

A church covenant is a commitment among the members of a local church to live a life that is committed to honoring the Lord and living out His truths in such a way that God is glorified and others around us are impacted by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The following covenant commitments that are held to by Reformation Church are really nothing more than basic Christianity! While no one member is able to keep them perfectly, they are the mandates our Lord gives us in His Word that we should strive to live out in the ebb and flow of daily life. Our church covenant is a statement that reflects the heart desire of each member to live a life that will bring glory to God!

## **Reformation Church Covenant**

Having, as we trust, been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to Him, and having been baptized by immersion with believer's baptism upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully enter our covenant with each other as fellow members of Reformation Church:

### **The Reformation Church Family Covenants to Love One Another By:**

#### **Protecting the purity and unity of this church**

- by using Holy Scripture as the final, governing authority in evaluating both doctrines and practices; 1 Timothy 3:14-16; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 John 2:3-6, 1 John 5:1-3
- by honoring, esteeming, and loving our leaders and one another; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 2:9-11
- by refusing to gossip and endeavoring to discipline our tongue; Psalm 141:3; Ephesians 4:29; Titus 2:3; James 1:26, James 3:1-12

#### **Protecting the testimony of this church**

- by faithfully attending the church's meetings for worship, ordinances, Bible study, corporate prayer, fellowship, discipline, and members' meetings; Acts 4:31; 6:4; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; 2 Corinthians 2:6; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 10:23-25
- by carefully living in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and remembering our special obligation now to lead a new and holy life of spiritual fidelity, ethical integrity, sexual purity, and abstinence from practices that jeopardize our own or another's faith; Romans 13:1-15:3; 1 Corinthians 6:9-20; Philippians 1:27; Colossians 3:5-15; Hebrews 13:4-6; James 1:27
- by exercising affectionate care and watchfulness over each other while submitting to the church's discipline as occasion may require, intent on seeking the reconciliation Christ commands; Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13; Galatians 6:1

#### **Sharing the responsibility of this church**

- by praying for and encouraging one another in our Christian walk through rejoicing in others' happiness and tenderly bearing others' burdens and sorrows; Romans 12:15; Galatians 6:2

- by practicing personal and family worship where those under our care will be trained in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Matthew 18:1-6; Ephesians 5:22-6:4
- by seeking the salvation of our relatives, friends, neighbors, co-workers, acquaintances, and all the world through our verbal testimony as well as our pure and loving example. Matthew 28:18-20; Colossians 4:5-6; 1 Peter 2:11-15

#### **Supporting the ministry of this church**

- by praying for the church's advancement in unity, knowledge, holiness, and growth; Ephesians 4:1-6; 5:26—27; Colossians 2:6-7; 1 Peter 1:13-16; 2 Peter 3:17-18
- by identifying, developing, and utilizing our spiritual gift(s) and abilities for the common good; Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-14:40; Ephesians 4:7-13; 1 Peter 4:7-11
- by cheerfully and regularly contributing to the expenses of the church, the spread of the Gospel throughout all nations, and the relief of widows, orphans, and the poor; Acts 4:34-35; Romans 12:13; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Philippians 4:15-19; James 1:27

To pledge that if we move from this place, we will unite with some other church, as soon as possible, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

#### **The Reformation Church Family Covenants to Love Its Members By:**

- Teaching the Word of God: 2 Timothy 3:15, 4:1-4; 1 Peter 2:2; Ephesians 5:26
- Providing opportunities for growth, nurturing and service: Ephesians 4:12-14; 2 Timothy 1:6; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7
- Providing a framework for building fellowship and godly relationship: Ephesians 4:16; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Romans 12:3-21
- Carrying out our responsibility to reprove, exhort, care for, and discipline: Ephesians 4:14-16; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; Galatians 6:1-5; Matthew 18:15-17
- Broadening the believer's concern and perspective toward those unreached by the Gospel: Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 1:14-17; Philippians 1:27-28

**With** our signature, we do humbly submit to live in accordance with the spirit of this covenant, not in our own strength, being conscious of our own weaknesses, but in the power and gracious aid of our Lord, to whom we are bondservants. To God be the Glory.