



# **CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **CBC MEMBER COVENANT**

## INTRODUCTION

A church covenant is a historical tradition. In the same way that a Statement of Faith expresses our shared beliefs as a body, a covenant expresses our shared commitment to live in the way that the New Testament calls us to, and to lovingly hold each other accountable to this commitment. The covenant is a summary of our responsibilities, joys, and expectations of one another, where we promise to live together in the spirit of Christ. In it, we pledge to God and to the body of Christ to live out the gospel in the community. CBC requires all members new and old to affirm and re-affirm the covenant in our life together. By reading and reminding one another of these biblical promises, we strive to protect ourselves from individual and corporate sin.

## COVENANT

Because of God's great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus (1 Peter 1:3). Therefore, according to the foreknowledge of God, in the sanctification of the Spirit, and for obedience to Christ, we do solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other (1 Peter 1:2).

- We will endeavor to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and allow His Word to dwell in us richly as we teach and admonish each other with the Scriptures (2 Peter 3:18, Colossians 3:16, 1 Timothy 4:13).
- We will prioritize Christ and His church above all other man-made institutions because Christ is preeminent (Colossians 1:15-18).
- We will worship Christ together through the preaching of His Word, corporate singing and prayer, and the regular administration of baptism and communion (2 Timothy 4:2, Colossians 3:16, Acts 2:42, Matthew 28:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:26).



- We will regularly meet together so that we can encourage and stir each other up to love and good works and will remember those in our body who are hindered from meeting with us (Hebrews 10:24, Hebrews 13:1-3).
- We will walk in humility, gentleness, patience, and love together, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-3).
- We will use our different gifts to build up and edify the church (Romans 12:6).
- We will cheerfully sacrifice our time and abilities and give generously as God has blessed us for the ministries of the church, the spread of the gospel, and the aid of those in need (Romans 12:1, 2 Corinthians 9:7).
- We will remember, submit to, obey, and pray for our pastors (Hebrews 13:7,17-18).
- We will share the good news of the gospel with others and will strive to make disciples of Christ, especially within our families (Matthew 28:19-20, 2 Corinthians 5:20).
- We will pray for one another (James 5:13-18).
- We will live lives full of love and will, with God's help, deny ungodliness and impurity in our personal lives (Ephesian 5:2-4).
- We will confess our sins to one another and forgive one another in the same way that God has forgiven us (James 5:16, Ephesians 4:32).
- We will practice church discipline when members do not confess and repent of public sin for the sake of Christ and His church (Matthew 18:15-17, 1 Corinthians 5:9-13).
- We will treat all people with integrity and justice and will honor Christ in the way we conduct ourselves with unbelievers (1 Thessalonians 4:10-12).



- We will express the love of Christ by loving our neighbor without partiality, caring for the needs of others, and doing good to all, especially the household of faith (James 1:27-2:8, Galatians 6:9-10).
- If we are separated from this body of saints, we will seek to continue our fellowship with Christ by joining another gospel-preaching church.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all (1 Corinthians 13:14).

