



Grace Covenant

B A P T I S T C H U R C H

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church, and the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; 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 tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the abuse of intoxicating substances¹ and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage 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 feeling and courtesy of speech; 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 moreover engage 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.

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I hereby affirm that the Church Covenant and Statement of Faith for Grace Covenant Baptist Church (LBCF 1689) have been made available to me for the expressed purpose of entering into a Mutual Agreement with fellow believers for the preservation of men's souls, the growth of each individual in Christian love and charity and the setting apart of God's people as a holy witness before our present world.

I hereby affirm and commit that I will live in accordance with this Mutual Agreement to the best of my natural ability realizing that only God's Holy Spirit is able to complete any good work within me. I further affirm and commit that I will live according to the commandments of God's written word to His people holding it as the sole authority in my life; agreeing to conform my thoughts and actions to each of its precepts. I specifically acknowledge that this Church Covenant and Statement of Faith are instruments created for the communication of God's principles contained in the Holy Scriptures but that they in no way supersede the divine inspiration, inerrancy, infallibility or authoritativeness of God's Word, the Bible. I further acknowledge that Grace Covenant Baptist Church purposes to practice restorative Biblical discipline toward members who willfully and habitually engage in sinful behavior and that in the event restorative discipline is in progress, it will be completed whether or not I withdraw membership.

My signature below stands as a testimony of my affirmation of this Mutual Agreement and my complete agreement with the biblical mandates communicated by this Church Covenant and Statement of Faith.

Signed:

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Pastor, Rusty Grant

**Our Family of Faith Covenants to Love You by:**

- Teaching you the word of God; *2 Timothy 3: 15, 1 Peter 2: 2, Ephesians 5: 26*
- Provide opportunities for growth, nurturing and service; *Ephesians 4: 12-14, 2 Timothy 1: 6, 1 Corinthians 12: 4-7*
- Provide the framework for building fellowship and godly relationships; *Ephesians 4: 16, 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27, Romans 12: 3-21*
- Carrying out our responsibility to reprove, exhort, care for and discipline; *Ephesians 4: 14-16, 2 Timothy 3: 16-17, 1 Thessalonians 5: 14, Galatians 6: 1-5, Matthew 18: 15-17*
- Broadening the believer's concern and perspective toward those unreached by the Gospel; *Matthew 28: 18-20, Romans 1: 14-17, Philippians 1: 27-28*

**I Covenant to Love My Family of Faith by:**

- Growing spiritually; *Romans 6: 19, Ephesians 4: 15, 1 Peter 2: 2*
- Being faithful in attendance and participation; *Hebrews 10: 24-25*
- Supporting the ministries of the Church through giving and service; *1 Corinthians 16: 1-2, 2 Corinthians 9: 6-8, 1 Peter 4: 10*
- Seeking to preserve the unity of the Church; *Ephesians 4: 3*
- Maintaining a good testimony toward unbelievers; *1 Thessalonians 2: 11-12 & 4: 11-12*