

COVENANT STATEMENT

“Believing that by God’s grace I have been redeemed through the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary, and His victorious resurrection from the dead, I believe **God’s will is for me to unite with the fellowship of Candies Creek Baptist Church** for His eternal glory and praise, and for **my own spiritual well-being and the spiritual welfare of all fellow members**. I do, hereby, enter into a **covenant relationship with the Candies Creek Baptist Church**, pending affirmative acceptance by the church body, by agreeing to these Biblical membership expectations as goals to be attained in the pursuit of godliness:

- I will **faithfully participate in the worship services and ministries of the church** (Hebrews 10:23-25).
- I will **gladly give my regular financial support, through tithes and offerings, to the ongoing work and ministry of the church** (2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 9:6-7).
- I will **eagerly serve Christ through the unique talents and spiritual gifts with which He has endowed me for equipping of the saints, the furtherance of the Gospel, the up building of the Body of Christ**, and for the glory of God (Romans 12:6-21; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31; Ephesians 4:11-13).
- I will humbly participate in the Biblically-prescribed process of **church discipline** (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5; Galatians 6:1-5; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15; 1 Timothy 1:8; 5:19; Titus 3:5-11).
- I will faithfully pursue **growth in Christ** (discipleship), **mutual accountability, and spiritual nurture, care, and fellowship through participation in a small group** (2 Peter 3:17-18).
- I will **diligently pray for, seek to encourage, and support the pastoral and ministry leadership provided to our church by** those God puts in authority over us (1 Timothy 2:1-4; Hebrews 13:17).
- I will pursue **intimate accountability with one or two others** of the same gender, as God may direct, for the purpose of **living the Christian life in the context of mutual accountability, faithfulness to Christ, and the development of faith** (Proverbs 27:17).
- I will pray for the fulfillment of, and **participate in the accomplishment of, the Great Commission** (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8).
- I will **seek to grow in the prescribed prayer patterns of Scripture**, for the glory of God, **the well-being of the church, the salvation of the lost**, and for **spiritual awakening in our nation and the nations of the earth** (Matthew 7:7-8; 9:37-38; Acts 2:42-47; Ephesians 6:18-19; 1 Thessalonians 5:17).
- I agree to **pattern my life after the teachings of Scripture** and **in a manner consistent with the Church Covenant** listed on back:

CHURCH COVENANT

Church Covenant: *Having been brought by divine **grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith**, in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and **joyfully** enter into our **covenant with each other**. (Ephesians 2:8-10; Matthew 28:18-20)*

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

*We will **walk together in brotherly love**, as is becoming of Christ and **His Church**, exercise an **affectionate care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully admonish and entreat one another** as occasion may require. (Romans 12:10; 1 Corinthians 12:25; 1 Thessalonians 5:14)*

*We will not forsake the **assembling of ourselves together**, and further, we will be **a house of prayer for all the nations** and **faithfully pray for one another**, as well as for **those not yet a part of the Body of Christ**. (Hebrews 10:25; Mark 11:17; James 5:16; Matthew 9:38)*

*We will endeavor to bring up those as may at any time be under our care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by a pure and loving **example to seek the salvation of our family, friends, and the lost**. We will, further, make every effort to maintain personal and family worship, and to Biblically **train our children** for the glory of God. (Ephesians 6:4; Romans 9:1-5; Deuteronomy 6:4-9)*

*We will rejoice at **each others'** happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear **each other's** burdens and sorrows. (1 Corinthians 12:26; Galatians 6:2)*

*We will seek, by Divine aid, to **live carefully** in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and remembering that, as we have been voluntarily buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave, so there is on us a special obligation **now to lead a new and holy life**. (Titus 2:12; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Peter 2:9-10)*

*We will **work together** for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry **in this church**, as we sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines. **We will 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**. (Hebrews 12:12-14; 2 Corinthians 8:1-2; 9:6-7)*

*We will, having been commissioned by Christ to go and **make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to observe everything that Christ has commanded us**, commit ourselves by His grace and the authority of Christ and the empowerment of His Holy Spirit to **be Christ's witnesses in our Jerusalem, in all our Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth** for the eternal glory of our great God. (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)*

*We will, when we move from this place, 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. **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 Corinthians 13:11-14)*