

Grace Baptist Church of Wilmington, North Carolina
CHURCH COVENANT

Grace Baptist Church exists to proclaim and display the good news of redemption through the Lord Jesus Christ to all people for the glory of God. Our desire, through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, is to faithfully make and mature disciples who live faithfully committed to the Scriptures.

We acknowledge that we have been called to salvation through the work of the Holy Spirit. We are the body of Christ that is comprised of sinners who have received the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. Through faith in Christ, we have been adopted into the family of God. Through our profession of faith, we have also been placed into His body: the church. Upon our salvation we have made a public confession of our faith by being immersed in water in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. We endeavor, therefore, to fulfill God's commandments in our lives through edifying one another and using our individual gifts for the benefit of the body of Christ.

We commit to love God supremely. We will adore Him as our highest joy and satisfaction above all else. We will delight in and obey His Word and present our lives daily to Him as a living and holy sacrifice.

We commit, under the control of the Holy Spirit, to love one another graciously. We will encourage one another in the faith, using our words, actions, and Christian liberties to build up one another, rather than tear down one another. We will pursue the unity of the church by receiving and showing hospitality to one another and considering one another as more important than ourselves. We will, by God's grace, walk together in Christian love. We will faithfully strive for the advancement of this local church in knowledge and holiness. We will promote the spiritual growth of one another by faithfully participating in corporate worship, by practicing the New Testament ordinances, and by contributing financially both regularly and cheerfully to support the work of the ministry. As a part of this local body, we will faithfully and generously contribute to the expenses of the church, to the assistance of those in financial need, and to the proclamation of the gospel to all nations.

We commit to a relentless pursuit of holiness. We will not hide or ignore sin, but will biblically address one another's sin with love, forbearance, and forgiveness.

We commit to raising our families according to the commandments and principles of Scripture. We will serve as salt and light in the world as we walk circumspectly and consistently demonstrate a Christlike character. We commit our lives to reaching the world compassionately with the gospel. We will actively involve ourselves in the lives of our local community while living worthy of the gospel. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we will keep ourselves unstained from the world and will faithfully share the truths of the gospel through local and global efforts.

We commit to watching over one another in brotherly love and concern. We will faithfully remember one another in prayer. We will commit to assisting one another in times of

sickness, trial, and distress. By God's grace, we will faithfully and sacrificially use our spiritual gifts to serve one another.

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.