

Coram Deo Church Covenant

Our Mission:

Coram Deo Church exists to glorify the God of the Scriptures in promoting His worship, evangelizing sinners, and edifying saints. To this end we are committed to proclaiming God's perfect Law and His glorious Gospel of Grace in Jesus Christ throughout the world, and to defending the faith.

The purpose of this covenant is to serve as a teaching document with two functions.

- To clarify the biblical obligations and expectations for all members of the church.
- To serve as an aid for correction and spiritual growth.

This covenant is a written agreement between the member and the corporate body of Coram Deo Church for the performance of certain actions. It is the responsibility of the offended party to humbly and lovingly express any concern over a failure to uphold this covenant. If at any time one of the parties of this covenant continues in a state of unfaithfulness to its provisions, the other is released from certain obligations.

Having been brought by the Holy Spirit to repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ according to the will of the Father, and having been baptized in faith in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, **we do now joyfully and solemnly covenant together.**

To trust and obey the Word of God (2 Peter 1:19-21)

- Acknowledge its supreme and final authority. (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
- Confess and defend the doctrines of the church. (Eph. 4:11-16)
- Strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort. (Eph. 3:18-19)

To promote and protect the unity of the church (John 17:20-22)

- Walk together in Christian love. (John 13:34-35)
- Speak words of edification. (Eph. 4:25, 29)
- Seek reconciliation by humbly repenting and freely offering forgiveness. (Matt. 18:15-20)
- Serve and provide care for one another as members of one body in Christ (Gal. 6:9-10)
- Submit to the leaders who have been granted authority by Christ through the church. (1 Thes. 5:12-13)
- Work together in accordance with this Covenant, our Church Constitution and Confession. (Rom. 15:5-6)
- Watch over one another and receive admonishment as occasion may require. (1 Thes. 5:14)
- Participate in and accept the discipline of the church concerning doctrine and conduct. (Matt. 18:15-20)
- Submit to the teaching and authority of appointed elders. (Heb. 13:17)

To take part in the edification of the church (Eph. 4:15-16)

- Give our time and money cheerfully and regularly to the ministries of the church. (2 Cor. 9:6-15).
- Serve the church using our spiritual gifts. (Rom. 12:6)
- Pray for the church as a whole and for its members. (James 5:16)
- Faithfully participate in the life of the church by actively engaging in worship, fellowship, and ministry unless providentially hindered. (Heb. 10:23-25)
- Give the church a sacred pre-eminence over all institutions of human origin. (Matt. 16:18-19)
- Observe the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper that Christ has given to the church. (Matt. 28:18-20, Luke 22:14-20).
- Fulfill family obligations and commitments. (Eph. 5:22-6:4)
- Engage in family worship and private devotion. (Deut. 6:4-9)

- Raise those under our care in the fear of the Lord. (Eph. 6:4)

To preserve the spiritual purity of the church

- Practice complete chastity unless married and, if married, complete fidelity within a heterosexual and monogamous marriage. (1 Cor. 6:15-20)
- Abstain from sexually immoral practices. (1 Thes. 5:3-5)
- Preserve the gift of marriage and agree to pursue reconciliation prior to divorce. (Matt. 19:4-9)
- Abstain from drunkenness, gossip, jealousy, as well as other sinful behavior. (Rom. 13:13, Gal. 5:19-21, Eph. 5:18)

To be faithful kingdom witnesses (Acts 1:8)

- Seek to fulfill the Great Commission through the proclamation of the gospel. (Matt. 28:19-20)
- Aid the poor and downtrodden. (Luke 12:32-34)
- Live with humility, justice, mercy, holiness, and peace in the world. (Micah 6:8)

Obligations of Coram Deo Church elders to the church body

- Appoint elders and deacons according to the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures. (1 Tim. 3:1-13, Titus 1:5-9)
- Seek God's will for the church and steward its resources according to the Scriptures. (1 Peter 5:1-4)
- Provide teaching and counsel from the whole of Scripture. (Acts 20:27-28, 2 Tim. 4:1-5, Titus 2:1)
- Equip the members of the church for the work of ministry. (Eph. 4:11-16)
- Guard against false teaching. (Matt. 7:15, Acts 20:28-31)
- Exercise discipline when necessary. (Matt. 18:15-20, Gal. 6:1)
- Set the example in fulfilling the obligations of church membership. (Titus 2:7-8, 1 Peter 5:1-3).

Member Information

Name: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Previous Church Membership: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Pastor Signature: _____ Date: _____

