

Criteria for Church Membership

- 1. A personal affirmation that you have received Christ Jesus as Savior and Lord.
- 2. You agree with our Confession of Faith and Church Member Covenant.
- 3. You believe that the Lord wants you to be a part of this church. If you are leaving another church, then it is important to us that you have left your former fellowship while maintaining the "unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace". If possible, you need to inform your former church of this pending membership change.
- 4. You acknowledge and are in agreement that the Harvest pastor(s) and elders have a pastoral responsibility in your life.
- 5. You commit to support the work of God being done through the Harvest Church with your time, gifts, abilities and finances as you are able.
- 6. If you are interested in membership, each adult (18 and over) should fill out a form and submit it to the pastors. The pastor will be in contact with you to schedule an interview with you and complete this process.
- 7. You should also, if you are able, be ready to give a brief testimony of your salvation before the congregation.

If you have interest in joining the church, please fill out this form and give it to Pastor Winslow or Pastor Diana. Once this is received, the pastors will schedule an interview time with you.



Welcome

Congratulations on becoming a new member of Harvest Church. We are so glad that you were led by God to be a part of this church family and we do mean family. God has planted us in the Cayman Islands and we are thankful for being here. We held our first service on November 10th, 2013 and have been growing ever since. We consider ourselves blessed that you are part of us and that you will use your gifts and talents to uplift the kingdom. Please feel free to become a part of a ministry. There are places to plug in and as we grow, our ministries will grow. Please read and study the information in this handbook. Again, thank you and may God bless you,

Pastors Winslow & Diana Johnson

Harvest Vision Statement

Our vision for this ministry is to be led by God through prayer and to build this ministry so that it will glorify God, edify the body of Christ, to serve the community through various outreach programs and to be good stewards over God's resources. Our goal is to:

- Build this family called Harvest Church so that each member will care for the other and to have a church that is known for integrity, a beacon in the community and a haven for God's people;
- Feed this church through the preached word, sung word, Christian education and intercession;
- Win souls to Christ, disciple the saved and spread the gospel in the community.
- Be a giving church and to reach out in a benevolent manner to those in need;
- Reach the entire family, from infant to seniors and keep them connected to Christ and the church through visitation, media print, sound and social networks;
- Have well-planned events that bless this church as well as the local community;
- Fellowship with other bodies of believers and to partner with other ministries that are involved in outreach.

Harvest Mission Statement

Our mission is to follow the great commission, Matt 28:19-20; to win and disciple souls for Christ. We will build this family called Harvest Church so that each member will care for the other, be known for integrity, be a beacon in the community and a haven for God's people.

Confession of Faith

(1) The Scriptures

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the verbally inspired word of God, the final authority for faith and life, inerrant in the original writings, infallible, and God-breathed (2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:20, 21; Matthew 5:18; John 16:12, 13).

(2) The Godhead

We believe in one triune God, eternally existing in three persons–Father, Son, and Holy Spirit–co-eternal in being, co-eternal in nature, co-equal in power and glory, having the same attributes and perfections (Deuteronomy 6:4; 2 Corinthians 13:14).

(3) The Person and Work of Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man (John 1:1:2, 14; Luke 1:35). We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitution sacrifice, and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead (Romans 3:24; 1 Peter 2:24; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:3:5). We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry as Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate (Acts 1:9, 10; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 9:24; Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1:2). We believe Jesus is coming again to judge the living and the dead (1 Peter 4:5; Romans 14:9; 2 Timothy 4:1).

(4) The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption (John 16:8-11; 2 Corinthians 3:6; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 5:18).

(5) The Fall of Man

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that through Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God; man is totally depraved and of himself utterly unable to remedy his lost condition (Genesis 1:26, 27; Romans 3:22, 23; 5:12; Ephesians 2:1:3, 12).

(6) Salvation

We believe salvation is by faith alone in Christ Jesus whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins; and that faith is a gift of God's free and sovereign grace which he gives according to His will. (Ephesians 2:8-10; John 1:12; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19).

