Annotated Turner Village Church Covenant

In response to the eternal love of God the Father,[[1]](#footnote-1) the redeeming love of God the Son,[[2]](#footnote-2) and the sealing love of God the Spirit,[[3]](#footnote-3) we join together as a community of baptized believers[[4]](#footnote-4) in this covenant[[5]](#footnote-5) for the glory of God[[6]](#footnote-6) and by His grace,[[7]](#footnote-7) committing:

* **To give ourselves daily to the worship of God.[[8]](#footnote-8)** We will do this through family and personal devotions;[[9]](#footnote-9) through prayer for one another and with one another;[[10]](#footnote-10) through teaching our children in the Christian faith;[[11]](#footnote-11) through engaging with believers in discussion of God’s word and his works in our life;[[12]](#footnote-12) and through seeking opportunities to be salt and light to the world,[[13]](#footnote-13) that whether we eat or drink,[[14]](#footnote-14) live or die,[[15]](#footnote-15) we will do all things to the glory of the One who is our eternal treasure.[[16]](#footnote-16)
* **To seek to live in Christian unity[[17]](#footnote-17) and love with one another.[[18]](#footnote-18)** We do this with compassion and gentleness,[[19]](#footnote-19) realizing that we are all sinners saved by grace.[[20]](#footnote-20) We will meet together regularly[[21]](#footnote-21) and encourage one another in good works,[[22]](#footnote-22) using our spiritual gifts for the good of the body.[[23]](#footnote-23) We will bear one another’s burdens in love[[24]](#footnote-24) and help one another to grow more and more in Christ-likeness.[[25]](#footnote-25) We will confront sin in the church graciously and Biblically, always desiring repentance and restoration to God.[[26]](#footnote-26)
* **To live as a bright city on a hill[[27]](#footnote-27) to our dark and dying world.[[28]](#footnote-28)**  We will seek to live in such a way that those who are strangers to God may see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven.[[29]](#footnote-29) We will seek to be faithful ambassadors of God’s kingdom, sharing his message of reconciliation with those around us.[[30]](#footnote-30) We will seek to bring the aroma of the knowledge of Jesus with us every place we go,[[31]](#footnote-31) and will prepare ourselves to give the reason for the hope we have in us.[[32]](#footnote-32)
* **To strive to build up the kingdom of God in all places.[[33]](#footnote-33)** We will love and encourage[[34]](#footnote-34) our faithful brothers and sisters in the faith wherever we find them.[[35]](#footnote-35) We will weep with the grieving, rejoice with the glad,[[36]](#footnote-36) and offer prayers that God would be glorified through his people wherever they are.[[37]](#footnote-37) We will seek opportunities to spread the knowledge of God in every nation, tribe, and tongue.[[38]](#footnote-38) We will cheerfully support God’s work as he gives us the opportunity.[[39]](#footnote-39)

We beg God to hear us[[40]](#footnote-40) in this covenant and that He would daily give us both the desire[[41]](#footnote-41) and the ability to be faithful[[42]](#footnote-42) to it as we pursue Him in His word.[[43]](#footnote-43) Our highest desire is His pleasure in our individual lives[[44]](#footnote-44) and in our corporate life as the body of Christ.[[45]](#footnote-45) May the Lamb who was slain[[46]](#footnote-46) receive the reward of His suffering.[[47]](#footnote-47) He is our life[[48]](#footnote-48) and our all in all.[[49]](#footnote-49) Amen.

1. Psalm 136; John 16:27; 1 John 3:1, 4:19 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. John 3:16, 1 John 3:16 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. John 14:16-17, 26 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-6; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:21 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Jeremiah 31:31-34 [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Isaiah 43:7 [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Ephesians 2:8-9 [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Romans 12:1; Psalm 27:8 [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Deuteronomy 6:4-9; James 4:8 [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. Ephesians 6:18; 1 Timothy 2:1 [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. Ephesians 6:4; 1 Timothy 3:4-5; Proverbs 22:6 [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. Philippians 1:6; Hebrews 10:24 [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. Matthew 5:13-16; Colossians 4:6 [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. 1 Corinthians 10:31 [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. Romans 14:8; Colossians 3:17, 23-24 [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. Matthew 6:19-21; 1 Peter 1:3-4 [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
17. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Romans 12: 4-5, 16, 18 [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
18. Romans 12:10 [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
19. Colossians 3:12; Galatians 6:1 [↑](#footnote-ref-19)
20. Romans 3:23-25; Ephesians 2:8 [↑](#footnote-ref-20)
21. Matthew 18:20; Hebrews 10:25 [↑](#footnote-ref-21)
22. Hebrews 10:24; Galatians 6:9 [↑](#footnote-ref-22)
23. Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 [↑](#footnote-ref-23)
24. Galatians 6:2; Romans 15:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:14 [↑](#footnote-ref-24)
25. Proverbs 27:17; Romans 8:29; 1 Peter 2:21; 1 Timothy 1:16 [↑](#footnote-ref-25)
26. Matthew 18:15-17; Romans 12:19-21; Luke 17:3 [↑](#footnote-ref-26)
27. Matthew 5:14-16 [↑](#footnote-ref-27)
28. 1 Peter 2:9 [↑](#footnote-ref-28)
29. Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 2:12 [↑](#footnote-ref-29)
30. 2 Corinthians 5:18-20; Colossians 1:20; Romans 5:10 [↑](#footnote-ref-30)
31. 2 Corinthians 2:14-17; Ephesians 5:2 [↑](#footnote-ref-31)
32. 1 Peter 3:15; Colossians 4:6 [↑](#footnote-ref-32)
33. Matthew 6:33; 2 Corinthians 10:8; Romans 14:19; 1 Corinthians 14:12 [↑](#footnote-ref-33)
34. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 [↑](#footnote-ref-34)
35. Romans 1:7, 16:16 [↑](#footnote-ref-35)
36. Romans 12:15; Philippians 4:14-17 [↑](#footnote-ref-36)
37. Ephesians 6: 18-20; Philippians 1:3-5 [↑](#footnote-ref-37)
38. Matthew 28:19-20; Philippians 2:9-11; Revelation 7:9 [↑](#footnote-ref-38)
39. Proverbs 19:17, 21:26; 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 8:3; 9:6-7 [↑](#footnote-ref-39)
40. John 14:13; Matthew 7:7 [↑](#footnote-ref-40)
41. Psalm 1:2; Ephesians 2:10 [↑](#footnote-ref-41)
42. Ephesians 1:1; Philippians 2:13 [↑](#footnote-ref-42)
43. Psalm 119:2, 10, 105 [↑](#footnote-ref-43)
44. Matthew 24:45-47; 25:21 [↑](#footnote-ref-44)
45. Psalm 147:11; 149:4 [↑](#footnote-ref-45)
46. Romans 5:6; Philippians 2:8; Revelation 5:12; 13:8 [↑](#footnote-ref-46)
47. Hebrews 12:2 [↑](#footnote-ref-47)
48. Colossians 3:4; John 11:25 [↑](#footnote-ref-48)
49. 1 Corinthians 15:28; Ephesians 1:23; Colossians 3:11 [↑](#footnote-ref-49)