

EXCERPT FROM THE CONSTITUTION OF FAIRACRES BAPTIST CHURCH

ARTICLE V - 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 by immersion in the name of the Father, 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 in 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 to the support of the church, the relief of the poor and to spread the Gospel through all nations.

We also pledge to maintain family and private devotions, to educate our children in the truth of Christ and to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances. We will be just in our dealings and faithful in our engagements. We will control our tongues and anger. We will abstain from the use and sale of intoxicating substances and keep ourselves free from the allure and addictions of the mind, spirit, and body as are common to those who have not commended themselves to the Lord. (Galatians 5:19–21)

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and in distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in courtesy and speech; to be slow to take offense but quick to reconcile as instructed by our Savior.

We also pledge that if we leave this fellowship, we will unite with another church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.