

## **ARTICLE 4 -CHURCH COVENANT**

Having been led by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior, and on the profession of our faith having been baptized, we do now, in the presence of God 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 advancement of this church in scriptural knowledge and holiness, to regularly attend its three weekly services, to attend baptismal services and the Lord's Supper, to submit to its discipline, and to contribute cheerfully and regularly with tithes and offerings to its support.

We will engage, with God's help, to live as Christ in the world; to live carefully, denying ungodliness and worldly lust, seeking to fulfill our calling to lead a holy life; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful to our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to be salt and light, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

We also engage to maintain family and private devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred, acquaintances, and all others; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We will abstain from all practices which bring harm to the body of Christ or jeopardize our own faith or the faith of others; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, excessive anger; to abstain from intoxicating drink as a beverage.

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 in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rule 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.

Humbly confessing our sins, we pray for grace and strength to keep this covenant in letter and in spirit to the glory of God.