

Olde Mount Vernon Baptist Church Church Covenant

Having, as we trust, been led by the Spirit of God to repent of our sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on God's gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with each other.

We will recognize the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ as Head over this church, and we will submit ourselves to His will as revealed in Scripture. Scripture, therefore, will occupy the place of ultimate authority in our doctrine and practice (Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22; 4:15; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21).

We will seek to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly desires, and remembering that, as we have been united with Christ in His death to sin, so also we have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life (Tit. 2:11-14; Rom. 6:1-4).

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves, others, and the return of our Lord Jesus Christ (Heb. 10:23-25; Eph. 6:18-20; Phil. 4:6; Lk. 18:1-8; Rev. 22:20).

We will seek to worship God in Spirit and in truth, both in our personal lives and in our corporate assemblies (Rom. 12:1; Col. 3:16).

We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We will walk together in brotherly love, rejoicing at each other's happiness, and endeavoring with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows (Eph. 4:1-3; Rom. 12:10-15).

We will exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other, and faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require. We will submit ourselves to the church in matters of discipline and seek to restore those members caught in any trespass (Gal. 6:1; Matt. 18:15-18; 1 Cor. 5; 2 Cor. 2:5-11).

We will trust God by submitting ourselves to the leaders He has given us, who keep watch over our souls as those who will give an account, and we will follow their leadership inasmuch as they do not lead us contrary to Scripture (Heb. 13:17; 1 Thess. 5:12-13).

We will, by a pure and loving example and faithful gospel proclamation, seek the salvation of the lost. We will, by faithful instruction from the Scriptures, seek to present every believer complete in Christ (Rom. 10:14-17; Matt. 28:19-20; 1 Pet. 2:12; Col. 1:28; Acts 20:32; 2 Tim. 3:16; 1 Pet. 2:2).

We will endeavor to cultivate marriages that display the relationship between Christ and His bride, the church, and to bring up our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Eph. 5:22-33; Eph. 6:4).

We will contribute cheerfully, regularly, and generously to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations (2 Cor. 9:6-8).

We will, when we move from this place, 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 (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.