

Church Covenant for Morningside Bible Church^[1]

Having been brought by God's grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and having being baptized upon profession of faith in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we now, depending upon the Spirit, establish this covenant with one another.

We will aim in all that we do to love, enjoy, and glorify the God of our salvation, from whom and through whom and to whom are all things.^[2]

We will eagerly maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace by walking together in love and walking in the Spirit, putting away all bitterness, anger, and injurious speech.^[3]

We will treat one another with humility, gentleness, patience, and love, being kind to one another, tenderhearted, and forgiving each other, even as God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven us.^[4]

We will carry each other's burdens, praying for all the saints, rejoicing with those who rejoice, and weeping with those who weep.^[5]

We will promote marriage as a picture of Christ and the church, and we will train our children in the instruction of the Lord, seeking to walk in a way that adorns the gospel of Christ before our family, friends, and neighbors.^[6]

We will strive to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age, practicing the spiritual disciplines and using our spiritual gifts as we wait for the blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.^[7]

We will not neglect to gather together, but will support the biblical preaching of God's Word, sing songs of worship together, encourage one another in small groups, faithfully observe baptism and the Lord's Supper, and willingly submit to the loving exercise of church discipline.^[8]

We will contribute cheerfully, consistently, and generously to the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor (including widows and orphans), and the advancement of the gospel—to both our neighbors and the nations.^[9]

We will, if we move from this place, unite as soon as possible with another gospel-believing church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.^[10]

Printed name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

^[1] Adopted by the elders of Morningside Bible Church on April 10, 2023.

^[2] 1 Tim. 1:5; Mark 12:30; Rom. 11:36

^[3] Eph. 4:3; Gal. 5:16, 25; Eph. 4:29, 31

^[4] Eph. 4:1–2; Luke 17:3; Col. 3:13; 1 Thess. 5:11; 1 Pet. 1:22

^[5] Gal. 6:2; Eph. 6:18; Rom. 12:15

^[6] Eph. 5:31–22; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4; 1 Pet. 3:1

^[7] Gal. 5:22–24; 1 Tim. 4:7–8; Titus 2:12–13; Rom. 12:6–8; 1 Pet. 1:14

^[8] 2 Tim. 4:2; Eph. 5:19; 1 Thess. 5:11; Matt. 28:19; 1 Cor. 11:26; Matt. 18:15–20

^[9] Matt. 28:19; Luke 12:33; James 1:27; 2 Cor. 9:7

^[10] 2 Cor. 13:14