(7) Ministry and Spiritual Gifts

We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowing of spiritual gifts. It is, however, the believer's responsibility to attempt to develop their sovereignly given spiritual gift(s). The baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs at conversion and is the placing of the believer into the Body of Christ. We believe that it is the privilege and responsibility of every believer to minister according to the gift(s) and grace of God that is given to him (Romans 12:1:8; 1 Corinthians 13; 1 Peter 4:10:11).

(8) The Church

We believe that the church, which is the body and espoused bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again persons (Ephesians 1:22, 23; 5:25-27; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; 2 Corinthians 11:2). We believe that the establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures (Acts 14:27; 18:22; 20:17; 1 Timothy 3:1:3; Titus 1:5:11). We believe in the autonomy of the local church, free of any external authority and control (Acts 13:1:4; 15:19-31; 20:28; Romans 16:1,4; 1 Corinthians 3:9, 16; 1 Corinthians 5:4:7, 13; 1 Peter 5:1:4).

(9) Water Baptism

We believe baptism is a sign of our covenant relationship with God and is a part of our act of spiritual worship and Biblical obedience. We do not believe that water baptism is a part of the salvation process, but that we are saved by grace alone through faith (Eph. 2:8-9).

(10) The Lord's Supper

We believe the Lord's Supper as scriptural means of testimony for the church (Matthew 28:19, 20; Acts 2:41, 42; Acts 16:31; Acts 18:8; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

(11) Tithes and Offering

We believe in being good stewards of what God has given us. We also believe in being cheerful and giving with those resources. We believe that tithes and offerings are to fund endeavours of the local church and its efforts to reach and assist the local community. Deut. 12:10-11, 17:19; 14:22-27, Deut. 14:28:29, Lev. 19:9-10, Neh. 10:32-33).

(12) Sanctification

Those who have been regenerated also are sanctified by God's Word and Spirit dwelling in them. This sanctification is progressive through the supply of Divine Strength which all saints seek to obtain by pressing after a heavenly life in cordial obedience to all Christ's commands (John 4:14; 17:17; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 6:11; Ephesians 5:26; 2 Thessalonians 3:13)

Things You Should Know As Members

- We are non-denominational Pentecostal church
- We follow the doctrines of the Holy Bible
- We believe in the Bible as the written and infallible word of God.
- We believe in preaching and teaching the word of God.
- We believe in discipleship, prayer & training
- We are a loving and friendly church
- Our pastors have been in ministry since 1992 serving in the following capacities: deacon, preachers, teachers, youth pastors, evangelists, counsellors and worship leaders.
- The Pastors are husband and wife, Winslow and Diana Johnson, who were ordained under Dr. Myles Munroe and Bahamas Faith Ministries in 2006.
- The pastors are the founders of Harvest Church
- We are a new church plant not a branch or satellite.

Bishop. Jonathon Carey (USA), Apostles Dwight & Brenda Pratt,
Dr. David Burrows (Bahamas), Rev Mario Moxey
Rev Valentine Johnson,

Facility Information and Contact Information

- The church currently has no full-time office staff. However, the pastors may be reached as follows:
- Pastor Winslow Johnson Tel: 926-5228, email: winslow@harvestcayman.com
- Pastor Diana Johnson Tel: 926-4228, email: diana@harvestcayman.com

The mailing address for the church: P.O. Box 1960 KY1-1505, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands For questions, prayer requests or praise reports, please email us at info@harvestcayman.com

Baby Dedication Information

We do not christen, we dedicate.

- Baby dedications take place on 3rd Sunday of each month.
- Dedications must be scheduled through one of the pastors. Please complete the Baby Dedication Form and email to info@harvestcayman.com or bring to the church.
- The Baby Dedication Class must be completed in advance, preferably by both parents.
- At least one parent must be born again.
- Children are dedicated up to 6 years of age.
- It is preferred that the children wear white.
- The actual dedication will take place during the 10 am Sunday service.
- Please note: Baby Dedication is not salvation, nor the equivalent of being born again; it is an act of dedicating your child back to the Lord.

