

# Church Covenant

## Preamble

As members of the body of Christ called **Hays Hills Baptist Church**, we have devoted ourselves to the Lord. We acknowledge that Jesus is Lord and Head of this body, and we submit ourselves to His authority which He exercises in this church through the word and by the Spirit. Jesus said to seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness. As a chosen people, royal priesthood and a holy nation, we are to be holy as He is holy, so that the world may see His light. Our mission is to make disciples of Christ who are in every way being conformed to the likeness of Christ. Our motivation is to glorify God. Through this covenant we are committing ourselves to the life of this church, and to its good, for His eternal glory. We share in the blessings, sacrifices and dangers of being His body on an urgent mission.

Having been led by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized Scripturally, we do now, in the presence of God and angels and this assembly, willingly enter into this covenant with one another as one body in Christ, called Hays Hills Baptist Church.

As members of the body of Christ:

1. We confess that Jesus Christ is Head of this church and Lord, and that it is His Kingdom that we seek, and not our own interests or desires.  
*“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*  
Matthew 6:33
2. We will remain aware of God’s sovereign work in the world and in the church and our total dependence upon Him for life and for new life in Christ.  
*“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.”* Ephesians 3:20-21
3. We will live in a way that honors the name of Jesus Christ. We will avoid that which dishonors the name of Jesus Christ or limits our influence for the gospel, according to the abundance of Scriptural instruction.  
*“I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.”* Ephesians 4:1b  
*“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise.”* Ephesians 5:15
4. We will endeavor to grow in grace and in knowledge of Jesus Christ so that—in every aspect of our lives—we are being conformed to the likeness of Christ and transformed by the renewing of our minds.  
*“For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son...”* Romans 8:29a  
*“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”*  
Romans 12:2a
5. We will lead our families to follow and serve Christ, and will honor the covenant of marriage which represents the union of Christ and the Church.  
*“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”*  
Ephesians 6:4  
*“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.”* Ephesians 5:31-32
6. We will exert a positive influence in the world by personal example and direct involvement.  
*“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.”* Matthew 5:14
7. We will proclaim the gospel message boldly, for it is the power to save. We will carry out our assigned mission of making, baptizing and teaching disciples, according to the command of Christ. We will do this by whatever means the Spirit of God directs, including starting new churches and being involved in world and local missions.  
*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”* Acts 1:8

8. We will demonstrate Christian love and concern for each other as we commit to bear one another's burdens.  
*"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."* Galatians 6:2
9. We will regularly pray for each other and for the ministry of this church.  
*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."* Ephesians 6:18
10. We will regularly participate in the worship services and small group Bible Studies of this body.  
*"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some of you are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."* Hebrews 10:25
11. We will cheerfully contribute our money to the total ministry of this church.  
*"But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving."* 2 Corinthians 8:7
12. We will faithfully serve Christ through this church.  
*"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."*  
 Ephesians 4: 11-12
13. We will keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace, subjecting ourselves to the Biblical standard for relationships and disputes, and maintaining a spirit of humility according to the Biblical command.  
*"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."* Ephesians 4:2-3
14. We will teach and contend for the truths of historical Christianity and the common beliefs of this church. (These beliefs are reflected in the Baptist Faith and Message, updated in 2000.)  
*"Contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints."* Jude 3
15. We willingly submit ourselves to the accountability and loving correction of this body.  
*"Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently."* Galatians 6:1a

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