



## CHURCH COVENANT

Throughout the Old Testament and New Testament, there is a clearly defined community of God. God creates a covenant relationship with His people. This covenant was first established with the people of Israel through Abraham, and then God established a new covenant with His people, the Church, through Christ. As members of God's covenant family at Brock Baptist Church, we commit to Christ and to each other. We commit to the truthfulness of Scripture. We commit to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God in divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give ourselves to Him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We will walk together in Christian love, exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other, faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require, and show love and exhortation in our speech. In case of difference of opinion in the Church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, resisting tattling, backbiting, maligning, gossiping, and excessive anger. We will be slow to take offense and ready for reconciliation without delay.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others. We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We will endeavor, by a pure and loving example, to bring up those who at any time may be under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and to seek the salvation of our family and friends. We will diligently study the Word of God and train our children in its truth.

We will rejoice at each other's happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows.

We will seek, by Divine aid, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and remembering that, as we have been voluntarily buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave, so there is on us a special obligation now to lead a new and holy life.

We will work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church, as we sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines.

We will contribute our time, spiritual gifts and finances cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We will, should we move from this place, 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.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.