#### CHURCH COVENANT

As a local assembly of believers in Christ who have been baptized and organized to do the will of God, we do joyfully and solemnly enter into this covenant with one another as one Body in Christ. In doing so, we commit ourselves to do the following:

## 1. Protect and keep the unity of our church: (I Corinthians 12:25)

- By being devoted to one another in Christian love.
- Ephesians 4:3-4, "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."
- By preferring others over ourselves. Romans 12:10, "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another."
- By speaking kindly and politely to each other.
- Ephesians 4:29, "Let no unwholesome communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."

### **2. Support the ministry of our church:** (Romans 12)

- By attending services regularly.
  - Hebrews 10:25, "Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; more and more, as ye see the day approaching."
- By giving financially.
  - I Corinthians 16:2, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."
- By praying fervently.
  - I Thessalonians 5:17, "Pray without ceasing."
- By serving joyfully.
  - I Peter 4:10, "As everyone hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

### **3. Support the testimony of our church:** (I John 2)

- By leading a holy life in the midst of an ungodly world. Ephesians 5:15-16, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, (carefully) not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."
- By walking in love. John 13:35, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye love one another."

# **4. To support the outreach of our church:** (Matthew 28:18-20)

- By sharing the Gospel as God gives us opportunity.

  I Peter 3:15, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to everyone who asks for a reason of the hope that is in you..."
- By supporting the sharing of the Gospel around the world through missions. Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."