

Church Covenant Series: iSERVE
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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: Serving others is where our _____ goes into _____.

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:

I will maintain a close relationship with the Lord Jesus

I will protect the unity of my church

I will serve in the ministry of my church...

- ...by being _____ to _____ (Ephesians 4:11-12)
 - **equipping** – the restoring to its original condition, or is made complete, the word was often used as a medical term for the setting of bones
 - **for the work of ministry** -
 - **for the building up** – (read Ephesians 4:13-20)

• ...by developing a _____ heart (Philippians 2:3-4, 7)

- _____ – an elevated view of self that causes you to look down on others
- _____ – seeing yourself as God sees you including both your strengths and your weaknesses

A 4-Fold Unity to Strive For:

- Develop a unified mindset in regard to _____ & _____
- Demonstrate a unified deep, self-sacrificing concern for each other
- Decide to completely share your _____ with each other
- Determine together how you will conduct yourselves toward a common _____

• ...by discovering and using my _____ and _____ (1 Peter 4:10-11)

Truth into Action: My faith in action will look like me serving others for the fame of God and the good of all others.

Connect Card: Help me find a place to settle into and serve.



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

(This resource is designed to be used in small groups or around your table by yourself or with your family)

Read - Ephesians 4:11-12

1. The purpose of the mentioned church leadership in vs. 11 was clearly stated as what in verse 12?
2. The word “equip” means to make someone completely adequate or sufficient for something. Do you view the role of the pastor as doing the ministry or equipping the saints to do the ministry?
3. Creating a culture of *developing people equipped for ministry* should be our goal. What sorts of barriers might hinder this culture in a church family?
4. The concept of “building up” means the construction of something, with a focus on the event of building up. The text clearly communicates an object to focus upon. What is it?
5. Grab your Bible and read Ephesians 4:13-16. What is held at bay in the body of Christ when the saints are equipped, and the body of Christ is built up?
6. What would the church that failed to equip the people to do the work of ministry and the believers failed to build up the body of Christ look like?

Read - Philippians 2:3-4, 7

7. The key to servanthood is the attitude behind the actions. Do you agree or disagree with that statement?
8. Why are we commanded to avoid “doing” out of a self-motivated spirit?
9. What is pride (describe it):
10. What is humility (describe it):
11. Serving is all about Jesus. He becomes our example to follow. What is the “form of a servant?” (v. 7)

Read - 1 Peter 4:10-11

12. Based upon 1 Peter 4:10 the believer is commanded to use his gift to serve one another. Why do you think this is commanded?
13. As the Apostle Peter wrote his letter to those believers, he stated a fact. Each believer has been entrusted with a gift. What were they to do with what they had received?
14. A steward is like a manager. What would “good stewardship” of gifts look like in a local church?

Closing Prayer: