

COVENANT OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of MAGAZINE ARKANSAS

ARTICLE IV CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, and angels, and this assembly most solemnly and joyously enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christ love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, and, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment, to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the use of intoxicating drink as a beverage, and to be zealous in our effort to advance the Kingdom of the Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that, when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

SUBARTICLE VII FINALITY

The adoption of these (Constitution, Covenant, and By-laws) by the church shall invalidate any and all previous rules of order and a copy of same be recorded in the church minutes and will published each year in the church's annual report.

These (Constitution, Covenant, and By-laws) were adopted on _____ at _____ church meeting.