

GHBC Church Covenant

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body of Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit...

To walk together in Christian love.

To strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort.

To promote its prosperity and spirituality.

To sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines.

To contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

To maintain family and secret devotions.

To religiously educate our children.

To seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances.

To walk circumspectly in the world.

To be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our department.

To avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger.

To be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

To watch over one another in brotherly love.

To remember one another in prayer.

To aid one another in sickness and distress.

To cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech.

To be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

Gravel Hill Baptist Church Constitutional Statement on the Termination of Membership (Article 4, Section 3):

“Restoration of a sinning member, not removal, is the goal of church discipline. However, removal of membership can be a result of such discipline, and such termination can be effected only by vote from the body and never by private exhortation or any one member or church leader.”

Termination of membership as a result of discipline can only be made at the recommendation of the pastor(s) and deacons and requiring a 75% or greater vote of no less than 25% of active membership present at a business meeting. The church retains authority to refuse a member's voluntary resignation or transfer of membership to another church for the purpose of proceeding with a process of church discipline.

“I have read and understood this covenant and this church's constitutional statement on the termination of membership. I affirm these statements and I wholly and voluntarily submit myself to them.”

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____