

Church Covenant

Introduction

As members of PROVENANCE CHURCH, we affirm this covenant with one another by God's grace, for our good, and ultimately for God's glory.

Having, as we believe been brought together by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (*Eph. 2:8, Mark 1:15, Acts 2:38; 20:21*) and to surrender our lives to him (*Mat. 16:24-27, Luke 14:25-33*), and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (*Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:41; Romans 6:1-4*), we do now, relying on His gracious aid solemnly and joyfully covenant together to glorify God (*1 Cor. 10:31, Isa. 43:7*) by sharing the Gospel (*Rom. 10:14-17, Mar. 16:15, 1 Cor. 9:22*) and making disciples (*Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:2*) of all nations (*Psalms 67:1-2, Acts 1:8, Revelation 7:9-10*).

Live in Light of the Grace of God provided through Christ

Together, we will seek to magnify the marvelous grace of God displayed at the cross of Christ in all that we do (*1 Cor. 1:23, 1 Pet. 2:9*), for through it alone have our sins been forgiven (*Mat. 26:28, Rom. 3:23-26, Eph. 1:7*), our old nature put to death (*Gal. 2:20, Eph. 4:20-24, 2 Cor. 5:17*), and we are now adopted children of God (*Romans 8:15-17, Eph. 1:5, 1 John 3:2*).

Submission to the Word of God

Together, we will draw near to God in worship (*Hebrews 10:22, Rom. 12:1-2*). We will delight in the glory of God (*Psalms 16:11, 37:4, 63:1-11, 1 Cor. 10:31*), depend on the presence of God (*Exo. 33:14-18, Matthew 29:20, John 15:5, James 4:8*), grow in knowledge of God (*Phil. 3:10, Col. 1:9-12, 2 Pet. 3:17-18*), and submit to the Word of God as the all-sufficient authority in our lives and in His church (*2 Tim. 3:15-17, Psalm 19:7-11, 119:105-112, 2 Tim. 4:2-4*). We will agree that our Statement of Faith is an accurate summary of the faith once for all delivered to the saints, committing to teach no doctrine contradicting it, nor stir up division against it (*Jude 1:3; Titus 2:1; 3:10*).

Personal Holiness

Together, we will seek, by Divine aid, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts (*Colossians 3:5-10, Eph. 5:3-21*), and remembering that, as we have been voluntarily buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave (*Rom. 6:1-4*), so there is on us a special obligation now to lead a new and holy life (*1 Peter 1:14-16, Eph. 1:4*).

Love and Unity in the Church

Together, we will spur one another on to love and good deeds (*Hebrews 10:24*). We will pray for one another regularly (*Philippians 1:3-6*) and serve one another selflessly (*Romans 12:9-13*). We will share each other's joys and bear each other's burdens (*1 Corinthians 12:26, Galatians 6:2*). We will edify one another with our speech (*Ephesians 4:29-32*) and encourage one another with our example (*Philippians 4:9*). We will seek God's help in abstaining from any practices which bring unwarranted harm to the body or jeopardize our own, or another's faith (*1 Corinthians 8:7-13*). We will humbly and gently confront one another and receive correction from one another in accordance with a New Testament understanding of church discipline and restoration (*Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13; Galatians 6:1*). We will agree not to sue one another, making no appeal to any court as a result of dismissal from membership or public statements to the congregation at the third or fourth stage of church discipline or personal disputes which may arise in the life of the body (*1 Corinthians 6:7*). We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (*Eph. 4:2-3, Phil. 2:1-5*).

Together, we will show the joy of new life in Christ, by ongoing participation in the life of the church, through hearing the Word of God (*1 Tim. 4:13, John 17:17*), observing the Lord's Supper (*1 Corinthians 11:23-32, Luke 22:7-23*), faithfully attending the regular gatherings of the church the elders deem necessary for the health of the body unless hindered by Providence (*Heb. 10:25*), and giving cheerfully and generously to the support of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations (*1 Corinthians 9:8-12, 2 Corinthians 8:1-15, James 2:15-16*) to the glory of God (*Psalms 115:1*).

We will submit to the leadership of the Elders who have been entrusted by God to serve and care for this body by teaching the Word of God to us and modeling the character of Christ before us (*Heb. 13:17*).

Conclusion

We will, when we move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with another like-minded church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word (*Hebrews 10:25*).

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

Agreement

I affirm that I have read, understood, and am in substantial agreement with Provenance Church's Statement of Faith, and Church Covenant. I understand that in signing this document, I am affirming my commitment to the responsibilities listed above.

Name _____

Date _____