



# ELMIRA CHRISTIAN CENTER

## *Covenant*

Having been led by the Spirit of God to repent and believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and upon our profession of faith in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His grace alone, sincerely and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ, to make known the glory of God and the preeminence of Christ by proclaiming the truth of the gospel in the power of the Spirit.

We will walk together in brotherly love,<sup>i</sup> exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other,<sup>ii</sup> and encourage one another to grow in love and good works,<sup>iii</sup> growing ourselves in faith, study of the Word, prayer, and fellowship.<sup>iv</sup>

We will meet with one another consistently,<sup>v</sup> pray for ourselves and others regularly,<sup>vi</sup> edify one another with our speech,<sup>vii</sup> rejoice with those who rejoice,<sup>viii</sup> and endeavor to bear each other's burdens and sorrows.<sup>ix</sup>

We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,<sup>x</sup> humbly and gently confronting<sup>xi</sup> and receiving correction from one another in accordance with a New Testament understanding of church discipline and restoration.<sup>xii</sup>

We will endeavor to nurture and admonish those in our care,<sup>xiii</sup> to walk purposefully yet carefully in this world,<sup>xiv</sup> to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts,<sup>xv</sup> and to seek, by a pure and loving example, the salvation of our family and friends.<sup>xvi</sup>

We will work together to sustain the worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines of this church,<sup>xvii</sup> contributing cheerfully and regularly to the support of its various ministries and expenses,<sup>xviii</sup> the relief of the poor and afflicted,<sup>xix</sup> the making of disciples, and the spread of the Gospel to all nations by giving of our time, talents, and treasure.<sup>xx</sup>

We will submit to the Word of God as the all-sufficient authority in our lives and in His church,<sup>xxi</sup> and to the leadership of this church,<sup>xxii</sup> who have been entrusted by God to serve and care for the members of this body by teaching the Word to us and modeling the character of Christ before us.<sup>xxiii</sup>

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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- i Ephesians 5:2
  - ii Ephesians 4:32
  - iii Hebrews 10:24
  - iv 2 Peter 3:17-18
  - v Hebrews 10:25
  - vi Colossians 1:9-10
  - vii Ephesians 4:29
  - viii Romans 12:15
  - ix Galatians 6:2
  - x Ephesians 4:3
  - xi Galatians 6:1
  - xii Matthew 18:15-20
  - xiii Ephesians 6:4
  - xiv Ephesians 5:15
  - xv Titus 2:12
  - xvi 2 Corinthians 5:20
  - xvii Romans 12:4-8
  - xviii 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
  - xix James 1:27
  - xx Matthew 28:19
  - xxi 2 Timothy 3:16-17
  - xxii Hebrews 13:17
  - xxiii Acts 20:28-31