Facility Rental

The church facility may be rented for weddings, funerals and other events as approved by the leadership. Please email all requests to info@harvestcayman.com

Volunteer Opportunities

(As we grow, our ministries will also grow and additional information will be added. Blank spaces are provided to add information as appointed.)

Intercession Ministry

This department is made up of prayer warriors who are committed to praying for the leadership and their families, the vision of this church and the various ministries on a continuous basis. Their mandate is also to pray for the spiritual, economical and physical well-being of our country and nations of the world, including the nation of Israel. The Intercessory department also co-ordinate various intercessory gathering and conferences.

Protocol Ministry

This ministry is made up of greeters, ushers and altar workers. This ministry also assists with the needs of visiting missionaries, quest speakers/ministers, etc.

Interior Design/Decor

This ministry comprises persons with a keen sense of design and style in keeping the decor of the house of God beautifully presented.

Youth Ministry

This ministry targets youth ages 13-25 encouraging creative expression and various talents while reinforcing principles of God's word in an uninhibited atmosphere. Meetings are help on Friday nights.

Worship and Arts Ministry

This department comprises praise & worship teams, dance teams, musicians, mime teams, drama teams, and other forms of creative expressions appropriate for church ministry.

Hospitality Ministry

This ministry is responsible for organizing and executing all catering for church fellowship events as well as provisions for visiting missionaries, speakers, etc. This ministry is also responsible for benevolence efforts in the church and surrounding community.

Pastoral Care & Relationships

The pastoral care team co-ordinates new convert classes, sick and shut-in visitation, and assist the Pastors with managing relationship conflicts, counselling sessions, mentorship programmes.

Facilities Ministry

This ministry manages the upkeep and rental of our facility.

Community Outreach & Evangelism

This ministry organizes community walkabouts, crusades, door-to-door evangelism, missionaries and intern relationships.

Church Ordinances

1. BAPTISM

Baptism is an ordinance of the Lord Jesus, obligated upon every believer wherein he is immersed in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, as a sign of his fellowship with the death and resurrection of Christ, and remission of sins, and of his surrendering himself up to God, by living and walking in newness of life. (Matthew 28:18-20) When Christians are baptized, they fulfill the command of Jesus (Matt. 28:19:20), are submerged in water to identify with the death of Jesus, and rise out of the water to identify with his resurrection (Rom. 6:1:10; Col. 2:12). This identification with the death, burial, and resurrection through baptism testifies to the fact that we believe in faith that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, rose three days later, and now is alive and Lord over all of creation.

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

If you've made a commitment to Jesus, we encourage you to follow Jesus' command to be baptized as a public profession of your faith in him. If you haven't made a commitment to Jesus, you can learn more about him; say a prayer to invite him into your life, and to talk with a Christian friend or a church leader about it. We then invite you to be baptized to make a public confession of your faith.

WHAT TO EXPECT

As you watch baptisms on Easter (and any other Sunday), you'll see each person about to be baptized talking with one of the church leaders at the beach. They're answering basic questions such as:

- "Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God?"
- "Do you believe that your sin has separated you from God?"
- "Have you repented of that sin?"
- "Do you believe that Jesus died and rose, conquering Satan, sin, and death?" And then...

"Then we baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

2. COMMUNION

Communion, also known as the Lord's Supper or Eucharist, is one of the two sacraments given by Jesus to the church.

"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." (Matthew 26:26-29 NKJV)

It was on the night of his betrayal before his death that Jesus sat with his disciples and demonstrated the powerful teaching of Communion by using physical objects to signify deep, spiritual truths. The broken bread foreshadowed Jesus' body broken on the cross for sin, and the wine symbolized a new covenant established between God and his people through the shedding of Jesus' blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this, Jesus was not teaching his disciples that the bread and wine were literally his physical body and blood, but rather a representation of his body and blood.

WHO SHOULD TAKE COMMUNION?

When Jesus said, "Take, eat; this is my body" and "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood" he was speaking to his disciples (vv. 26:27).

Communion is a sacrament only to be performed by Christians. Non-Christians should never take Communion as the Bible warns that those who take Communion in an unworthy manner will be guilty of disrespecting Jesus and bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29).

