

Grand Avenue Baptist Church Covenant

Having been led, by divine grace, to repent of our sins and to believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior,¹ and having been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,² we, in the presence of God and by His grace, joyfully and solemnly covenant with the members of Grand Avenue Baptist Church.³

We endeavor to remember and to remind one another of Jesus Christ, crucified for our sins and risen from the dead.⁴

We endeavor to work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace⁵. We strive to walk together in Christian love through the power of the Holy Spirit.⁶ We endeavor to exercise affectionate care and watchfulness for each other, using our spiritual gifts for the common good,⁷ so that together we might live to God's glory⁸.

We endeavor to rejoice with each other's joys and bear each other's burdens with tenderness and sympathy.⁹ We strive to regularly encourage each other and pray for each other.¹⁰ When offenses occur, we stand ready to reconcile.¹¹ We endeavor to submit to the church's discipline and lovingly assume our responsibility to participate in the discipline¹² of other members, as taught in Scripture.

We endeavor to meet together as a church body, faithfully participating in corporate worship and members' meetings.¹³

We endeavor to continue a faithful biblical ministry in this church maintaining its worship,¹⁴ ordinances,¹⁵ discipline,¹⁶ and doctrines.¹⁷ 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.¹⁸

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.¹⁹

¹ John 3:3-8; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-6.

² Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38, 41; Rom. 6:4.

³ 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.

⁴ Rom. 10:13-16; 1 Cor. 1:18; Col. 1:3-14; Heb. 3:12-14; Heb. 4:11-16; Heb. 10:19-25.

⁵ John 17:11; Eph. 2:11-22; Eph. 4:1-16, 29, 31; Gal. 5:16, 25.

⁶ Matt. 6:12; 7:1-5, 12; Eph. 5:1.

⁷ Rom. 12:9-12; Eph. 4:9-32, Heb. 3:12-14; Heb. 10:19-25.

⁸ John 17:22-24; 1 Cor. 10:31.

⁹ John 13:34-35; Rom. 12:4-16.

¹⁰ Eph. 1:16; Eph. 6:18.

¹¹ Matt. 12:34-35; 1 Cor. 13; Eph. 4:29, 32; Col. 3:16, 4:6; James 3:2-12; 1 Peter 4:8.

¹² Matt. 18:15-20, 1 Cor. 5:1-9, 2 Cor. 2:5-11, Titus 1:10-16.

¹³ Col. 3:16; Heb. 10:24-25.

¹⁴ Rom. 1:25; 12:1; Eph. 5:19; Col. 2:18; 3:16; Rev. 4:9.

¹⁵ Matt. 28:19; Luke 22:17-20; Acts 2:41-42; 1 Cor. 11:23-32.

¹⁶ Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Cor. 5:1-13; 2 Cor. 2:5-9; Gal. 6:2; Titus 3:10.

¹⁷ Gal. 1:8-9; Rom. 16:17; 2 John 10.

¹⁸ 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.

¹⁹ Gal. 5:22-24; 1 Thess. 4:1-12; Titus 2:12; 1 Pet. 1:14; Heb. 12:14.

We endeavor to practice personal and family discipleship,²⁰ training our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.²¹

When we fail in any of these endeavors, we will strive to practice repentance and forgiveness.²²

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.²³

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all²⁴. Amen.

²⁰ Deut. 6:1-9; Psalm 1:1-3; Psalm 119:9-17; Luke 5:16; 1 Tim. 4:7-8.

²¹ Deut. 6:7; Judges 2:10-11; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:20-21.

²² Matt. 6:12, 14-15; Mark 11:25; Luke 6:37; Eph. 4:32-5:2; Col. 3:13.

²³ Acts 9:26; Acts 1:18:27; Rom. 16:1-2.

²⁴ 2 Cor. 13:14.