

# CHURCH COVENANT

At Harvest Christian Fellowship, we place great emphasis on community—that is, how we are to live together as part of a local church.

Our church covenant, adapted from one of the earliest Baptist covenants, details the life that each member at HCF commits to living. We ask every member at HCF to sign the church covenant as a testimony to our common understanding of how we will live together in this faith community.

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## **Harvest Christian Fellowship Church Covenant:**

*Having, as we trust, 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 of the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully enter (or renew) our covenant with each other.*

*We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

*We will walk together in brotherly love, as becomes the members of a Christian Fellowship; exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require.*

*We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others.*

*We will endeavor to bring up such 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 and friends.*

*We will rejoice at each other's happiness, and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows.*

*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.*

*We will work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in this fellowship, 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 fellowship, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.*

*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.*