



Church Covenant with Scripture References

As members of Capshaw Baptist Church, we affirm this covenant with one another by God's grace, for our good, and ultimately for God's glory.

Having been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christⁱ and to surrender our lives to Himⁱⁱ, and having been baptized as Christians in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,ⁱⁱⁱ we covenant together to glorify God^{iv} by making disciples^v of all nations.^{vi}

Together, we will draw near to God in worship.^{vii} We will delight in the glory of God,^{viii} depend on the presence of God,^{ix} grow in the knowledge of God,^x and submit to the Word of God as the all-sufficient authority in our lives and in His church.^{xi}

Together, we will hold fast to the hope we profess.^{xii} We will regularly participate in communion as we solemnly and joyfully remember the past work of Christ on the cross, celebrate the present work of Christ at the Father's right hand, and anticipate the future work of Christ in His return for His bride.^{xiii}

i Acts 2:38; 16:31; 20:21; Romans 10:9-10

ii Luke 14:25-33

iii Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:41; Romans 6:1-4

iv Isaiah 43:7; 1 Corinthians 10:31

v Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:2

vi Psalm 67:1-2; Revelation 7:9-10

vii Hebrews 10:22; Romans 12:1-2

viii Psalm 16:11; 37:4; 63:1-11; 1 Corinthians 10:31

ix Exodus 33:14-18; Matthew 28:20; John 15:5; James 4:8

x Philippians 3:10; Colossians 1:9-12; 2 Peter 3:17-18

xi 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Psalm 19:7-11; 119:105-112; 2 Timothy 4:2-4

xii Hebrews 10:23

xiii Luke 22:7-23; Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

Together, we will spur one another on to love and good deeds.^{xiv} We will meet with one another consistently,^{xv} pray for one another regularly,^{xvi} and serve one another selflessly.^{xvii} We will share each other's joys and bear each other's burdens.^{xviii} We will edify one another with our speech^{xix} and encourage one another with our example.^{xx} We will humbly and gently confront one another and receive correction from one another in accordance with a New Testament understanding of church discipline and restoration.^{xxi} We will give cheerfully and generously to the support of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.^{xxii}

We will submit to the leadership of elders who have been entrusted by God to serve and care for this body by teaching the Word of Christ to us and modeling the character of Christ before us, and we will affirm deacons as leading servants in the church.^{xxiii} If we move from this local body, we will as soon as possible unite with another local church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.^{xxiv}

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.^{xxv}

Amen.

xiv Hebrews 10:24

xv Hebrews 10:25

xvi Philippians 1:3-6

xvii Romans 12:9-13

xviii 1 Corinthians 12:26; 2 Corinthians 2:3; Galatians 6:2

xix Ephesians 4:29-32

xx 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Philippians 4:9

xxi Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13; Galatians 6:1

xxii 2 Corinthians 8-9

xxiii Hebrews 13:17; Acts 6:1-7; 20:28-31; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; 5:17-20; 1 Peter 5:1-4

xxiv Hebrews 10:25

xxv 2 Corinthians 13:1