

Church Covenant Series: iWORSHIP

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

Introduction: It is God's plan that believers belong to local churches. Joining a local church is one of the most counter-cultural things a person can do.

Big Idea: The local church is a gift from God to you, _____ yourself to Christ and to His bride the Church.

Definition: A covenant is an _____ between two or more persons to do or not do something specified.

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 _____.

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

- ...by _____ the Bible regularly
- ...by setting aside time to _____ with God
- ...by engaging in gospel-oriented _____ with my church family



Psalm 105:1-2; Psalm 119:97; Colossians 1:9-12; Galatians 4:19; Hebrews 10:23-25, Hebrews 3:12-13

Truth into Action:

-Take the steps to be ALL IN!



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

Today Pastor Gene began taking us through the First Baptist Church Covenant. A membership covenant is one of several things our church has embraced to create a culture of healthy DNA. All of us have experienced sickness in our physical bodies and we know how difficult it is to do life while you are ill. Many of us have been a part of a sick or ailing organization and it is painful. The Bible makes reference to a living organism called the church. The church is made of people who have found in Jesus their forgiveness of sin as well as spiritual life. So establishing a membership covenant is about each of us entering into an agreement that clearly states what we can expect from others, and in turn, what will be expected from us.

1. If you are a member of FBC, what is your response to the idea of being in a covenant with other followers of Jesus?
2. If you are a regular attender or new here, what are your thoughts about a membership covenant?
3. There were 3 benefits given for having a church covenant. Discuss each of them.
4. Discuss the comment, "The FBC covenant is not intended to be a tool to leverage guilt in order to get individuals to act in a certain way but rather an agreement that makes clear what is expected of me and what I can expect from others."
 - Which of the ways to stay close to Jesus do you find the easiest to pursue? (Bible Study, prayer, gospel-oriented relationships)
 - Why do you think that is the case?
 - Which of the three do you find the hardest to pursue?
 - Why do you think that is the case?
5. How would you describe your personal study of God's Word?
6. Communication with God is not limited to one direction. Prayer completes the conversation. How would you describe your personal communication with God?
7. Do you long to deepen your walk with Him? What specific steps can you take to develop a more meaningful time of communication or prayer with God this week?
8. Cultivating deep, meaningful, gospel-oriented relationships with other believers is vital to maintaining a close relationship with Jesus. Based upon the scripture mentioned in the sermon, why is so important?
 - What does a gospel-oriented relationships look like in your opinion?
9. Are you connecting deeply with other believers for the purpose of sharing your life? Is your relationship with other followers of Jesus limited to a few conversations on Sunday morning? Would you like to deepen those relationships?
10. There is a reason the New Testament uses the image of the Body of Christ to illustrate the church. Disconnected parts wither and die; connected parts thrive and flourish. What do you think are the benefits of Christ followers sharing their lives and learning to live out the gospel together?

FURTHER STUDY:

Acts 2:42-47

Benefits of the Bible: Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3,19:7,19:8, 19:9-11, 119:2 ,9, 11, 28, 50, 80, 98, 99, 105, 130, 165; Proverbs 13:13;

Isaiah 55:10,11; Matthew 4:4; Luke 6:46-49; John 8:31-34; John 15:7,17:17; Romans 1:16, 10:17; Galatians 3:24; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; James 1:22-25; I Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 1:4; Revelation 1:3