

WESTMEADE BAPTIST CHURCH

Church Covenant

By the grace of God, and for His glory and our joy, we, the members of Westmeade Baptist Church, affirm this covenant with one another.

Having been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to surrender our lives to Him, and having been baptized as Christians in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we covenant together to glorify God by making disciples of all nations.

(Ac. 2:38; 16:31; 20:21; Rom. 10:9-10; Lk. 14:25-33; Ac. 2:41; Rom. 6:1-4; Is. 43:7; 1 Cor. 10:31; Mt. 28:18-20; 2 Tim. 2:2; Ps. 67:1-2; Rev. 7:9-10)

Together, we will draw near to God in worship. We will delight in the glory of God, depend on the presence of God, grow in the knowledge of God, and submit to the Word of God as the all-sufficient authority in our lives and in His church.

(Heb. 10:22; Rom. 12:1-2; Ps. 16:11; 37:4; 63:1-11; Ex. 33:14-18; Mt. 28:20; Jn. 15:5; Jas. 4:8; Php. 3:10; Col. 1:9-12; 2 Pet. 3:17-18; 2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Ps. 19:7-11; 119:105-112)

Together, we will hold fast to the hope we profess. We will regularly participate in communion as we solemnly and joyfully remember the past work of Christ on the cross, celebrate the present work of Christ at the Father's right hand, and anticipate the future work of Christ in His return for His bride.

(Heb. 10:23; Lk. 22:7-23; Ac. 2:42; 1 Cor. 11:23-32)

Together, we will spur one another on to love and good deeds. We will meet with one another consistently, pray for one another regularly, and serve one another selflessly. We will share each other's joys and bear each other's burdens. We will edify one another with our speech and encourage one another with our example. We will humbly and gently confront one another and receive correction from one another in accordance with a New Testament understanding of church discipline and restoration. We will give cheerfully and generously to the support of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

(Heb. 10:24-25; Php. 1:3-6; Rom. 12:9-13; 1 Cor. 12:26; 2 Cor. 2:3; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 4:29-32; 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1; Php. 4:9; Mt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5:1-13; Gal. 6:1; 2 Cor. 8-9)

We will submit to the leadership of pastors who have been entrusted by God to serve and care for this body by teaching the Word of Christ to us and modeling the character of Christ before us, and we will affirm deacons as leading servants in the church.

(Heb. 13:17; Ac. 6:1-7; 20:28-31; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; 5:17-20; 1 Pet. 5:1-4)

If we move from this local body, we will as soon as possible unite in membership with another church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

(Ac. 18:27-28; Rom. 16:1-2; 1 Cor. 15:58; Col. 3:23; Heb. 10:24-25)

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.

(2 Cor. 13:14)