

Church Membership Covenant

Throughout the Old Testament and New Testament, there is a clearly defined community of the people of God. As members of God's covenant family at First Baptist Church of Boise City, we commit ourselves to Christ and to one another.

Expectations of Church Members

As a member of First Baptist Church of Boise City, I am making a covenant commitment to the body of Christ, the church (1 Corinthians 12:27; Romans 12:4-5). As a member at First Baptist Church of Boise City, I will strive to fulfill the following expectations of church membership:

- 1. I will strive to gather consistently with my church family for as long as I am physically able, not making it the habit to forsake gathering together. If I break fellowship with my church for a years time, without explanation (homebound, sickness, assisted living, college, military service, etc.), my breaking of fellowship will result in the removal of my church membership. If it becomes necessary for me to relocate, I will strive to be timely in moving my membership to another Bible-believing church (Hebrews 10:24-25; Romans 12:1).
- 2. I will strive to grow spiritually through regular involvement in worship services and discipleship groups and classes, in addition to regular personal devotion times. I understand the purpose of these groups and classes is growing in my knowledge and obedience to the Word, building relationships with other believers, and working together to hold one another accountable (Acts 2:44-47; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- 3. I will strive to serve Christ through the ministries of the church. I am created to serve others through good works (Ephesians 2:10; 1 Peter 4:10). I am commanded by God to make disciples of every nation, tribe, people, and language through the local church (Matthew 28:16-20; Revelation 7:9). I will strive to participate in the church's mission to advance the gospel (Acts 1:8). I will strive to serve my church in being a part of the decision-making process by consistently attending church family meetings (Matthew 18:15-17; Acts 6:1-6; Acts 15:22).
- 4. I will strive to give to God generously and joyfully, to support the ministry of the local church and its gospel mission endeavors (Proverbs 3:9; Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 6:19-24; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15).
- 5. I will strive to seek unity with other church members. I recognize God's design for the church is unity in diversity, and I will strive to put the interests of others above my personal preferences (1 Corinthians 1:10, 12:12-31; Ephesians 4:1-6; Philippians 2:4; 1 Peter 3:8-9).
- 6. I will strive to guard my personal witness, the reputation of the church, and submit myself to the church's correction for sin in my life (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5).
- 7. I will strive to pray for the members and the leadership of First Baptist Church of Boise City (Hebrews 13:17-18). I will strive to pray privately and with the church corporately. I will strive to pray for people to accept Christ, and I will strive to pray for more disciples to grow (James 5:16; 1 Timothy 2:1; Ephesians 6:18).
- 8. I will strive to sacrifice by serving first, following the servant model of Jesus Christ (Mark 10:45). I will strive to make my attitude that of Christ and through humility strive to make the gospel my priority (Philippians 2:5-11).

With Christ as my Lord and Savior, being baptized by immersion after my salvation, being led by the Holy Spirit, and being in agreement with First Baptist Church of Boise City's membership covenant and statement of faith, I joyfully unite with the church and commit myself to Christ and to the other members.