

Church Covenant (Part 2)  
 Foundations  
 Feb. 3, 2019

1. Introduction

Text of the Covenant	Scripture	What it means for us as a church
<b>Confessing our Dependence on God</b>		
Having been led, by divine grace, to repent of our sins and to believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior	John 3:3-8; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-6	
and having been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit	Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38, 41; Rom. 6:4	
we, in the presence of God and by His grace, joyfully and solemnly covenant with the members of Grand Avenue Baptist Church.	Neh. 9:38; Amos 3:3; Titus 3:8; Rom. 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 12:13-27; Heb. 3:12-14; Heb. 10:19-25	

2. Promises

<b>Commitment to Remind One Another of the Gospel</b>		
We endeavor to remember and to remind one another of Jesus Christ, crucified for our sins and risen from the dead.	Rom. 10:13-16; 1 Cor. 1:18; Col. 1:3-14; Heb. 3:12-14; Heb. 4:11-16; Heb. 10:19-25	

<b>Commitment to the Unity of GABC</b>		
We endeavor to work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace	John 17:11; Eph. 2:11-22; Eph. 4:1-16, 29, 31; Gal. 5:16, 25	
We strive to walk together in Christian love through the power of the Holy Spirit.	Matt. 6:12; 7:1-5, 12; Eph. 5:1	

We endeavor to exercise affectionate care and watchfulness for each other, using our spiritual gifts for the common good,	Rom. 12:9-12; Eph. 4:9-32, Heb. 3:12-14; Heb. 10:19-25	
so that together we might live to God's glory.	John 17:22-24; 1 Cor. 10:31	

**Commitment to Love Our Fellow Church Members**

We endeavor to rejoice with each other's joys and bear each other's burdens with tenderness and sympathy.	John 13:34-35; Rom. 12:4-16	
We strive to regularly encourage each other and pray for each other.	Eph. 1:16; Eph. 6:18	
When offenses occur, we stand ready to reconcile.	Matt. 12:34-35; 1 Cor. 13; Eph. 4:29, 32; Col. 3:16, 4:6; James 3:2-12; 1 Peter 4:8	
We endeavor to submit to the church's discipline and lovingly assume our responsibility to participate in the discipline of other members, as taught in Scripture.	Matt. 18:15-20, 1 Cor. 5:1-9, 2 Cor. 2:5-11, Titus 1:10-16	

**Commitment to Our Local Body**

<p>We endeavor to meet together as a church body, faithfully participating in corporate worship and members meetings.</p>	<p>Col. 3:16; Heb. 10:24-25</p>	
<p>We endeavor to continue a faithful biblical ministry in this church maintaining its worship,</p>	<p>Rom. 1:25; 12:1; Eph. 5:19; Col. 2:18; 3:16; Rev. 4:9</p>	
<p>We endeavor to continue a faithful biblical ministry in this church maintaining its . . . ordinances,</p>	<p>Matt. 28:19; Luke 22:17-20; Acts 2:41-42; 1 Cor. 11:23-32</p>	
<p>We endeavor to continue a faithful biblical ministry in this church maintaining its . . . discipline,</p>	<p>Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Cor. 5:1-13; 2 Cor. 2:5-9; Gal. 6:2; Titus 3:10</p>	
<p>We endeavor to continue a faithful biblical ministry in this church maintaining its . . . doctrines.</p>	<p>Gal. 1:8-9; Rom. 16:17; 2 John 10</p>	
<p>To this end, we strive to contribute time and money cheerfully and regularly to support this church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout all nations.</p>	<p>Deut. 15:7-11; Prov. 3:9-10; Prov. 19:17; Mal. 3:8-12; Matt. 6:1-4; Matt. 28:18; Mark 12:41-44; Luke 12:33; 2 Cor. 9:7; Heb. 13:16</p>	

**Commitment to Pursue Holiness in our Lives**

We endeavor by God's grace and power to live as Christ in the world, resisting ungodliness and worldly desires, leading holy lives, being honest in our dealings and faithful in our responsibilities and commitments.	Gal. 5:22-24; 1 Thess. 4:1-12; Titus 2:12; 1 Pet. 1:14; Heb. 12:14	
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**Commitment to Pursue Family Discipleship**

We endeavor to practice personal and family discipleship,	Deut. 6:1-9; Psalm 1:1-3; Psalm 119:9-17; Luke 5:16; 1 Tim. 4:7-8	
training our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.	Deut. 6:7; Judges 2:10-11; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:20-21	

**Commitment to Forgive One Another**

When we fail in any of these endeavors, we will strive to practice repentance and forgiveness.	Matt. 6:12, 14-15; Mark 11:25; Luke 6:37; Eph. 4:32-5:2; Col. 3:13	
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**Commitment to Carry Out the Spirit of this Covenant if We Leave GABC**

Should we leave this fellowship, we will seek to unite with another church where we can continue to carry out the spirit of this covenant.	Acts 9:26; Acts 1:18:27; Rom. 16:1-2	
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## 3. The Benediction

**Asking for God's Grace to Cover Us as We Commit to Pursue Life Together**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.	2 Cor. 13:14	
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