



SPRING STREET BAPTIST

Church Covenant



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

We, having been led and called by the Spirit of God, the Will of the Father, and the Work of His Son into the new covenant, and having been baptized by immersion in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit into the universal church on the profession of our faith, do now and in the presence of the Triune God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully covenant with one another as one body in Jesus Christ.

What is the great bond of our union and great privileges and duties in this church we gladly make as stewards of that which God has entrusted to us?

We do purpose, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love and to grow in the fullness of Christ Jesus our Lord; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and peace; to promote its spirituality and fruitfulness; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrine; under the authority of the leadership within this body of believers submitted to this church's body including biblical discipline for unrepentant sin; to make the Holy Bible the Supreme standard for all of faith and practice and joy; seeking to grow toward biblical unity in the truth; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

For the sake of our homes, our loved ones, and the unsaved for which our Savior died; what gracious tasks do we humbly assume and what manner of life and conversation are we solemnly and sincerely promising to uphold?

We also purpose to maintain family and personal devotions; to educate our children in the Christian faith; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment, to avoid all malicious tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to resolve disputes within the church in a biblical manner such that God would be glorified; to seek God's help in abstaining from all drugs, food, drink, and practices which bring unwarranted harm to the body or jeopardize our own or another's faith; to promote a godly view of culture and family life, seeking to live our lives apart from this world and repent of the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, and the pride of life knowing that God calls His children to be unlike the world; and to seek to grow towards biblical unity in the truth.

By what services and ministries are we to strengthen each other and adorn the teachings of our Lord, Master, and Savior Christ Jesus?

We further purpose to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; both for the collective church and for individuals (including ourselves), that God would keep us humble, that He would cause our pastor, deacons, and each one of us to maintain our eyes upon Him so that they would be above reproach, and that we may glorify His Name through service in the capacity that He has gifted each of us as individuals; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; caring for and encouraging one another in love, both by word and by deed; building up one another in the faith; taking part in their joys and sorrows; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We believe this local church assembly is a community of believers in Christ and proclaiming the Word of God for Christ and His eternal kingdom. We will not neglect the assembling of the saints and will do our utmost to gather with the church body for collective worship on Sunday; regularly and faithfully worshiping together as the body of Christ; cheerfully using our gifts and talents in serving and giving to the function and needs of this local church (both to individuals and the collective body); giving sacrificially when needs arise; and attend the various offered Bible Studies for our spiritual growth, development, and training in discipleship of Christ Jesus.

What shall be expected of us as a Christian if we move from this city?

Furthermore, should we move from the area we will seek and unite with another likeminded church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

Humbly confessing our sins, we pray for grace and strength to keep these, our Holy vows for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. And now unto Him, who brought again from the dead, Our Lord Jesus, be Power and Glory forever. Amen