

# College Street Baptist Church

## 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, in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as members of one body in Christ.

As an expression of our deep, sacrificial, brotherly love for one another (*John 15:13; 1 John 3:16*), by divine grace we promise:

- To humble and submit ourselves to the authority of God's Word as the final arbiter in all matters (*Psalm 119; Ephesians 5:15-17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12*);
- To maintain spiritual fellowship with God by regular prayer and reading of God's Word, teaching our children to do the same (*Deuteronomy 4:29, 6:6-7; Psalm 19:7-11; 1 Timothy 2:1-3, 8; 2 Timothy 2:15*);
- To regularly assemble for worship services to hear the declaration of God's Word, to sing songs to the Lord and to each other, and to promote the unity of the church by submitting our preferences and desires to others (*Ephesians 5:19-21, Philippians 2:1-3, Colossians 3:16, Hebrews 10:25*);
- To advance Christ's Kingdom by living lives worthy of the Gospel—denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, using our spiritual gifts for the building up of this church body, and making disciples by sharing the Gospel, believing every believer is made for ministry and has a place of service (*Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; James 1:22,27*);
- To submit ourselves to each others care and accountability—bearing one another's burdens, forgiving each other, and exhorting one another—recognizing that God has created us for community not isolation (*John 13:34-35; Acts 2:42-47; Galatians 6:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; James 5:16; Genesis 2:18*);
- To submit to the elected leaders God has given us in the church—as they lead with humility and not in a domineering manner—seeking to be a joy to lead as they help the church build itself up in unity and love. (*1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, Hebrews 13:7,17; Ephesians 4:11-13; 1 Peter 5:1-5*);
- And, to give sacrificially of our financial resources in order to assist in the spreading of the Gospel both locally and globally, and to care for those in need (*Acts 4:34-35; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7; Philippians 4:14-19*).

*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."*  
—Jesus (*Matthew 5:16*)