

## CHURCH COVENANT

**PREDICATE:** Having received the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, relying wholly upon His finished work for salvation, and upon a profession of personal faith in Christ Jesus, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**COVENANT IN GENERAL:** We do now, in the presence of God, Angels and this Assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with God and one another, that we will walk together in newness of life, with brotherly love, to His Glory, as our common Lord. We do, therefore, in His strength, particularly engage:

**IN THE ASSEMBLY:** that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, at such times and places as the church may appoint, for instruction, prayer, business or evangelizing; that we will strive to promote the prosperity and spirituality of the church, and to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine, and 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.

**MUTUAL CARE:** That we will exercise a mutual care, as members, one of another, to promote the growth of the whole body in Christian knowledge. Holiness and comfort, in all the will of God; that we will remember each other in prayer, that we will aid each

other in sickness and distress; that we will frequently exhort, and if occasion require, admonish one another (according to Matthew 18:15-17) in the spirit of meekness, considering ourselves, lest we also be tempted.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:** That we will cheerfully, and according to ability, regularly contribute of our means for the expense of the church, for the maintenance of a faithful Gospel ministry among us, and for the spread of the Gospel throughout all the world.

**ALONE AND AT HOME:** That we will not omit private and family devotions, nor allow ourselves to permit the too common neglect of the great duty of training our children and others under our care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, with a view to the service of Christ and the enjoyment of Heaven.

**BEFORE THE WORLD:** That we will walk circumspectly before the world, that we will refrain from such of its games, amusements and fashions as are foes to spiritual-mindness; that we will abstain from the sale of and/or use of intoxicants as beverage, and other deleterious drugs or substances; that we will be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements an exemplary in our deportment; that we will avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger, in order that we may win souls, remembering that God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and of a sound mind.

**INVOCATION:** And the God of Peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ to whom be Glory forever and ever: Amen!