Church Covenant

First Baptist Church of Laurel

We have, by God's grace, been brought to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to love Him with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We do now, in dependence upon His Spirit, solemnly and joyfully make this covenant with each other. We will make it our aim, individually and corporately, to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. (Psalm 86:9; 1 Cor. 10:31)

We will submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final word on all matters of life and doctrine. (2 Tim. 3:14-17)

We will walk together in love, praying for one another, encouraging each other in our Christian walk, carefully watching over each other, and faithfully warning, exhorting, and admonishing one another as occasion may require. (Matt. 7:1-5; Col. 3:13; 1 Thess. 5:11)

We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:1-3)

We will use our words to build up one another and glorify God rather than speaking lies, deceit, slander, or gossip. (Eph. 4:29-31)

We will show Christian love, affectionate care, and genuine forgiveness toward each other. (Jn. 13:34-35; Eph. 4:32; 1 Pt. 1:22)

We will rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep, helping to carry each other's burdens. (Rom. 12:15)

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. (Hebrews 10:23-25)

We will engage in private worship at home, and will uphold the great duty of biblically training our children, and those under our care, for the service of Christ and the enjoyment of heaven. (Ephesians 6:4; 1 Peter 3:1)

As we are the light of the world, and the salt of the earth, we will seek by God's help to mortify our sin and pursue lives of holiness that are well-pleasing to God, that we may win the souls of men and women. (Rom. 6:1-14; 1 Thess. 4:1; Titus 2:12; 1 Pt. 1:14-16)

We will proclaim the gospel in our homes, neighborhoods and to the ends of the earth in whatever way the Lord enables us.(Mt. 28:18-20; 2 Cor. 5:16-21)

We will joyfully and sacrificially contribute from our resources, according to God's gift, for the maintenance of a faithful and biblical ministry among us, for the support of the poor, and for the spread of the gospel. (2 Cor. 9:7; Gal. 6:10; James 1:27; 1 Jn. 3:17-18)

We will defend and maintain a Christ-exalting ministry in this church by supporting and upholding the preaching of the Bible, the administration of believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper and when necessary the exercise of church discipline.(Mt. 18:15-20; Acts 2:38; 1 Cor. 5:9-13, 11:26; 2 Tim. 4:2)

We will, when moving from this place, unite with another church where we will carry out the spirit of this
covenant and the principles of God's Word.

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)