

MOUNTAIN BIBLE CHURCH

COVENANT

2018

Having been brought by God's grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, we now, in dependence upon His Spirit, resolve to live by faith, and so establish this covenant with each other.

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

We will be devoted to one another in brotherly love. With humility and gentleness **we will** patiently bear with each other, forgiving, encouraging and building one another up, exercising watchfulness over each other and admonishing one another when necessary.

(Luke 17:3; Colossians 3:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; 1 Peter 1:22)

We will not neglect to gather together, or to pray for ourselves and others.

(Colossians 4:2; Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:25)

We promise to bring up our children and youth in the training and instruction of the Lord. Since we desire the salvation of our family and friends, **we will** strive to be pure and loving examples before them. (Ephesians 6:4; 1 Peter 3:1)

We will rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep. We will help carry the burdens and sorrows of others as well as share in the joys of the church body.

(Romans 12:15)

We will seek, by God's help, to live carefully in this world, denying ungodliness and worldly passions. **We will** strive to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age, as we wait for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ. (Titus 2:12-13; 1 Peter 1:14)

We will defend and maintain an evangelical ministry in this church by supporting and upholding the following:

- The preaching of the Word of God (2 Timothy 4:2)

- The administration of church ordinances (baptism and the Lord's Supper)

(Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 11:26)

- The exercise of church discipline (Matthew 18:17; 1 Corinthians 5)

We will contribute cheerfully, generously and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel to all nations.

(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 9:7)

We will, if 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 13:14)