

Covenant of Faith

Between the Members of Watson Church

Having been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give ourselves up to Him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, embracing the Holy Scriptures as our only authority in matters of faith, life, and practice, we do now, according to the grace of God, solemnly and joyfully endeavor to keep the spirit of the following two clauses of this Covenant as one body in Christ.

Personal Holiness. In obedience to God and His word, for the benefit of clear conscience and right testimony to one another as the body and to the glorification of God to the world as our work, we endeavor to maintain private devotion to the Lord; to train our children according to the word of God; to seek the salvation of those within our moral proximity; to walk carefully in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our conduct; to abstain from all activities and lifestyles which hinder gospel witness; to give joyfully and faithfully of time and treasure to the building up and continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry; to strive for the fruit of the Spirit made manifest in our life, and to hold Christ preeminent in all things.

Corporate Holiness. To build and to be in the love, unity, and community of which Christ and the apostles so often spoke, we purpose together to encourage one another in the blessed hope of our Lord's return; to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feelings and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, quick to reconciliation; to strive for the advancement of this church; to attend its services regularly; to sustain its worship, ordinances, order, and doctrines; to give it sacred preeminence over all institutions of human origin; to participate in its mission to proclaim Christ to the nations and to disciple those who draw near. We purpose therein to walk together in Christian love.

It is our purpose in the living out of this Covenant, with no neglect of the other imperatives and indicatives found in the Holy Scriptures, to love the Lord our God in these ways; to make Him known to one another as the body and, thereby, to make Him known to the world which He so loves.