

UNIONTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having, as we trust, been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other. (John 1:11-12; Matt. 28:19-20)

We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We will walk together in brotherly love, as becomes the members of a Christian Church, exercise an affectionate care for one another and watchfulness over each other and faithfully warn, admonish, and entreat one another as occasion may require. We will treat one another with sympathy and kindness, being slow to take offense and always willing for reconciliation, avoiding all gossip, backbiting, and anger and all that would bring reproach upon Christ and His church. (John 13:34-35; 2 Tim 2:15; 1 Cor. 5:1-2; Heb. 3:12-14)

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others. (Heb. 10:24-25; 1Cor. 11:23-26; James 5:16)

We will endeavor to bring up those under our care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by a pure and loving example to seek the salvation of our family and friends. We will also maintain private and family devotions to strengthen our personal relationship with Jesus and to lead our family in the ways of the Lord. (Titus 2:1-6; Deut. 6:4-7)

We will rejoice at each other's happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows. (Gal. 6:2; James 2:14-17)

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 seek God's help in abstaining from all drugs, food, drink, and practices which bring unwarranted harm to the body or jeopardize our own or another's faith. (Eph. 5:15-21; 1Pet. 2:11-12; 1 John 2:15-17)

We will work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church, as we strive to advance the church in knowledge, holiness, and spirituality, and sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines. We will 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. (Phil. 1:27; 1Cor. 15:58)

We will endeavor by example and effort to win souls to Christ. And through life amidst evil report and good report seek to live to the glory of Him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. (Acts 1:8; Matt. 4:19; 5:12-16; Col. 1:11-14; Gal. 1:1-5)

We will, when 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.