



Church and Member Commitment

MEMBERS UNITED IN CHRIST

In accordance with the will of the Father, under our holy head, Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we, the membership of Heritage Baptist Church, hereby covenant ourselves under this triune God, to be a particular people for His glory and delight, in obedience to Holy Scripture and in devotion to the exaltation of the Son, who is Jesus Christ. (HBC Constitution; Article 1)

We believe that membership is a sacred covenant between the redeemed of a local church, whereby they voluntarily enter submission and accountability with one another for the sake of living out Christ in their individual lives and as a community. Membership is, therefore, a recognized covenant relationship with each individual fitted as a part of the larger whole, in mutual submission and accountability to the imperium of Christ. (HBC Constitution; Article VII)

We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church, the object of our worship, the one to whom all glory is due, and the central theme of our message. People confessing Christ as Savior is the preeminent means by which God is glorified, and confession entails an active following of Christ in obedience and submission to the rule of Christ. It is the gospel proclaimed and the gospel lived out that serves as the primary witness to the realities of a living Christ. The scope of our mission is to live among and proclaim the gospel among every people, nation, ethnicity, and language group, so that they may follow Jesus Christ in eternal joy and worship. (HBC Constitution, Article IV)

THE ELDERSHIP'S COMMITMENT TO THE MEMBER

The elders of the church are to lovingly govern, care for, and equip the membership to do the work of the ministry.

The Eldership is responsible for governing the church, teaching the Word of God, praying for and tending to the flock of God in this church, and exercising authority in matters which are not the governing responsibility of the membership. The elders shall be equal in authority but may be specialized in function. The Eldership includes a functional hierarchy of different roles, responsibilities, and degrees of exercised leadership that is authorized by the Eldership in accordance with the Constitution. (HBC Constitution; Article VIII)

Elder

Date

THE MEMBER'S COMMITMENT TO THE BODY OF CHRIST AT HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

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 in Christ, under the power of the Word of God, unto mission to make followers of Jesus Christ by living the gospel life among the nations.

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 unity; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute generously, cheerfully, and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of this church, and the spreading of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain rhythms of spiritual growth in our families and in our personal lives; to biblically love and disciple our children; to seek the salvation and spiritual growth of others; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our behavior; and to avoid all unbiblical words and actions that affect the unity of the body of Christ and hinder the advancement of His Kingdom.

We acknowledge the high regard of the local church in the Scriptures; therefore, if we should ever consider leaving this church, we would engage to do so in a healthy manner by conversing with the church Eldership. Should we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with a healthy gospel church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant in accordance with the principles of God's Word.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to stir up one another to love and good works; to not neglect meeting together; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian compassion and courtesy in all things; to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the commands of our Savior to secure it without delay. (HBC Constitution; Article VI)

Member's signature* Date

Member's signature* Date

** Membership becomes effective on the date I am presented before the church for membership.*