



## CONSTITUTION WEB-EXCERPTS

### **Article IV: Covenant**

Having been led, we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and having been baptized by immersion, we solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ. As God gives grace and power, we covenant:

- A. To train our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Eph. 6:4).
- B. To walk circumspectly in the world, making the most of our time (Eph. 5:15-16).
- C. To be just in our dealings and exemplary in our behavior (Pro. 11:3, 19:1, I Pet. 1:15).
- D. To avoid all gossiping, backbiting and sinful anger (Ps. 15:3, II Cor. 12:20).
- E. To be zealous in our efforts to make our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ known to all (Matt. 28:19-20, Mark 16:15-16, Luke 24:46-48, Acts 1:8).
- F. To watch over one another in brotherly love, giving and receiving admonitions with meekness (Gal. 6:1, I Thess. 5:14, Heb. 10:24).
- G. To remember one another in prayer (Col. 4:2-3).
- H. To aid one another in sickness and distress (Gal. 6:2).
- I. To cultivate humility and selflessness, looking out for the interests of others (Rom. 12:8, Phil. 2:3-4, I Pet. 5:6).
- J. To be slow in taking offense but always ready for reconciliation (Rom. 12:18).
- K. To do nothing in a spirit of partiality (Rom. 2:11, I Tim. 5:21, James 2:9).
- L. 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 holy Word (Heb. 10:25).

## MEMBERSHIP ADDENDUM

### Core Commitments of Church Membership

1. I will trust Christ and grow in faith and godliness: This involves a personal relationship with Christ marked by bible study, prayer, and growth in godliness. We constantly evaluate our lives to see if there is sin that we rationalize or refuse to give up.
2. I will regularly participate in corporate worship as an overflow of my own personal worship: As a member, I will faithfully attend and actively participate in Sunday morning services through learning, singing, and giving.
3. I will place God's mission above my own personal preferences: I know that God has called me to serve his purposes in this church and therefore I will not be a passive observer or a nagging critic. I will be an active participant by laying down my personal preferences to pursue Christ's mission.
4. I will contribute to the unity of this church: I will pray for my church and its leaders, refuse to gossip, deal with conflict directly and lovingly, and extend forgiveness when wronged.
5. I will cultivate gospel-centered relationships in my family and church: I recognize my own responsibility to live out the gospel with my family members, growing in greater godliness as a family. I will also seek discipling relationships within the church so that I can mentor and be mentored, sharing my life with others with transparency.
6. I will study God's Word in small group community: Whether a men's/women's study, a home group, or a Sunday morning study, I will find a group that allows me to grow in the context of biblical community.
7. I will serve faithfully by using the gifts that God has given me: I know that God has given me gifts to use in service of the body and I will look for formal and informal ways that I can serve this church family.
8. I will demonstrate and proclaim the gospel to unbelievers: I will intentionally cultivate relationships of influence with unbelievers and share the gospel with them as God gives me the opportunity. I will also consider how I can support and partner with mission's efforts locally and globally.