

Church Covenant Series: iSUPPORT

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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: We are here for each other and the many who will follow us.

I will support the testimony of my church

...by attending faithfully (Hebrews 10:24-25)

- The *objective* in community is _____ in others (24)
- The *commitment* to community is for the purpose of _____ others (25)
- The *need* in community is _____ others (25)
- The *priority* in community is _____ (25)

...by walking in holiness, through God's grace, as an act of worship to Jesus (Philippians 1:27)

Understanding "HOLY"

- The word "holy" means "_____."
- We are made holy positionally at the _____ by God.
- Walking in holiness occurs through the grace of God by the power of the Holy Spirit who lives and dwells in every believer.

...by giving biblically (2 Corinthians 8:1-9)

God's generosity is the impetus for our giving

- An attitude of love and thankfulness (2 Cor. 8:8-9)
- An attitude of dependence upon God's faithfulness (2 cor. 8:2)
- An attitude of willingness and eagerness (2 cor. 8:2-3; 9:7).

Truth into Action:

- Since God values my redemption and new life supremely, I will by the enabling grace of the Holy Spirit live my life in a worthy manner so others might find like joy in God forever.



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 is the final sermon in our series on Church Covenant. Being a healthy church now and for generations to come is essential. God has uniquely positioned us to be a part of a fresh movement of God in this region of the world. We dream of a day when every person in our region would experience JESUS because men, women, boys and girls were living out His life through their own.

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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:

Q-Think about that paragraph and write down a few thoughts: “Spirituality is a private matter.” Have you ever heard (or perhaps expressed) that sentiment? God’s Word makes it clear that true spirituality is not primarily a private matter. True religion (the worship of the one true God who is the creator, sustainer and redeemer of the universe) is a joint effort requiring interaction with other believers. You will not grow to your full potential in your faith in Christ by alienating yourself from other Christ-followers.

Read Hebrews 10:24-25

Q-What do you think it means to “neglect meeting together?”

Q-Some Christians have the idea that as long as they show up on most Sundays for a worship service they are “doing their part.” Do you think that this verse is promoting showing up on Sunday or is it promoting something more?

Q-What responsibility do Christians share when they meet together?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:7

Q-The Christian life is a journey—we are going somewhere. Many times, the New Testament refers to this journey as “walking.” How does this verse describe the way Christians should be walking? What is the difference between “faith” and “sight?”

Q-What evidence would demonstrate that a person is walking by sight?

Q-What evidence would demonstrate that a person is walking by faith?

Read 1 Peter 1:14-16

Q-What does the word “holy” mean and why is it important in the life of a believer?

Read 1 Corinthians 16:2

Q-Planned giving to God’s work out of our material resources is a consistent theme in the Bible. What principles on giving can you see in this verse?

Q-What is your gut reaction to this verse?

Q-What other biblical principles should be considered along with this verse when it comes to governing how we give?

Q-How does giving financially to a church affect the one who gives? How does it affect the church as a whole?

Discuss the following pattern for giving:

- A. God’s generosity is the reason for our giving.
- B. Biblical giving is guided by the right motive (Matthew 6:1-4).
 - 1. An attitude of love and thankfulness (2 Cor. 8:8-9)
 - 2. An attitude of dependence upon God’s faithfulness (2 Cor. 8:2)
 - 3. An attitude of willingness and eagerness (2 Cor. 8:2-3; 9:7).
- C. Biblical Giving is guided by the right principles
 - 1-Plan your giving 2-Prioritize your giving 3-Give prayerfully 4-Give consistently 5-Give proportionately

Closing Prayer: God help us to make much of you so that others for generations to come will have the privilege of being a part of a faith family that leads many others into relationship with You.