

Vinton Baptist Church

Membership Covenant

Introduction

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 confession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other.

Mutual Commitments

We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph. 4:1-3; Phil. 2:1-4; Col. 3:12-15).

We will walk together in brotherly love, exercising an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other, and faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require (Rom. 12:9-16; Gal. 6:1-10; 1 Thess. 5:11-15).

We will gladly cooperate with and submit ourselves to the elders of this church for the care of our souls, which is for our good (Heb. 13:7, 17).

We will work not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others (Heb. 10:24-25; Eph. 6:18; James 5:16).

We will endeavor to raise the children under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by a pure and loving example to seek the salvation of our family and friends (Deut. 6:1-4; Matt. 28:19-20; Eph. 6:1-4; Jude 22-23).

We will rejoice at each other's happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows (Rom. 12:15; 1 Cor. 12:26; Gal. 6:2).

We will seek, by divine aid, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and remembering that, as we have been voluntarily buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave, so there is on us a special obligation now to lead a new and holy life (Rom. 6:4; 12:1-2; Phil. 2:12; 1 Thess. 5:21-22; Titus 2:11-14; 1 Pet. 1:14-16).

We will work together for the continuance of faithful evangelical ministry in this church, as we sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines (Phil. 1:27; Jude 3).

We will responsibly steward our gifts to the service of this church and the community at large (Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:4-26; Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Pet. 4:10-11).

We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:1-3; 9:6-7; Gal. 6:10; 1 Tim. 5:17-18).

We will agree to the Statement of Faith and the Restorative Church Discipline policy as defined by this church (Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5:1-12; 2 Tim. 4:2; Jude 3).

We will, when we move from this place, 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 (Heb. 10:24-25).

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.