

Preamble:

Where possible, we reckon church membership by family as the basic building block of the local church; recognizing, raising up and supporting the headship that God has ordained within each one as the principal method of discipleship for the local body.

WSFBC Membership Covenant**Biblical Basis:**

Having been led by the Spirit of God to 1) come to the understanding that we are sinners in God's sight, justly deserving His wrath and without hope except for His sovereign mercy and grace; 2) believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and God the Son; and that He died for our sins, was buried and rose again on the third day; 3) be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, upon the profession of our faith; we do now proclaim that the Bible, which is comprised of the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament and the twenty-seven books of the New Testament, is God's only inerrant Word; that it is the final authority concerning everything it talks about and is therefore the standard by which we will measure our lives and our conduct with one another.

Commitment to our Church:

We engage, 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 purity; To promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, 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; 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 practice Christian hospitality toward one another and in spreading the gospel; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the Savior's commands to secure it without delay.

Commitment to Family Discipleship:

We also engage to maintain and promote the biblical family, to disciple and raise up a godly generation of children, seeking their salvation and the salvation of their kindred and future generations.

Commitment to Witness:

We further engage that we would walk circumspectly in the world; be just in our dealings, be faithful in our engagements, be exemplary in our deportment, and honor civil authority.

Commitment to Reconnect:

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place 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.

Commitment to Authority:

We further proclaim, in the presence of God, that we most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as a local assembly of Christians under the gracious Lordship of Jesus Christ, the servant leadership of the elders, and the loving accountability of one another.