

Chaffee Crossing Baptist Church

Church Covenant

Having, as we trust, been brought by sovereign grace¹ to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ² and to give up ourselves to Him³, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit⁴, we do now, relying on His gracious strength⁵, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other⁶.

We will aim to glorify and enjoy the God of our salvation, from whom and through whom and to whom are all things, to Him be glory forever⁷.

We will seek to imitate our Lord Jesus Christ, by joyfully giving up ourselves in humble service to one another⁸, being eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace⁹.

We will walk together in brotherly love, as becomes the members of a Christian Church¹⁰, exercising an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other, and faithfully reprove¹¹ and encourage one another as occasion may require¹².

¹ Jn. 1:12-13; 3:3-8; 6:44, 63-65; 1 Cor. 15:10; Eph. 2:4-5; 1 Peter 1:23

² Mk. 1:15; 1 Thess. 1:4-9; Eph. 2:8-9

³ Luke 9:23; Romans 14:7-12; 2 Cor. 5:9-10, 14-15

⁴ Matthew 28:19

⁵ Col. 1:29; 1 Peter 4:11; 2 Peter 1:3-4

⁶ Acts 2:42; Rom. 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 12:12-13; 2 Cor. 8:5

⁷ Ps. 16:11; Rom. 11:36; 1 Cor. 10:31; 2 Cor. 5:9; Col. 3:17; 1 Peter 1:8

⁸ Matthew 20:26-28; Jn. 13:12-17; Rom. 15:1-3; Phil. 2:1-5

⁹ Rom. 12:18; Eph. 4:1-6; Col. 3:14-15

¹⁰ Jn. 13:34-35; Rom. 15:5-7; Eph. 5:1-2; 1 Thess. 4:9; 1 Tim. 5:1-2; 1 Peter 1:22

¹¹ Prov. 27:5-6; Matthew 7:3-5; 18:15; Luke 17:1-3; Gal. 6:1; 2 Tim. 4:2; Titus 1:9, 13; James 5:19-20

¹² Rom. 12:10; 15:14; 1 Thess. 2:7-12; 5:11,14; Hebrews 3:13; 13:1; 2 Peter 1:7

We will highly esteem in love those who labor among us as elders because of their noble work¹³, by supporting them and praying for them¹⁴, while also welcoming and testing their instruction by the authority of the Scriptures¹⁵.

We will diligently strive to know the word of God and apply it to our lives, as we help one another grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ¹⁶

We will show perfect courtesy towards all people¹⁷, speaking the truth in love to one another¹⁸, avoiding quarrels, gossip, slander, and all other forms of foolish and corrupt talk¹⁹.

We will be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God in Christ has forgiven us²⁰.

Unless providentially hindered, we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, prioritizing our weekly gatherings for mutual edification and worship to God as we eagerly anticipate the Day of Christ's return²¹.

We will not neglect to pray for ourselves and for the spiritual and temporal needs of others²².

We will work together to nurture any children under our care in the training and instruction of the Lord²³, and by a pure and loving example to seek the salvation of our family and friends²⁴.

¹³ 1 Thess. 5:12-13; 1 Tim. 3:1

¹⁴ 1 Cor. 9:14; Gal. 6:6; 1 Thess. 5:25; 1 Tim. 5:17-18; Heb. 13:7, 17; 1 Peter 5:5

¹⁵ Acts 17:10-11; 1 Tim. 5:19-22; 1 Jn. 4:1-6

¹⁶ Psalm 1:1-3; 119; John 8:31-32; 14:15; Acts 18:24-26; Col. 1:28-29; 3:16; 2 Tim. 2:15; Titus 2:1-5; James 1:22-25; 2 Peter 3:18; 1 Jn. 2:13-14; 3 Jn. 4

¹⁷ Matthew 22:39; Titus 3:2; 1 Peter 2:17

¹⁸ Eph. 4:15

¹⁹ Prov. 16:28; 20:3; Rom. 13:13; 14:1; Eph. 4:29-31; 5:4; Col. 3:8-9; 2 Tim. 2:23; Titus 2:2-8; 1 Peter 2:1; 3:9

²⁰ Lk. 7:47; 1 Cor. 13:4-7; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:12-13; 1 Peter 4:8

²¹ 1 Cor. 14:12, 26; Hebrews 10:24-25

²² Rom. 12:12; Eph. 4:28; 6:18; 1 Thess. 5:17; Col. 1:9-11; 4:2, 12; James 1:27; 5:13-18

²³ Eph. 6:4

²⁴ Matthew 5:14-16; Mark 5:19-20; Rom. 10:1; 1 Thess. 2:8; 1 Peter 2:12

We will rejoice at each other's happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows²⁵ .

We will seek, by God's grace, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts²⁶ , and remembering that, as we have been voluntarily buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave, so there is on us a special obligation now to lead a new and holy life by the power of the Holy Spirit²⁷ , as we wait for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.²⁸

We will work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church, as we sustain its worship²⁹ , ordinances³⁰ , discipline³¹ , and doctrines³² .

We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church³³ , the needs of the saints³⁴ , and the spread of the Gospel through all nations³⁵ .

We will, if 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 Word³⁶ .

These and all other gospel duties we humbly submit unto, promising and purposing to perform, not in our own strength, being conscious of our weaknesses, but in the power and strength of our blessed God, whose we are and whom we desire to serve³⁷ .

²⁵ Rom. 12:15; 1 Cor. 12:26; 2 Cor. 1:3-4; 7:6; Gal. 6:2; 1 Peter 3:8

²⁶ Eph. 5:15-17; Col. 4:5-6; Titus 2:11-12

²⁷ Rom. 6:1-4; 2 Cor. 7:1; 2 Peter 3:11

²⁸ Titus 2:13-14

²⁹ 1 Corinthians 14; Hebrews 10:25

³⁰ Mathew 26:26-29; 28:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26

³¹ Matthew 18:17; Rom. 16:17-18; 1 Cor. 5; 2 Thess. 3:6, 14-15; Titus 3:9-11

³² Acts 2:42; 1 Tim. 6:3; Titus 2:1; 2 John 2:9-11

³³ Gal. 6:6; 2 Cor. 11:8; 1 Tim. 5:17-18

³⁴ Acts 2:45; 4:34-37; 6:1; 11:29; Romans 12:13; Gal. 2:10; 6:9-10; 1 Tim. 5:3-10; Titus 3:14

³⁵ Lk. 24:46-47; Acts 1:8; 13:1-3; Romans 1:5; 10:14-17; 15:20-21

³⁶ Acts 18:27-28; Rom. 16:1-2; 1 Cor. 1:2; 15:58

³⁷ Jn. 15:1-17; Rom. 12:1-2; 11

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen³⁸.

If you commit to preserve and live out this covenant as a member of Chaffee Crossing Baptist Church, please acknowledge below in writing your voluntary pledge to do so.

******By signing this church covenant, you are also promising to let the elders know what local church you intend on joining when you leave CCBC, if indeed the Lord leads you to resign your membership with us at some point in the future.***

Print (church member): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print (witness of pastor): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

³⁸ 2 Cor. 13:14