Member Benefits & Obligations

Obligation of Harvest Members

The Pastor(s), Elder(s) and Leadership of Harvest Church will:

- Meet the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures. 1 Tim. 3:1-13; 5:17-22; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4
- Seek God's will for our church community to the best of our ability as we study the Scriptures and follow the Spirit. Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-5
- Care for you and seek your growth as a disciple of Christ, in part by equipping you for service and praying for you regularly, particularly when you are sick. Eph. 4:11-13; James 5:14
- Provide teaching and counsel from the whole of Scripture. Acts 20:27-28; Gal. 6:6; 1 Tim. 5:17-18
- Be on guard against false teachers. Acts 20:28-31
- Exercise church discipline when necessary. Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5; Gal. 6:1
- Set an example and join you in fulfilling the duties of church members. 1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 3:17; 1 Tim. 4:12

My Obligation to Harvest Church as a Member

I will:

- Submit to the authority of Scripture as the final arbitrator on all issues. Ps. 119:2; Tim. 3:16-17
- Maintain a close relationship with the Lord Jesus through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and practice of spiritual disciplines. Ps. 105:1-2; Ps. 119:97; Acts 2:42-47; Heb. 10:23-25; 2 Peter 1:3
- Be a good steward of the resources God has given me, including my time, talents, and treasure. This includes regular giving of tithes and offerings, service, and participation in community that is sacrificial, cheerful, and voluntary. Malachi 3:6-10; Prov. 3:9-10; Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 5:22-26; Eph. 4:1-16; 5:15-18; Rom. 12:1-8; 2 Cor. 8-9; 12:7-31; 1 Peter 4:10-11
- Not function in leadership or as a member in another church family. Heb. 13:17
- Submit to follow biblical procedures for church discipline in my relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ, to submit to righteous discipline when approached biblically by brothers and sisters in Christ, and to submit to discipline by church leadership if the need should ever arise. Ps. 141:5; Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Cor. 5:1-5; 2 Cor. 2:5-8; Gal. 6:1-5 8; 1 Tim. 5:20; 2 Tim. 2:25; Titus 1:9; 3:10-11; Heb. 12:5-11; Rev. 2:5-7, 14-25
- Practice complete chastity before marriage and complete fidelity in heterosexual marriage by abstaining from practices such as pornography, fornication, adultery and cohabitation. Job 31:1; Prov. 5; Rom. 13:12-14; 1 Cor. 6:9-7:16; Heb. 13:4
- I will refrain from illegal drug use, drunkenness, and other sinful behavior as the Bible, my Pastor(s), Elder(s), Leadership and my conscience dictate. Should I sin in such a manner, I agree to seek help to put my sin to death. 1 Cor. 8:7; Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 8:13; Col. 3:5; 1 John 1:6-10

What does it mean to have faith in Jesus?

Many people speak about "having faith in Jesus," but what exactly does this mean? The Bible uses the phrase "faith in Jesus" synonymously with belief in Jesus as Savior. Romans 3:22–23 says that "righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." When we place our faith in Jesus, we believe in Him, and God grants His righteousness to us.

To have faith in Jesus means to trust Him. Simply. Fully. Without reservation. On one occasion, before Jesus healed two blind men, He asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They answered, "Yes, Lord," and He healed them "according to [their] faith" (Matthew 9:28:29). The men simply trusted the power and goodness of the Lord, and they received their sight.

When a person has faith in Jesus, it means that he or she believes who Jesus is (God in human form) and trusts what Jesus has done (died and resurrected). This faith in the person and work of Christ is what saves (see Romans 10:9:10; 1 Corinthians 15:3:4). "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God" (1 John 5:1).

John 3:16 says, "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." The key is belief, in response to God's love. Anyone who places his or her faith in Jesus has the promise of eternal life.

Without faith in Jesus, we remain in sin and cannot be accepted into God's presence in His perfect heaven. With faith in Jesus, we are given access to the Father as God's own children (John 1:12). To have faith in Jesus is to reject all other ways of salvation. We cannot trust in Jesus and anything else. We trust in Jesus alone. "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Salvation is exclusive. Jesus is the only way (John 14:6).

