

## CHURCH COVENANT

I confess that I have been led by the Holy Spirit to understand my sinfulness and to repent of my transgressions, to trust the Lord Jesus Christ as the only means for salvation and to believe that He was born of a virgin, lived a perfect life, died a sacrificial death, and was raised to life by the power and plan of God. As a testimony to my faith, I have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I understand that salvation is by grace, through faith, and not of my own works. Even so, as a result of my desire to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God, I covenant with other believers at Hillview Baptist Church to pursue the following biblical teachings with diligent devotion:

*I commit my life to the lordship of Jesus Christ and submit to the conviction, leading, and teaching of the Holy Spirit in all aspects of life.*

*I devote myself to regular and fervent prayer on behalf of others and myself—interceding for the lost, praying for the spiritual health of believers, seeking God on behalf of our congregation and the church universal, and praying for those in positions of leadership, both in the church and in all levels of government.*

*I will regularly and faithfully study the Scriptures, understanding them to be fully inspired by God and thus the mediator of truth and authority in all matters of faith, life, and church government.*

*I resolve to practice forgiveness in my life. I choose to confess my sins, knowing that Jesus is faithful to forgive them. I choose to ask for forgiveness from others when I have wronged them. I choose to forgive others all offenses as Jesus has forgiven me.*

*I commit to live a peaceful and quiet life; I will not participate in or foster dissension in the church or any place. I will guard my speech on every occasion, diligently resisting the temptation to gossip, slander, envy, or pursue selfish gain.*

*I commit to live a life of personal purity, honoring my body as the temple of God, refraining from drunkenness and other habitual practices.*

*I dedicate my family to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and will model devotion to Him, teaching my children to love, obey, and serve Him.*

*I will not neglect to be active in the life of the church, but I will support and treasure the biblical preaching of the whole counsel of God, the faithful observance of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the loving exercise of church discipline.*

*I will contribute cheerfully and generously to the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the advancement of the gospel both to our neighbors and the nations.*

*I commit to invest in the lives of other people for the purpose of making disciples by sharing with them the good news of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.*