



MOUNT VERNON

BAPTIST CHURCH

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led by the Spirit of God to accept Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, and on the profession of our faith in Him, having been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we do now prayerfully and seriously make this covenant with God and with one another.

We determine, therefore by the grace of God and in the power of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and strength; to uphold its doctrine, ordinances and discipline according to the teachings of the New Testament; 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; to identify and cultivate our spiritual gifts and dedicate our energies to the service of Christ's Kingdom; to seek to lead others into its fellowship to the end that His Kingdom may be promoted.

By God's help we further agree to cultivate personal and family devotions; to endeavor to lead our children to a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, to instruct them in the Scriptures and the spirit of this covenant, and to seek the salvation of our family and acquaintances.

To give no man cause to speak evil against us, we will seek to be just in our dealings, to be faithful to our commitments, to set the proper example in our attitude and conduct, and to avoid conversation harmful to others and inappropriate anger. Realizing that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, we will avoid things that are harmful to the body, exercising self-discipline and cultivating purity in our lives.

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

Moreover, when we move from this place we will as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the principles of God's Word and the spirit of this covenant.