

Church Covenant

God established a covenant relationship, first with His people—Israel, and then a new covenant with His people—the church.¹ Therefore, as members of God’s covenant family known as Second Baptist Church, we commit ourselves to God and to one another to be Christlike² in our lives and relationships through the presence, guidance, and power of God’s Holy Spirit.

We will love one another as Christ loved us,³ honor others above ourselves;⁴ be kind and compassionate, ⁵ encourage and build up each other;⁶ comfort one another by aiding in sickness and distress,⁷ and offer hospitality to each other.⁸

We will have a spirit of unity based on our common bond in Christ,⁹ be united in mind and convictions,¹⁰ meet together regularly,¹¹ have equal concern for each other, suffer when one suffers and rejoice when another is honored,¹² and consider others more important than ourselves.¹³

We will use our God-given knowledge to instruct one another,¹⁴ use our spiritual gifts to bless one another,¹⁵ use the Word of Christ to teach and admonish one another,¹⁶ and nurture one another toward spiritual maturity measured by the life and ministry of Jesus.¹⁷

We will confess our sins to one another, pray for each other,¹⁸ warn those who are idle, encourage the discouraged, help the weak, be patient with one another,¹⁹ forgive one another as the Lord forgave us,²⁰ and gently restore those who sin.²¹

We will not talk negatively about one another, ²² not pass judgment on one another, nor be a spiritual stumbling block to one another. Also, we will abstain from the sale and use of alcohol beverage and illicit drugs, as well as immoral, illegal, and addictive behavior ^{23, 24}. We will seek to make the example of Christ’s life supreme in our lives and in human society.

1. Hebrews 8:7-13; 9:15

2. 1 Peter 2:21

3. John 13:34

4. Romans 12:10

5. Ephesians 4:32

6. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

7. 2 Corinthians 1:4

8. 1 Peter 4:9

9. Ephesians 4:3-6

10. 1 Corinthians 1:10

11. Hebrews 10:25

12. 1 Corinthians 12:25-26

13. Philippians 2:3

14. Romans 15:14

15. 1 Corinthians 12:7

16. Colossians 3:16

17. Ephesians 4:13

18. James 5:16

19. 1 Thessalonians 5:14

20. Colossians 3:13

21. Galatians 6:1

22. James 4:11

23. Romans 14:13

24. Ephesians 5:3-4