



# RIVER CITY

BAPTIST CHURCH

## Members' Covenant

By God's grace, we have been brought to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Having been joined to him by his Spirit and affirmed as Christians through church membership, so we now solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other, that God enabling us:

We will walk together in love as brothers and sisters, a family of sinners saved by grace.  
*(John 13:34–35; Rom. 12:10; 1 Pet. 3:8)*

We will labor for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, bearing patiently with each other and freely forgiving as we have been forgiven in Christ.  
*(Eph. 4:1–3; Matt. 18:21–35; Eph. 4:32)*

We will pursue transparency with each other, resisting the temptation to hide our struggles and sins, that we might experience the grace of God in the care of his saints.  
*(Rom. 15:7; 1 John 1:6–10; James 5:16)*

We will commit to the ministry of attendance, regularly gathering with the whole church for worship and fellowship, because no one can faithfully follow Jesus alone.  
*(Heb. 10:24–25; 1 Cor. 12:12–27; Prov. 18:1)*

We will commit to the ministry of prayer, and to pursue each other's good as we encourage frequently, admonish gently, and receive correction humbly.  
*(James 5:16; Rom. 12:10; Heb. 3:13; Gal. 6:1; Eph. 4:15, 29–31)*

We will be active in evangelism, taking the initiative to proclaim Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, leaving the results to God.  
*(Mark 1:17; 2 Cor. 5:18–20; 1 Pet. 2:9; 3:15)*

We will endeavor, as the family of Christ, to bring up the children under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.  
*(Deut. 6:4–7; Eph. 6:4)*

We will rejoice at each other's happiness and endeavor, with tenderness and sympathy, to bear each other's burdens and sorrows.  
*(Rom. 12:15; Gal. 6:2; 1 Pet. 3:8)*

We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the ministry of the church, to the needs of our neighbors, and to the spread of the gospel from the heart of Virginia to the ends of the earth.  
*(1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 9:6–7; Rom. 12:13; 1 John 3:17–18; Matt. 28:18–20)*

If we leave this congregation, we will join another gospel-preaching church, as soon as possible, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

*(Heb. 10:24–25; 13:17)*

And through life, whatever opposition may come, we will live for the glory of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

*(Matt. 5:11–12; James 1:2; 1 Pet. 2:9)*