



POND SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

General Information

What is the foundation for a membership covenant?

- f* How we live as Christians, individually and as a faith community, is important to God. (e.g.: Matt. 5:13-16; Eph. 4-5)
- f* We are to be accountable to each other within the faith community, building up the body in truth and love. (e.g.: John 13:34-35; Rom. 12:10-13; 1 Cor. 12:26; Eph. 5:21; Phil. 2:3)

What is a membership covenant?

- f* A covenant is a promise made to God, this church (all other members), and to one's self.
- f* A covenant provides a general summary (a biblical standard) of how God desires us to live together as a faith community in service to God's Kingdom.
- f* A covenant underscores the communal nature of the church, united in love and purpose to bring glory to God.
- f* A covenant draws attention to the understanding that being a part of this faith community involves accountability to live in a manner consistent with Scripture.
- f* A covenant makes church membership meaningful by clarifying the spiritual and relational commitments that being part of this faith community signifies.
- f* A covenant promotes the spiritual health of the church by keeping one another accountable to mature spiritually as followers of the Christ.
- f* A covenant provides a reminder of our obligations to one another and to God's kingdom.
- f* A covenant provides a comfort in knowing you will be cared for and prayed for, not perfectly, but faithfully.



POND SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP COVENANT Explanation of Our Covenant

Introduction

Having received Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord, and having been obedient to Him in Believer's baptism, I now am led by the Holy Spirit to join Ponds Springs Baptist Church in membership. In doing so, I joyfully and willingly commit to the following...

- † Between baptized believers in the Christ as Savior and Lord
- † In response to the Holy Spirit's leading
- † Willful and voluntary commitment

Promises

† ***I will contribute to the spiritual maturity of our church community***

We covenant together to be a part of one another's lives. Spiritual growth should be a daily goal. We practice the spiritual disciplines of Bible study, prayer, and worship, to enable God to grow us in the Christ, to strengthen us for God's work, and to understand God's direction for us individually and as a community. As we mature spiritually, we participate in the building up of the body as a unified and healthy whole, thus bringing glory to the Christ's bride – the church.

† ***I will protect the spiritual unity of our church community***

Church unity is a fragile ideal. We should pray that God's peace and love would show itself in the body as a whole, whenever the community gathers for worship, fellowship, or in church business matters. We also maintain our spiritual unity through prayer for one another, as well as by caring for one another. God did not design us to go through difficulty alone; God ministers to us through others.

† ***I will share in the spiritual impact of our church community***

Evangelism can take place in many ways. The life we live during the week is to include sharing the Gospel with family and friends. We are also a communal witness to the world. How we serve together and love together is a means God uses to communicate the Good News to a lost world. The proclamation of the Gospel is so important that we covenant together in order to encourage each of us to live-out our faith in both action and word.



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- f I will contribute to the spiritual maturity of our church community
- by participating in personal and corporate Bible study, prayer, and worship.
 - by seeking to live in obedience to the Christ's teachings, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Psalm 119:33-38; Matt. 7:24-25; Eph. 4:20-24; 1 Thess. 5:16-18; Heb. 10:25)

- f I will protect the spiritual unity of our church community
- by cultivating Christian kindness, love, patience, grace, forgiveness, and avoiding all gossip.
 - by participating in regular fellowship with others in this church community.
 - by praying and exercising affectionate care for all members of this church community.
 - by abiding by the church's bylaws, policies, processes, and procedures.

(Rom. 12:10; 15:7; Phil. 2:1-5; Gal. 5:22-26; Heb. 10:24-25)

- f I will share in the spiritual impact of our church community
- by inviting the un-churched to attend services and other activities.
 - by warmly welcoming all visitors.
 - by actively sharing my faith.
 - by cheerfully and regularly supporting the ministries and expenses of the church.
 - by praying for those who do not have a relationship with God through the Christ.

(Matt. 9:37-38, 28:19-20; 2 Cor. 9:7-8; Col. 4:3-4; Heb. 13:2)

Print Name

Date

Signature

"But let your statement be 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'" (Matt. 6:37)