

Covenant of Grace Baptist Church

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- **Having, as we believe, been brought by Divine Grace to repent** (2 Cor. 7:9-10; Acts 2:38; Acts 3:19; 2 Tim. 2:25) **and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ** (John 20:31; Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9-10; Eph. 2:8-9; 1 John 5:10-13) **and to give up ourselves to Him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit** (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 6:3-5; Acts 16:30-33; Col. 2:12), **we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully make our covenant with each other.**
- **We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.** (Phil. 2:1-4; Eph. 4:3)
- **We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together** (Heb. 10:25), **nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others** (1 Tim. 2:1; James 5:16).
- **We will endeavor to bring to maturity all who may at any time be under our care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord** (Deut. 6:4-9; Ps. 78:5-8; Eph. 6:4), **and by a pure and loving example to seek the salvation of our family and friends** (Matt. 28:18-20; 2 Cor. 2:15-17; 2 Cor. 5:18-20).
- **We will walk together in brotherly love** (Heb. 13:1; Rom. 12:10; 1 Cor. 13:1-7), **as becomes the members of a Christian Church; exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require** (Matt. 18:15-17; Heb. 10:24; 1 Tim. 5:20; 2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:14; 2 Thess 3:14; Col. 3:16; Gal. 6:1).
- **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; 1 Cor. 12:26; Gal. 6:2).
- **We will seek, by Divine aid, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts** (1 John 2:15-17; Col. 3:5; Titus 2:12; 1 Pet. 1:14; 1 Pet. 2:11), **and remembering that, as we have been voluntarily buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic**

grave (Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12), so there is on us a special obligation now to lead a new and holy life (2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Pet. 1:15-16; Eph. 1:4; 2 Tim. 1:9.

- **We will work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church (1 Cor. 12:1-30), as we sustain its worship (Heb. 10:25), ordinances (Matt. 26:26-30; 28:18-20; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:19-20; Acts 2:41-42; Rom. 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 10:16,21; 11:23-29; Colossians 2:12), discipline (Matt. 18:15-17; Gal. 6:1), and doctrines (Col. 2:8; Acts 2:41; 1 Tim. 6:3-4; 2 Tim. 1:13-14; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Titus 2:1). We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry (Mal. 3:6-10), the expenses of the church (2 Cor. 8:1-5; 1 Tim. 5:17-18), the relief of the poor (Deut. 15:7-11; Prov. 14:31; 21:13; 28:27; Matthew 25:41; 1 John 3:17-18), and the spread of the Gospel through all nations (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8).**
- **If God should move us from Somerset, we will as soon as possible unite with another church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word (Heb. 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. Amen.**