

Church Covenant.

"And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul."—2 Chron. 15 : 12.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on profession of our faith having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We promise by the aid of the Holy Spirit to forsake the paths of sin, and to walk in the ways of holiness all the days of our lives. With this view we engage to strive together for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort ; to promote its prosperity and spirituality ; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines ; to 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 throughout all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion ; to religiously educate our children ; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances ; to walk circumspectly in the world ; to be just in our dealings ; faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment ; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger ; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to walk together in Christian love and watchfulness, giving and receiving admonition with meekness and affection ; to remember each other in prayer ; to aid each other in sickness and distress ; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech ; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay. We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, 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.