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## COVENANT

Since we have been brought by God to repent of our sins<sup>1</sup> and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation through his death and resurrection<sup>2</sup>, signified by our identification with Christ through water baptism<sup>3</sup>, we now offer ourselves completely to Him<sup>4</sup>, and we joyfully and whole-heartedly make this covenant with each other as one body in Christ<sup>5</sup>.

### Our Commitment to God's Glory

We will glorify God above all else by keeping his commandments<sup>6</sup>, by allowing God to work through us<sup>7</sup>, by living in harmony with one another<sup>8</sup>, by keeping ourselves pure<sup>9</sup>, and by displaying our good deeds<sup>10</sup>. Should we fail to glorify God in those ways, we agree to confess our sins to each other and pray for each other so we can be healed<sup>11</sup>.

### Our Commitment to Scripture

We will look to God's written word first to guide our congregational and individual lives, viewing the Bible as the final doctrinal authority on all matters<sup>12</sup>. Holding the Evangelical Free Church of America's statement of faith<sup>13</sup>, we will unite on the theological essentials contained there and avoid division over non-essential issues<sup>14</sup>.

### Our Commitment to Worship

We will join together regularly to worship<sup>15</sup>, to partake in communion<sup>16</sup>, and to encourage and build each other up<sup>17</sup>. We will worship God continually through our thoughts and emotions, our spoken words, our righteous acts, and our sacrificial lifestyle<sup>18</sup>.

### Our Commitment to Each Other

We will strive to be the aroma of Christ through our fellowship<sup>19</sup>, allowing the Holy Spirit to make us one in heart and mind<sup>20</sup>. We will be intentionally involved in discipling relationships, such as community groups<sup>21</sup>. We will pray for each other, encourage each other, provide material assistance to each other, and hold each other accountable to godly living<sup>22</sup>. We will overcome judgment by grace, conflict by forgiveness, interpersonal and intercultural differences by respect, and selfish control by generosity<sup>23</sup>. We will not allow gossip or backbiting any place in our midst<sup>24</sup>.

### Our Commitment to Evangelism

We will work to meet spiritual, emotional, and physical needs, both in our community and around the world. We will let our love for Christ and others shine, so that people will give glory to God when they see our servant-hearted actions<sup>25</sup>. As we go through our daily lives, we will strive to influence others to glorify God by becoming disciples of Jesus Christ and following his teaching<sup>26</sup>.

### Our Commitment to Ministry

We will be workers in God's harvest<sup>27</sup>, using our spiritual gifts and talents, material resources, and time to accomplish God's purpose as one body<sup>28</sup>. We will commit to regular service, financial giving, and participation in community that is sacrificial, cheerful, and voluntary<sup>29</sup>.

### Our Commitment to the Local & Universal Church

We will submit to the oversight of the leaders God has placed in authority in our church<sup>30</sup>, and willingly accept their spiritual discipline as outlined in Scripture when required<sup>31</sup>. We will notify the leadership of the church if at any time we are no longer willing to commit to this covenant. If we decide to move on from this congregation, we will seek to unite with a church family where we can live out the spirit of this covenant<sup>32</sup>.

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- <sup>1</sup> 1 John 1:9
  - <sup>2</sup> Romans 3:23-26
  - <sup>3</sup> Colossians 2:12
  - <sup>4</sup> Romans 12:1-2
  - <sup>5</sup> Romans 12:3-8
  - <sup>6</sup> John 15:8-10
  - <sup>7</sup> 1 Peter 4:10-11
  - <sup>8</sup> Romans 15:5-7
  - <sup>9</sup> 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
  - <sup>10</sup> 1 Peter 2:11-13
  - <sup>11</sup> James 5:16
  - <sup>12</sup> 2 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 4:12
  - <sup>13</sup> [www.efca.org/about-efca/statement-faith](http://www.efca.org/about-efca/statement-faith)
  - <sup>14</sup> Ephesians 4:1-3
  - <sup>15</sup> Colossians 3:16
  - <sup>16</sup> 1 Corinthians 11:24-28
  - <sup>17</sup> Hebrews 10:24-25
  - <sup>18</sup> Romans 12:1-2
  - <sup>19</sup> 2 Corinthians 2:14-15
  - <sup>20</sup> Acts 4:32-35
  - <sup>21</sup> Titus 2:1-6
  - <sup>22</sup> Galatians 6:1-2
  - <sup>23</sup> 1 Peter 4:7-11
  - <sup>24</sup> 1 Timothy 5:12-13
  - <sup>25</sup> Matthew 5:13-16
  - <sup>26</sup> Matthew 28:18-20
  - <sup>27</sup> Matthew 9:37-38
  - <sup>28</sup> Romans 12:4-8
  - <sup>29</sup> 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
  - <sup>30</sup> Hebrews 13:17
  - <sup>31</sup> Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Corinthians 5:1-5
  - <sup>32</sup> Hebrews 10:24-25

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