

## Church Covenant Series: iSHARE

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FBC MISSION: Seeking to honor God by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus who love, live, and share Him.



### Introduction:

#### 3 Benefits of a church covenant:

- It helps create a culture of \_\_\_\_\_ DNA in our faith family.
- It defines \_\_\_\_\_ on how we agree to live.
- It is a sign of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Big Idea:** The Bible teaches us that God chose another name for “church,” it is “\_\_\_\_\_.” **For a family to function as intended, everyone must share the responsibilities.**

#### I will share the responsibility of my church...

...by \_\_\_\_\_ for its growth (1 Thessalonians 1:1–2, Colossians 1:9-11, Ephesians 1:18-19)

##### Praying for our Church

1. Give **thanks to** God for this faith family
2. To **know the hope & power** we have in of Christ
3. For **humility, love and unity** through Christ to grow
4. That **giving would be faithful**, as well as joyful, consistent, and sacrificial
5. To **take the gospel to places it’s never been** in our daily happenings and lost people would be saved

...by \_\_\_\_\_ others (to attend)

...by warmly welcoming those who visit (Romans 15:1-2)

...by sharing my faith (Mark 16:15, Romans 1:16)

7 Steps to Sharing Your Faith:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Seize the moment
3. Start the conversation (ask good questions)
4. Be \_\_\_\_\_
5. Use the \_\_\_\_\_
6. Always point them to \_\_\_\_\_
7. Trust the \_\_\_\_\_ for help

...by participating in biblical discipleship (Colossians 2:6-8)

**Truth into Action:** Being responsible is a learned behavior. **Help our faith family function well by fulfilling your responsibilities!**

**Connect Card:** How has this sermon challenged you to be more responsible in this faith family? How can we pray for you?

#### FBC Covenant

Having received the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior following my repentance of rebellion and sin and having been baptized and being in agreement with First Baptist’s beliefs and core values, I now believe to be led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the First Baptist Church family. In doing so, to the best of my ability, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

### Table Talk

1. The fourth key statement in our church covenant is “I will share the responsibility of my church.” No church can truly thrive if a few people are carrying the load. Do you agree or disagree with that statement? If so why, if not, why not?
2. God carefully chose the term “family” to refer to the church. What thoughts enter your mind when you are challenged to think of your church as your “faith family” instead of an organization you attend? Discuss this with those in your group.
3. Discuss the meaning of each of the five key responsibilities in iSHARE.
  - **...by praying for its growth**
  - **...by inviting others (to attend)**
  - **...by warmly welcoming those who visit**
  - **...by sharing my faith**
  - **...by participating in biblical discipleship**
4. Which of those five key responsibilities do you find easier to fulfill?
5. Which of those five key responsibilities do you find harder to fulfill and why?
6. Based upon pattern seen in **1 Thessalonians 1:1-2**, when was the last time someone said to you, “I’m praying for you”? What difference do you think the statement from Paul, Silvanus & Timothy in verse 2 made in the lives of the people in the church at Thessalonica?
7. Discuss the difference a powerful prayer network at FBC, following the example of Colossians 1:9-14, would make in our church, our city, our region.
8. People have begun attending and then get involved in a faith family because they were invited and welcomed warmly. Do you invite unbelievers for dinner, small group, event or a worship service? If so, how has God worked in the life of another through that invite? If not, why not?
9. In the sermon, 7 steps to sharing your faith were mentioned. Discuss them with those in your group. As a group discuss how you could be deliberate in sharing the gospel with others.

Closing: End your time with reading 1 Corinthians 12:12–27. Ask God to grow each of us in sharing responsibility as a faith family.