

Linwood Baptist Church Membership Covenant

Members are received:

- Upon their request of membership in good standing from a sister Southern Baptist Church, or
- Upon their profession of saving faith in Jesus Christ followed by baptism by immersion, or
- Upon their statement of professing saving faith in Jesus Christ and Baptism by immersion after conversion, or
- Upon their profession of saving faith in Jesus Christ and requesting Baptism.
- And upon completion of the Linwood Baptist new member orientation

Upon becoming a member in the body of the Linwood Baptist Church, the members agree to the following covenant as our expectations of one another:

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

We commit, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to:

- live together in Christian love and maintain the unity of the Spirit;
- continue meeting together regularly;
- work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church, as we sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines;
- confess our sins to each other and pray for each other;
- exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other;
- bear one another's burdens;
- cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech;
- be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation;
- contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations;

We further commit to:

- maintain family and personal devotions;
- educate our children in the Christian faith;
- pray for and seek the salvation of family, friends, and neighbors;
- be faithful and just in our transactions and exemplary in our conduct;
- live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness.

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.

Name (Print) _____

Signature _____ date _____