

## **Springfield Baptist Church Church Membership Covenant**

We are a community of believers in God as revealed in Jesus Christ as Lord. We believe in the authority of the Bible, the equality of all members, unity in diversity, and the priesthood of all believers. In communion with and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we seek to follow the way of Jesus Christ and share the Good News of the Lord God through worship, education, evangelism, ministries, and missions. As an autonomous Baptist church, we value our heritage as Baptists and the freedom it allows us to minister along side other Christian groups, both Baptists and non-Baptists. We express our love for all in gratitude for the love God has shown to us.

At this time and in this place, as members of this fellowship called Springfield Baptist Church, our only calling is to be the people of God. We are here by choice for the specific purpose of worshiping God and ministering in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As the Scripture declares in Galatians 3:28, *"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."* We are one in Jesus Christ. As all stand equal under God, so they are in this congregation. Every brother and sister is a minister of the Gospel.

As a member of this fellowship, and as a child of God, I commit myself to seek to attain these privileges and responsibilities:

- I will attend regularly and support faithfully the opportunities for worship and education provided by this congregation;

- I will offer to know and love other members of this fellowship, and I am willing to be known and loved by them;

- I will respect the right of all members to express their beliefs. Although we may not always agree, I will respect the beliefs of others and will work for unity of spirit and purpose as fellow Christians in this fellowship;

- I will enlist and welcome guests to this fellowship, and will help them feel a part of our community of faith;

- I will pray for myself and others so that we may grow in our relationship to Christ and to each other;

- I will take seriously my spiritual gifts and actively share them in ways that will strengthen this fellowship;

- I will give systematically a sacrificial percentage of my income and possessions to support financially our church's ministries in gratitude for the grace of God and the ministry of this fellowship;

- I will be open to listening and responding to God's word as it comes to me in all areas of life in various forms;

- I will take seriously my responsibility in training and educating our children and youth in biblical truths, with the hope that they will affirm their Christian heritage, declare their faith in Christ, and live accordingly;

- I will be an example of Christ in the world, being just, merciful, and honest in my dealings and faithful in my obligations with all people;

- I will cooperate with believers everywhere within the larger body of Jesus Christ; and

- I will be aware of the depth and extent of human needs both in my immediate community and in the world at large. I will obey the commands given in the Great Commission, and will support the efforts of this fellowship in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

With God's help and with the help of my brothers and sisters in this fellowship called Springfield Baptist Church, I make this covenant.

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