Are you ready to place your faith in Jesus? Do you trust Him to save you? There is no special prayer you must pray. However, you can respond right now with a prayer similar to this:

"Dear God, I realize I am a sinner and could never reach heaven by my own good deeds. Right now, I place my faith in Jesus Christ as God's Son who died and rose again to give me eternal life. I trust in Jesus alone. Please forgive me of my sins and help me to live for you. Thank you for accepting me and giving me eternal life."

Church Service Opportunities

Please prayerfully and carefully fill out the form below and place in the box outside of the Pastor's office. Mark the areas of ministry that you would like to participate in. If an area of ministry is not listed, please list your ministry ideas anywhere on this form or on a separate piece of paper, if needed. Please check ALL areas you are interested in.

WORSHIP & ARTS MINISTRY I am or would like to:			
□ Be a praise team member: □ Soprano □ Alto □ Bass □ Tenor			
☐ Be a part of the musicians team; ☐ Keyboard ☐ Guitar ☐ Drums ☐ Percussion ☐ Wind instrument			
Vocal music specials			
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□ Drama □ Pantomime □ Mime □ Dance □ Praise flags/banners			
Instrumental music special (instrument(s):			
□ Other			
TEACHING			
I am interested in/willing to:			
☐ Teach a new believer's or new member's class			
☐ Teach Children (Harvest Kids, VBS, Summer Camp)			
☐ Teach Teens (Harvest Teens, VBS, Summer Camp, Youth Meeting)			
☐ Teach the adult class, seminars			
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INTERCESSORY MINISTRY			
☐ I would like to become a part of the intercessory team			
COUNSELING MINISTRY			
☐ I would like to know more about training to be a Biblical counselor			
☐ I have had training in Biblical counseling. If so, where and what amount?			
O U T R E A C H EVANGELISM			
☐ I would like to know how to personally present the Gospel to people			
I know how to present the Gospel to people, and I am willing go door to door			
☐ I am willing to organize weekly Evangelistic outreach (calling people to make sure they're coming)			
☐ I am willing to lead weekly Evangelistic outreach			

VISITATION MINISTRY
☐ I would like to be involved in visiting folk who have visited our church, or making hospital visits, nursing home visits, or visits to widows and shut-ins.
$lue{}$ I would like to assist in organizing visits (printing out maps, keeping the records of the visits)
□ CARDS FOR THE SICK: I would like to organize Get Well cards for those who are sick. This would entail keeping up with those who are ill, and having pastor make an announcement that we should sign a get well card. Then you would need to collect the card afterward and send it off.
□ I am interested in ordering or arranging flowers for the auditorium and around the church facility
PROTOCOL MINISTRY
□ I am interested in being an usher. Responsibilities entail the following: Meet and greet people as they enter the church, directing them to where they need to be, seat people in pews as needed, Distribute bulletins and handouts, collect offerings, Direct parking traffic as needed PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP
☐ Straighten leaflets/books/furniture after the weekly services
☐ Vacuum where needed after the weekly services
☐ Empty trash throughout the building after the weekly services
CHURCH GROUNDS MAINTENANCE
\square I would like to commit to working one Saturday a month (10AM to Noon) in various maintenance projects around the church.
NURSERY
☐ I am already involved in the nursery ministry
□ I would like to get involved in the nursery ministry
MULTIMEDIA SOUND ROOM
□ I would be willing to be in charge of the Sound Room Ministry. Duties would include: Making sure the sound room stays organized, Ordering tapes and other media when necessary, Recruiting people to carry on your duties when you are not available, Administrating the Audio CD Ministry and filling audio CD orders by duplicating CDs and getting them to the right person.
☐ I would be willing to help in running the sound when needed
WEB SITE MINISTRY
☐ I would be willing to be in charge of the web site ministry.

