

Wychwood Baptist Church Covenant¹

Wychwood Baptist Church is a new covenant community that gathers under the headship of Jesus Christ. Being citizens of His kingdom, we desire to walk in a manner worthy of our calling, submitting ourselves to the responsibilities required of us in Scripture. We do now, by the empowering grace of our Triune God, solemnly and joyfully uphold the new covenant which Christ has established by his atoning work on the Cross.

Believing that the Bible is the perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; divinely inspired, without error, and wholly trustworthy:

We will strive to diligently study God's Word and submit our lives to its authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

Believing that our chief end is to glorify and enjoy God forever:

We will strive, in all we do, to glorify and enjoy the God of our salvation; for from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be all glory forever!

1 Co 10:31; Rom 11:36

Believing that biblical marriage and the Christian home were divinely ordained by God:

We will strive to uphold a biblical understanding of marriage and to train our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord, seeking to live in a way that adorns the Gospel of Christ before our family, friends, and neighbours.

Prov 22:6; Eph 6:4; 1 Pt 3:1b

Believing that our possessions are God's gifts to us:

We will strive to be faithful stewards of all that God has given to us by contributing cheerfully and generously to the preservation of the church and the proclamation of the gospel.

Mt 28:19; Lk 12:33; 2 Co 9:7

Believing in the divine conception and preservation of the Church:

We will strive not to neglect assembling together, but to support and treasure the biblical preaching of the whole counsel of God, the faithful observance of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the loving exercise of church discipline, and the humble pursuit of corporate prayer.

Hb 10:25; 2 Ti 4:2; Acts 2:38, 42; 1 Co 11:26; Mt 18:17; 1 Co 5:13

Believing that Jesus has called us to love one another, just as He has loved us:

We will strive to eagerly maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace by building one another up in love and by putting away all bitterness, anger, and slander.

Eph 4:3, 29, 31; Gal 5:16, 25

Believing that God has made us one body in Jesus Christ:

We will strive to love one another in all our varied circumstances and spiritual states; bearing each other's weaknesses and failings with tenderness and compassion; and warning and rebuking each other with all humility, gentleness, and patience.

Rom 12:10; 15:1-2; Gal 6:2; Eph 4:2; 1 Th 5:14; Heb 10:24-25

Believing that Christ has commissioned the Church to make disciples of all nations:

We will strive to proclaim all that Christ has commanded us by encouraging discipleship, evangelism and missions, believing that this is the way sinners are convicted of sin and brought to salvation, and the gospel is taken to the whole world.

Mt 28:19-20; Mk 16:15; Acts 1:8

In all these things, we rely upon our Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who has made a new and everlasting covenant with us, "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules."

¹ The WBC Covenant has been designed to be read in conjunction with our Statement of Faith which expresses more fully our doctrinal beliefs.

Ezek 36:26-27