

Nashville Bible Church

Church Covenant

Introduction to our Church Covenant:

By committing to love one another in this local congregation we aim to faithfully represent and uphold the oneness we share in Jesus Christ. We understand that this is only possible by the grace of God given to us by the Holy Spirit whom we all share; so we rely on His unifying guidance, reproof, and encouragement. We also understand that godly unity in our local congregation will only come by being of the same mind; therefore our commitments to one another are built on harmonious truths found in the Word of God and are in submission to the Word of God.

Our Commitments:

We as members of Nashville Bible Church, by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit¹ and as a result of God's grace², have repented³ of our sins and joyfully profess⁴ that Jesus Christ is Lord, clinging by faith to His finished work⁵ in His life, death, and resurrection.

We submit ourselves to the Word of God⁶, understanding it is supremely authoritative over us and that it is sufficient to instruct us for faithful living.

We commit to increase⁷ in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ by diligently studying His Word.

We commit to glorifying the name of Jesus Christ by faithfully representing and upholding the oneness⁸ we share in Him, joyfully maintaining the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace⁹, as members of one Body¹⁰ and one Bride¹¹.

We commit to live bright¹² lives in this dark world, understanding we've been brought out of darkness into Christ's light and have been made citizens¹³ and ambassadors¹⁴ of Heaven. We ¹⁵

¹ Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19; 2 Timothy 1:14

² Romans 5:1-2; Ephesians 2:5, 8; Titus 3:5-7

³ Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38; Acts 3:19; 1 Thessalonians. 1:9; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 1:9

⁴ Acts 4:12; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Peter 3:15

⁵ John 19:30; 1 Corinthians 1:18; Titus 3:5; Hebrews 12:2; 1 Peter 2:24

⁶ Isaiah 40:8; 1 Thess. 2:14; 2 Timothy 3:6; Hebrews 4:12

⁷ Colossians 1:10; 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 6:1; 2 Peter 3:18

⁸ 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:4-6

⁹ Ephesians 4:3; Hebrews 12:14

¹⁰ Romans 12:4-5; Ephesians 4:15-16

¹¹ 1 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25-27; Revelation 19:7-9

¹² Matthew 5:14-16; John 8:12; John 12:36; 1 Thessalonians 5:5; 1 John 1:7

¹³ Philippians 3:20; 1 Peter 2:9

¹⁴ 2 Corinthians 5:20; Ephesians 6:20

¹⁵ Matthew 24:42; Matthew 25:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:6; 1 Peter 5:8

aim to be ready for Jesus' return by keeping watch and denying ourselves ungodly and worldly lusts¹⁶. We commit to faithfully represent¹⁷ the Gospel of Jesus Christ at home, work, school, and in our community. We joyfully commit to the Gospel mission¹⁸ with which Jesus has entrusted us.

We commit to gather¹⁹ weekly to worship God as we wait for Christ to return, unless God providentially restricts us. We will not abandon our gathering during times of difficulties or persecution, but will instead diligently seek ways to assemble for His glory and our good.

We commit to work together to uphold the continued mission and integrity of our church including our worship²⁰, ordinances²¹, discipline²², and doctrinal²³ teachings. We also commit to cheerfully give²⁴ to our church to support the needs, ministries, and expenses of the church, and to see the Gospel proclaimed locally and globally.

We commit to highly esteem²⁵ and support²⁶ those who labor among us as elders for their noble work, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. We commit to pray²⁷ for them, to submit²⁸ to their leadership, and to humbly test²⁹ their teaching by the truth of God's Word.

We commit to walk³⁰ together in sincere³¹ love, and to encourage³², exhort³³, and when necessary gently admonish³⁴ one another.

