

## **Covenant of Texarkana Reformed Baptist Church**

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized into the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we do, in the presence of God, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We pledge, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together with this church in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, doctrines, and discipline; and to give it a sacred preeminence over all institutions of human origin.

We pledge to give cheerfully and regularly to the support of this church, that we may in faithfulness to God's Word carry out the duties and responsibilities incumbent upon us as a church of Jesus Christ – such responsibilities as the support of the local ministry of this church in the preaching and teaching of the word of God, spreading the gospel abroad, and relieving the poor are examples of the church's ministry.

We also pledge to maintain family and private devotions, to educate our children in the things of God, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment, to avoid all gossiping, backbiting, and excessive anger, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the gospel, kingdom, and glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Furthermore, we pledge to walk together with this church in Christian love and watchfulness, giving and receiving admonition with meekness and affection, to remember each other in prayer, to aid the other members in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy and courtesy, and to be always slow to take offense and yet always ready for reconciliation.

Finally, we pledge “to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which we have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,” which the beloved Apostle Paul, under Divine inspiration, gently enjoins on us as a church of Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 4:1-3)