having, as we believe, been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith 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 renew our Covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We will walk together in Christian love, exercising 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 rejoice at each other’s happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other’s burdens and sorrows. We resolve to practice personal and family worship, to train our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord and to seek the salvation and good of our family, friends and acquaintances. We will seek, by the presence and power of God’s Spirit, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts. We will remember that we have been buried with Christ by baptism and raised as a new creation to walk in a manner worthy of Christ having now a special obligation to lead a new and holy life. We will abide by the standards of sexual purity, ethical integrity and spiritual fidelity as taught in the Bible.

We will work together for the continuance of a faithful God-centered 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 advance of the gospel through all nations. We promise that if in the providence of God we move from this place we will seek as soon as possible to unite with another 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.