

Lifeway Baptist Church Covenant

We, being led by the Holy Spirit, enter into this covenant with one another. Having received the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Savior¹ and having been baptized in accordance with Scripture,² we, in the presence of God³, and this assembly, joyfully unite together⁴ as one local body of Christ.⁵

By the enablement of the Holy Spirit⁶, we commit to walk together in Christian love⁷ and to strive for the advancement of God's kingdom⁸ in this local church.⁹ We desire, by God's grace, to make disciples, mature believers, and multiply ministry opportunities.¹⁰ This will be accomplished through the teaching and preaching of God's Word,¹¹ ministering to those in need,¹² and spreading the Gospel to all the world.¹³ We will seek to follow God's Word¹⁴ as we both individually¹⁵ and corporately worship,¹⁶ observe the ordinances,¹⁷ grow in doctrine,¹⁸ and faithfully give financially to God through this ministry.¹⁹ We further commit to encourage each other to attend the public services of this local church.²⁰

Knowing that our greatest command is to love the Lord our God,²¹ we desire to live controlled by the Holy Spirit.²² Therefore, we desire to humbly submit to the leadership of the Holy Spirit in every area of our lives.²³ We long to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ²⁴ and zealous in our efforts to advance His work.²⁵ A genuine love for Christ desires holiness,²⁶ abstains from unholiness,²⁷ and does so all for the purpose of glorifying Him.²⁸

With God's help, we commit to maintain family and personal devotions,²⁹ to train our children in the fear and admonition of the Lord,³⁰ and to seek the salvation of others.³¹ We commit to walk humbly with others,³² to be just in our dealings,³³ and to be faithful in our engagements. We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love,³⁴ to remember each other in prayer,³⁵ to edify with our speech,³⁶ to be slow to take offense,³⁷ to be eager to forgive,³⁸ and to be ready to seek reconciliation.³⁹

May God be glorified as we continue in covenant fellowship by His grace.

¹ Romans 10:9-10, 1 Peter 1:3, 2 Corinthians 4:6

² Acts 2:41; 8:20-39; 18:8

³ Matthew 18:20

⁴ Romans 1:11-12

⁵ Ephesians 4:1-12, 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

⁶ Acts 1:8

⁷ Romans 12:9-21, Hebrews 13:1, Ephesians 4:1-2, Acts 2:42-47

⁸ Matthew 6:10; 6:33

⁹ Matthew 28:18-20; 16:13-20

¹⁰ Matthew 28:18-20

¹¹ Acts 2:42, 1 Timothy 4:6-13; 6:3-5, 2 Timothy 4:1-5

¹² Romans 12:9-21, 2 Corinthians 1:3-7, 1 Timothy 5:9-16, James 1:26-27; 5:13-16, Galatians 6:1-10

¹³ 1 Chronicles 16:24, Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:18-20, Exodus 15:11, Psalm 67, 105, Malachi 1:11

¹⁴ Psalm 1, 19, 119, 2 Timothy 3:10-4:4, 2 Peter 1, Colossians 3:16, 2 Corinthians 4:2

¹⁵ Deuteronomy 6:2-5 Psalm 95:6, Proverbs 3:4-5, Romans 11:33-12:2, John 4:23-24, 2 Corinthians 2:15, Revelation 4:11

¹⁶ Colossians 3:14-17, Ephesians 5:19

¹⁷ Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 2:37-41, 1 Corinthians 11:17-33

¹⁸ Psalm 1, Colossians 2:8-15, Philippians 1:6-11, 1 Timothy 1:18-20; 4:6; 6:3-10, 2 Timothy 4:1-5

¹⁹ 1 Corinthians 9:1-18, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, 1 Timothy 5:17-18

²⁰ Hebrews 10:25

²¹ Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 22:37, Mark 12:31, Luke 10:27

²² Ephesians 5:15-21, Galatians 5:13-26

²³ John 14:26, 1 Corinthians 2:13, Ephesians 5:18 and 30, 1 Thessalonians 5:19

²⁴ Romans 8:29-30, 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 3:18

²⁵ Philippians 1:18, 25, 3:1-11

²⁶ Leviticus 11:44, 1 Peter 1:13-16, Colossians 3:1-17, Ephesians 4:1-3, Galatians 5:16-26, Romans 12:1-2, James 3:15-18

²⁷ James 1:27, Ephesians 4:22-24, Ephesians 5:1-21, 1 Corinthians 6:9-20, Romans 8:12-17, 2 Timothy 2:20-26

²⁸ 1 Corinthians 10:23-33, 1 Timothy 1:12-17

²⁹ Psalm 19:7-14, Ps 119, 1 Peter 2:1-3

³⁰ Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Titus 2:1-10, 2 Timothy 3:14-17

³¹ Romans 9:1-3, 1 Corinthians 5:1-5, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, John 3:14-17, John 3:35-36, Acts 13:48, 16:25-31, 2 Peter 3:9-10

³² 1 Peter 5:5

³³ Micah 6:8, James 2:1-9, Psalm 82:3, Isaiah 1:17

³⁴ Ephesians 1:15-23 and see footnote 7 above.

³⁵ Galatians 6:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:25, Acts 2:42, Colossians 1:9-14

³⁶ Ephesians 4:29, Romans 14:19, Hebrews 3:13, 10:24

³⁷ James 1:19-20, Proverbs 10:12, 17:9, 19:11, 1 Peter 4:8

³⁸ Psalm 86:5, Matthew 6:14-15; 18:21-22, Colossians 3:13-15, Ephesians 4:32

³⁹ Philemon, Ephesians 2:11-22, 2 Corinthians 5:11-21