It is our joy and delight to commit to loving one another as brothers³⁵ and sisters in Christ. We will mourn³⁶ with those who mourn and not neglect³⁷ them in their pain. We will reject³⁸

¹⁶ Colossians 3:5; Titus 2:12; 1 John 2:15

¹⁷ Matthew 5:13-16; John 15:18-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:11; 1 Timothy 2:2

¹⁸ Matthew 5:14; Matthew 28:18-20; John 17:15-18; 1 Timothy 3:15

¹⁹ 1 Corinthians 14:12, 26; Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁰ 1 Corinthians 14; Hebrews 10:24-25

²¹ Matthew 26:26-29; Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²² Matthew 18:17; Romans 16:17-28; 1 Corinthians 5; Titus 3:9-11

²³ Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Philippians 1:27; 1 Timothy 6:3; Titus 2:1; Hebrews 13:17

²⁴ 2 Corinthians 9:7; Galatians 6:6; 1 Timothy 5:17-18

²⁵ 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; 1 Timothy 3:1; Hebrews 13:7, 17

²⁶ 1 Corinthians 9:14; Galatians 6:6; 1 Timothy 5:17

²⁷ Romans 15:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:25

²⁸ 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:7, 17; 1 Peter 5:5

²⁹ Acts 17:10-11; 1 Timothy 5:19-22; 1 John 4:1-6

³⁰ Ephesians 5:1-2; 1 John 1:7

³¹ Romans 12:9; 1 Peter 4:8

³² Romans 15:15; 1 Thessalonians 5:11, 14; Hebrews 10:25

³³ Romans 14:19; Romans 15:14; Hebrews 3:13

³⁴ Matthew 18:15; Galatians 6:1; Colossians 3:16; James 5:19-20

³⁵ Matthew 12:48-50; John 13:34-35; Romans 8:15-16; 1 Timothy 5:1-2

³⁶ Romans 12:15-18

³⁷ 1 Corinthians 12:25-27; 2 Corinthians 1:5-7

³⁸ Romans 13:9; Ephesians 5:5; 1 Timothy 6:10

oice with those who rejoice and not covet their gain. We will disciple³⁹ each other by teaching each other to obey the truth of Christ. We will consider⁴⁰ our brothers and sisters more important than ourselves and seek to meet their needs. We will forfeit⁴¹ our earthly preferences in favor of and submission to God's truth. We will walk humbly⁴² with one another, understanding that our shared citizenship in Heaven usurps any national, societal, or fleshly status on earth. We will prevent our tongues⁴³ from engaging in quarrels, slander, gossip, or vulgar talk about one another or to one another and we will restrict our tongues from flattery and lies. We will be kind⁴⁴ and tenderhearted to one another. We will forgive⁴⁵ one another as Christ has forgiven us. We will not be easily angered⁴⁶ or offended. We will abstain from the sins of the flesh and honor the bodies of one another as temples⁴⁷ for the Holy Spirit. We will pray⁴⁸ for ourselves, one another, our elders, and others. We will use our gifts⁴⁹ and talents to serve one another and equip one another for the work of ministry.

Together we seek to glorify⁵⁰ and enjoy⁵¹ our Triune God forever.

Fully understanding that we cannot achieve these goals apart from Christ, we ask God to graciously help us so that the world may see the wisdom of God through us, for the glory of God alone.

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Elder: _____ Signature: _____
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Date: _____

³⁹ Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 15:14; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:16; Titus 2:1-6

⁴⁰ Romans 12:10; 1 Corinthians 10:24; Galatians 6:2; Philippians 2:3

⁴¹ John 12:43; Galatians 1:6-10; 2 Corinthians 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 2:4-8; 1 Timothy 1:3-7

⁴² Romans 12:3, 16; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:1-3; Philippians 2:3-4

⁴³ Romans 12:19; Ephesians 4:25, 29; Titus 3:2; James 3:10; 1 Peter 2:1; 1 Peter 3:9-10;

⁴⁴ 1 Corinthians 13:4; 2 Corinthians 6:6; Ephesians 4:32;

⁴⁵ Matthew 6:14-15; Mark 11:25-26; Colossians 3:13; 1 Peter 3:9

⁴⁶ Luke 6:35; 1 Corinthians 13:5; Ephesians 4:26, 31; Colossians 3:13; 1 Peter 3:9

⁴⁷ Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

⁴⁸ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; 1 Timothy 2:1; James 5:16

⁴⁹ 1 Corinthians 12:4-27; Galatians 5:13; Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 John 3:18; 1 John 4:19

⁵⁰ Romans 15:6; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 1:12; 1 Peter 4:11;

⁵¹ Philippians 4:4; Psalm 37:4; Psalm 73:25