



Church Membership Covenant

I understand that by signing this covenant I am formerly and publicly committing myself for membership to this local church, First Baptist Church of Winthrop Harbor, for my own spiritual edification as well as the edification of the other Believers that belong to the church. I also acknowledge that I am a believer in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life in His Kingdom in Heaven.

I am committing to:

- The Biblical precedent of local church membership and its purposes ([Matthew 18:17](#), [Acts 5:11](#), [Acts 8:1](#), [Acts 9:31](#), [Acts 13:1](#), [Acts 14:23](#), [Acts 15:41](#), [Acts 20:17](#), [Galatians 1:2](#), [1 Corinthians 1:2](#), [James 5:14](#), [3 John 1:10](#), [Revelation 1:4](#), [Titus 1:5](#))
- Using my spiritual gifts, talents, and abilities to serve the church in its purposes of discipleship and forwarding the Gospel ministry to the surrounding community and to the world. ([1 Corinthians 12](#), [Matthew 28:19-20](#))
- Promoting the overall unity of the church and maintaining peace with others as far as it depends on me ([Romans 12:18](#), [Ephesians 4](#), [Matthew 5:23-24](#))
- My continual growth in my faith in Christ and knowledge of the Scriptures (The Bible), allowing FBCWH to help hold me accountable to my profession of Christ as my Lord and Savior ([Philippians 1:6](#), [Romans 12:1-2](#), [Hebrews 5:12-14](#), [1 Peter 2:1-3](#))
- Being baptized (if not already) for the first time as a believer in Jesus Christ as a symbol of dying to my sins and being raised to new life in Christ ([Matthew 28:19-20](#), [Romans 6:1-6](#))
- FBCWH's adherence to the Baptist Faith & Message 2000 for all major theological topics ([website: bfm.sbc.net](#))
- Attending regularly the Sunday worship services to participate in the: hearing of the teaching of God's Word, encouraging of the Believers gathering together, celebration of the Lord's Day (resurrection of Christ), and the sharing of the Lord's Supper/communion together ([1 Timothy 5:17-18](#), [1 Corinthians 11:20-34](#), [1 Corinthians 16:2](#), [John 20](#), [Luke 24](#), [Mark 16](#), [Matthew 28](#))
- Doing my best to be involved in the various Bible studies, classes, and ministry events not only for my own edification, but for the edification of others. ([Hebrews 10:23-25](#))
- Trusting the leadership of the church and helping them care for my soul with joy and not grief ([Hebrews 13:17](#), [1 Timothy 5:17-19](#))
- Financially supporting the work of the Gospel ministry at FBCWH as I prayerfully give according to what God has given me ([Acts 4:32-37](#), [2 Corinthians 9](#), [Philippians 4:14-19](#))
- Working towards healthy and committed relationships with other Believers in the church so we can hold each other accountable for the faith in Christ we share and profess ([James 5:19-20](#), [Matthew 18:15-20](#), [2 Corinthians 2:5-7](#))
- Speaking with the elders/leadership if I desire to terminate or transfer my membership commitment to FBCWH

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____