

V. Covenant

Having been led by the Spirit of God to repent, believe, and receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and having accepted the Bible as our sole authority of faith and practice, we do now, in the presence of God, solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We will commit to **GATHER**, not forsaking assembling together, but will faithfully attend our corporate worship, treasuring our church's weekly opportunity to sing, pray, and receive the whole counsel of God's Word. We will faithfully observe the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. *Heb 10:25, Col 3:16, Rom 6:3-5, 1 Cor 11:23-29*

We will commit to **GROW** as disciples, wishing that all in the congregation mature in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We promise, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to forsake the paths of sin and to walk in the ways of holiness all the days of our lives. In Christian love and watchfulness, we desire to give and receive instruction with meekness and affection. We will rejoice at each other's happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows. *(1 Pet 3:18, Eph 4:22-24, Titus 2:11-14, Rom 12:15)*

We will commit to **GIVE** sacrificially of our time, talents, and treasure to serve one another. We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry and the expenses of the church. We will use our spiritual gifts and talents to serve one another selflessly and to aid in the work of the church to make disciples. *(Matt 6:19-21, 1 Cor 12:3-11, 16:1-4, Phil 2:1-4)*

We will commit to **GO** from our assembly with the good news of Jesus Christ. We will be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior, desiring that none should perish but that all would be saved. *(Matt 28:18-20, Acts 1:8)*

We will willingly follow the pastoral leadership of the church, recognizing that the pastors have been called by God to serve, care for, and equip this body by teaching the Word of Christ and modeling the character of Christ before us. We will affirm the deacons as leading servants in the church. If we move from this local body, we will, as soon as possible, unite with another local church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant. *(Acts 20:27-28, Heb 13:17)*