

## Providence Baptist Church Covenant

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We do purpose, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love and to grow in the fullness of Christ Jesus our Lord; under the authority of the leadership within this body of believers; to make the Holy Scripture the supreme standard for all faith and practice and joy; to promote a godly view of culture and family life, seeking to live our lives apart from this world and repent of the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, and the pride of life knowing that God calls His children to be unlike the world; and to seek to grow towards biblical unity in the truth.

We will joyfully commit to regularly assemble together for worship of our Lord and edification of one another in Christ; to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; and to be slow to take offense and eager to reconcile.

We will shun gossip and divisive words, knowing that they are destructive to Christian fellowship. Furthermore, we will accept and fellowship with all members, regardless of race (ethnicity), gender, background, social status, or level of education, since all are of equal value in Christ.

We will submit to the church's discipline upon ourselves and lovingly assume our responsibility to participate in the discipline of other members, as taught in Scripture. If we are offended in connection with a disciplinary matter, we will seek resolution within the church. We will never initiate or pursue civil legal action against the church or any other Christian.

We hold a biblical view of manhood and womanhood where God has called the husband to serve and lay down his life for his wife as Christ has done for the church, and it is his responsibility to pray for, educate, and nurture his own wife's spiritual life in Christ; and it is also where God has called the wife to submit to her own, and not another's husband as the church is to do for Christ; that children are to honor their mothers and fathers; furthermore, we agree that we will maintain family and personal devotions and to religiously educate our children in a manner so as to preserve the Christian faith, knowing that while the responsibility is with all of the church, it is the father who will be held accountable for this education.

We affirm the Common Values and Member's Statement of Faith as articulated in the church's constitution and bylaws. We also endeavor to welcome and test biblically, instruction from the Scriptures by the elders of the church which accords with the Elder's Statement of Faith, seeking to grow toward Biblical unity in the truth.

We moreover agree that when we remove from this place, we will 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. We, having undertaken for the glory of God, the advancement of the Christian faith, and understanding and agreeing with the above statements, as believers in Christ Jesus, join ourselves as covenanted members with Providence Baptist Church.