



CHURCH COVENANT

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1 Corinthians 14:40 — “But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner.”

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God has graciously entered into a covenant relationship with His people.¹ Jesus Christ is the Mediator of the New Covenant.² His blood is the blood of the New Covenant, which infallibly secures all the benefits of the covenant for all of God's people.³ God has, in this New Covenant, made us members one of another.⁴ Therefore, we are to view our lives as being in covenant with God, and as believers, in covenant with one another. In this relationship, we have covenant responsibilities to each other as well as to God.

As a basis for fellowship and covenantal commitment among our members, we agree on the following Church Covenant:

By the grace of God we have been led to repent of our sin and believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We have confessed our faith and been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Now, therefore, in the presence of God and by His grace, we joyfully and solemnly enter into a covenant with the members of Desert Son Community Church:

- *We commit to walk together in Christian love through the power of the Holy Spirit and to strive for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*
- *We purpose to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember one another in prayer, to help one another in sickness and distress, and to cultivate Christian compassion and courtesy.*
- *We commit to sustain the Church's worship (regular attendance and fellowship), discipline, doctrine, and ordinances which are Baptism and the Lord's Supper.*
- *We will reject all heretical beliefs and practices, using Scripture as our final authority.*
- *We will strive by God's grace and power to live as Christ in the world. By denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we will seek to fulfill our calling to lead a holy life and to be salt and light.*
- *We will both submit to the Church's discipline upon ourselves and lovingly assume our responsibility to participate in the discipline of other members, as taught in Scripture.*
- *We resolve to practice personal and family worship, to raise our children in the training and admonition of the Lord, and to seek the salvation of our family, friends, neighbors, and of all the world.*
- *We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to this Church for its general ministry and expenses, the relief of the poor, the cause of reformation and revival, and the spread of the Gospel throughout all nations.*
- *We commit to seek and spread a passion for the supremacy of the Lord Jesus Christ in all things by the power of the Holy Spirit, for the glory of God.*

¹ **Jeremiah** 31:31-34; 32:40; **2 Corinthians** 6:14-7:1; **Hebrews** 8:7-13; 10:16-17; 13:20-21

² **Hebrews** 8:6

³ **Matthew** 1:21-23; 26:26-28, **Hebrews** 13:20-21

⁴ **Romans** 12:4-5; **1 Corinthians** 12:12-27; **Ephesians** 4:25