

CHURCH COVENANT

We, as members of the Oakbank Baptist Church, Oakbank, Manitoba having been led as we believe by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour; 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, do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

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

We also will endeavour to maintain family and private devotions; to bring up our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord; to seek the salvation of our families and acquaintances; to walk carefully in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our conduct; and to be eager in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We will further endeavour to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

And we will moreover endeavour that when we move from this community, we will, 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.