

## HLBC Membership Covenant

Having been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and by the influence of his Spirit to give ourselves up to him and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, we do now relying on his gracious aid, solemnly covenant with each other:

We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, standing united in the gospel of Jesus Christ as testified by God's authoritative word. (Rom. 1:1-6; 1 Cor. 15:1-8; Gal. 1:3-9; Eph. 4:1-6)

We will walk together as brothers and sisters in fervent Christian love (John 13:34-35; Eph. 4:1-2; 5:1-2; 1 John 4:7-12; 1 Pet. 1:22)

We will exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over each other, and faithfully warn, rebuke, and admonish one another as the case shall require. (1 Cor. 5:1-2; 1 Thess. 5:14; Heb. 3:12-14)

We will not neglect to assemble together, nor omit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others. (1 Cor. 11:23-26; 12:7; 14:26; Eph. 6:18-20; Col. 4:2-4; Heb. 10:24-25)

We will participate in each other's joys, and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows. (Rom. 12:15; Gal. 6:2; James 2:14-17)

We will endeavor to bring up those who may at any time be under our care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and to encourage each other in that work. (Deut. 6:4-7; Ps. 127:3-5; Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21; Titus 2:1-8)

We will seek to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, remembering that, since we have been buried by baptism and raised from the symbolic grave, we now have a special obligation to lead a new and holy life. (Rom. 6:4; Eph. 5:15-21; 1 Thess. 4:7; Titus 2:12; 1 Pet. 1:13-25; 2:11-12; 1 John 2:15-17)

We will strive together for the support of a faithful evangelical ministry and contribute cheerfully and regularly to the finances of the church. (1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Cor. 9:7; Gal. 6:6; Phil. 1:27; 1 Tim. 5:17-18)

We will endeavor by our actions and our speech to win souls to Christ. (Matt. 5:13-16; 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 9:19-23; 2 Cor. 5:11-20; Col. 4:2-6)

We will, when we move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with another evangelical church of like faith and practice where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word. (Heb. 10:24-25)

We will, in the event that we fall into a pattern of unrepentant sin, receive the loving correction of our church family to call us back to Jesus Christ, for the good of our eternal inheritance. (Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5:1-7; Gal. 6:1-2; Heb. 12:1-11)

In all circumstances, we will seek to live to the glory of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. (Matt. 5:11-16; 1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 1:11-14; 1 Pet. 2:9-11)

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