

# *The Church Covenant*

## **Bethlehem Baptist Church**

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**By what common and gracious experience do we enter into spiritual fellowship with God and one another?**

Having been led, as we believe, by the spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, Angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

**What is the great bond of our union with God and each other?**

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian Love.

**What are our great privileges and duties in this, our church?**

To strive for the advancement of this Church in Knowledge, Holiness, Ordinances, Discipline, and Doctrines.

**What vows do we gladly make as stewards of that which God has entrusted in us?**

To contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

**For the sake of our home and our loved ones, what gracious task do we humbly assume?**

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children, to seek salvation of our kindred and acquaintances.

**For what sake of the unsaved for whom our Saviour died, to what manner of life and conversation are we solemnly and sincerely pledged?**

To walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger, to abstain from the sale of, and use of, destructive drugs or intoxicating drinks as a beverage; to shun pornography; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

**Since one is our Master, even Christ, and we are all one body, by what fraternal ministries are we to strengthen each other and adorn the teachings of our Lord and Savior?**

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

**What is our duty in moving from this place?**

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. And now unto Him, who brought again from the dead, our Lord Jesus, the power and glory forever, Amen.