

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



**“Let’s All BE the Church”
Ephesians 4:11-16**



BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Since by divine grace we have been brought to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to commit ourselves to Him, and upon our profession of faith having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, relying upon His gracious aid, we do now solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.



We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

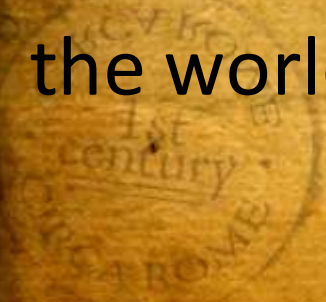
We will walk together in brotherly love, exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require.





We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others.

We will purpose to accomplish the Great Commission by making disciple-makers who follow Christ, love God, love others, and serve the world.





We will rejoice at each other's happiness and with tenderness and sympathy endeavor to bear each other's burdens and sorrows.

We will seek to live for God's glory, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, remembering we have been buried with Christ in baptism and raised to walk in a new and holy life.



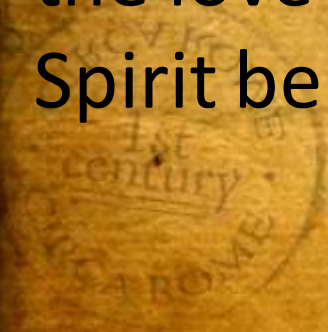
We will work together to advance a faithful evangelical ministry in this church, as we sustain its worship, ordinances, doctrines, and discipline.

We will 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 will, when we move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with another 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.





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15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head— Christ—

16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.



“You must BE before you can DO, and you must DO before you can HAVE.”





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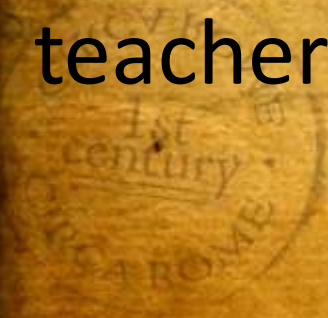
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b. The function (v. 12b)—edifying the body of Christ

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c. The goal—everyone coming to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

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d. The purpose (vv. 14-15)—no longer children, but growing disciples

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e. The result (v. 16)—a growing vital organism, at its essence the body of Christ, marked by loving edification

16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.



In the Lord's Supper we "declare" the body and blood of Christ.

By partaking of the Lord's Supper we assert that we are, by grace through faith, His body—the church.





And from BEING comes redemptive,
effectual DOING.

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comes HAVING the desires of your heart
relative to God's will for you, your family,
your loved ones and friends, and
especially the church body of which you
have been made a part.