

Bayview Baptist Church Membership Covenant

By the grace of God I have been led to repent of my sin and believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. Now, being in agreement with the mission, vision, core values, and statement of faith, I feel led by the Holy Spirit to joyfully and solemnly unite in holy covenant with the Bayview Baptist Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members in the following ways:

1. To protect the unity of Bayview Baptist Church by:
 - a. Accepting the Scripture as the final authority and engaging to walk together in Christian love through the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - b. Refusing to gossip, malign, or attack one another.
 - c. Endeavoring after unity of mind in doctrine.
 - d. Following the leadership of the Holy Spirit and ordained church leaders.
2. To share responsibility in Bayview Baptist Church by:
 - a. Praying for church growth and maturity.
 - b. Inviting the unchurched to attend.
 - c. Warmly welcoming all visitors.
3. To serve in the ministry of Bayview Baptist Church by:
 - a. Discovering and using my spiritual gifts and talents for the common good.
 - b. Being equipped to serve the body of Christ as called.
 - c. Serving in at least one ministry capacity a year.
 - d. Fervently seeking the salvation of my family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, acquaintances, and of all the world.
4. To seek to build community at Bayview Baptist Church by:
 - a. Participating in a small group or Sunday School class.
 - b. Developing genuine and sincere relationships with one another.
 - c. Resolving to practice personal and family worship and to train my children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
 - d. Being slow to take offense, always eager to seek the reconciliation Christ commands, and continually working to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
5. To commit to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ by:
 - a. Seeking discipleship by another mature believer.
 - b. Discipling a new Christian personally or being involved in a small group in which I contribute to the spiritual growth of others.
 - c. Watching over one another in brotherly love, remembering one another in prayer, helping one another in sickness and distress, and cultivating Christian compassion and courtesy.
 - d. Submitting to the church's discipline upon myself and lovingly assuming my responsibility to participate in the discipline of other members, as taught in Scripture.
6. To support the testimony of Bayview Baptist Church by:
 - a. Faithfully attending the church's meetings for worship, prayer, study, and fellowship unless providentially hindered.
 - b. Striving by God's grace and power to live as Christ in the world.
 - c. Being just and honest in my dealings and faithful in my responsibilities and commitments.
 - d. Contributing 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.

Signature and Date