☐ I have experience in web design and would like to help

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Previous Church Membership:	
Have you ever been or are you currently unde	er the corrective discipline of a church?
If yes, please explain	
How were you introduced to our church?	Began Attending

I am requesting membership at Harvest Church today to: (fill in the blank as applicable.)
☐ To profess that I have repented of my sins, believed on the Lord Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and wish to make a public witness of my faith through believer's baptism.
☐ Join this church by transfer of letter from another like-minded Gospel preaching church. I am currently a member in good standing at:
Name of Church:
Address of Church:
☐ Join this church body by confession that I have repented of my sins, believed on the Lord Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and have previously been cripturally baptized by immersion in another Gospel preaching church.
Testimony
Provide a short description of how and when you received Christ as Lord and Savior.
If you have been baptized, what is the date of your baptism, who baptized you, and at what church were you baptized?
How has Christ transformed your life since you became a believer and follower of Christ?
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Statement of Faith

Have you read, and do you agree with the attached Confession of Faith? ☐ YES ☐ NO
Have you read, and do you agree with the attached Church Membership Covenant? ¬YES ¬NO
Please indicate areas of disagreement if any:
Service for Christ
If known, what are your spiritual gifts?
Where area(s) would you like to serve the Lord at Harvest Fellowship Church?
I have filled out the Harvest Church Service Opportunities form (optional). YES NO

Church Membership Covenant

God, by His sovereign grace and omnipotent love alone, has led me to repent of my sin and believe on Jesus Christ, trusting Him alone as my Savior and Lord. As one who has been baptized as a believer in Christ, I desire to unite with this church family. Therefore, I enter into a covenantal relationship with the members of this church. In humble reliance upon the Holy Spirit, I endeavor to pursue the following:

- 1. To meet together for any and all services on each Lord's Day, as the Lord shall give me opportunity, to serve and glorify Him in His worship, to edify one another, and to work together for the good of His church
- 2. To diligently guard the truth, upholding the standard of sound words recorded in Scripture and reflected in our Confession of Faith
- 3. To earnestly seek God's face in prayer both private and corporate for the pleasure of His presence, the needs of the saints, for personal and corporate cleansing from sin and holiness in our journey of sanctification, and for personal and corporate revival as He pleases to give it
- 4. To avoid participation in any secret society which violates the Scriptures or our Confession of Faith
- 5. To wholeheartedly support, love, and care for the church's ministries and members, offering: my prayers, my financial gifts of tithes and offerings, my service
- 6. To boldly witness for the Lord Jesus Christ, living a transformed life and proclaiming the gospel as the Lord guides my steps
- 7. To actively pursue personal holiness before God in fulfillment of the great commandment to love God supremely and my neighbor as Christ has loved us
- 8. To promote the unity of the church, being a peacemaker with all in the body of Christ
- 9. To respectfully follow the pastors and other leaders of this church, trusting and supporting their leadership as they follow Christ
- 10. To humbly submit to the church's discipline, graciously repenting when approached about personal sin, and lovingly restoring others who become entangled in sin if they should come to repentance
- 11. To be active in the work of the ministries of the local church, unless providentially hindered
- 12. I also purpose to maintain family and private worship; if God has given me children, to train my children according to the Bible, to walk carefully in the world, to be just in my dealings, faithful in my engagements, and appropriate in my conduct, to avoid gossip, not speaking that which is evil, and to avoid unrighteous anger, to abstain from all forms of activity which dishonor my Lord Jesus Christ, cause stumbling to a fellow believer or hinder bringing a soul to Christ, to be zealous in my efforts to advance the cause of Christ our Savior, and to give Him preeminence in all things.
- 13. I also purpose to guard the sanctity of life, as well as the biblical structure of the family—affirming marriage as that being between a man and a woman joined together by God, which man should not put asunder.
- 14. I further purpose to encourage my fellow brethren in the blessed hope of our Lord's return, to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feelings and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation.
- 15. I moreover purpose that if I remove from this place, I will seek to as soon as possible to unite with some other church of like faith and practice where I can carry out the spirit of this covenant and other principles of God's Word.

This covenant I make in the presence of Almighty God, the Searcher of all hearts, with a true intention to fulfill my obligations, as I shall answer at the Last Day, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed. I most humbly beseech the Lord to strengthen me by His Holy Spirit for this end, and for His glory and honor.