

Member Covenant

Coram Deo Bible Church

Joplin, Missouri

In obedience to God and His Word, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, I will strive to faithfully maintain the following covenant with my fellow members and the elders of Coram Deo Bible Church as we endeavor to exalt the Lord together.

- I will faithfully engage in the life of the church through regular participation and engagement in worship, discipleship, and community.
- I will faithfully practice the '*one another*' statements of the New Testament, and affectionately care for my brothers and sisters, as has Christ for His church.
- I will continually pray for the church, its members, and elders.
- I will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace within our church.
- I will diligently work to understand and exercise my gifting in service of Christ within this local Body.
- I will strive to be holy as Christ is holy; I will encourage and exhort others toward holiness making every effort to catalyze (promote, encourage, stimulate) their sanctification.
- I will hold the elders in great esteem and submit to their leadership.
- I will endeavor to engage in frequent spiritual conversation for the edification of my brothers and sisters.
- I will endeavor to consistently, joyously, and sacrificially contribute to the church with my finances.
- I will rejoice with other's happiness and when any member is undergoing difficulties, will care for and support them, bearing their burdens, and earnestly praying on their behalf.
- I will strive to faithfully and regularly share the gospel with others as the Lord gives me occasion to proclaim the good news of His salvation.

**Below is a further, expanded explanation of
our covenant with Scripture references:**

- I will faithfully engage in the life of the church by submitting to the preaching of the word and the ordinances in the weekly worship gathering, I will participate in discipleship, and pursue community with a willing obedience to the Lord.
(1 Corinthians 4:1, 2 Corinthians 5:18,20, 2 Corinthians 4:7, Galatians 4:14, 2 Thessalonians 3:14, Hebrews 10:25).

- I will pursue an affectionate, sincere, genuine love in all things towards my brothers and sisters as Christ has for His church (John 15:12, John 13:34,35, Rom. 13:8)

- I will continually pray for the prospering of this church under God's protection. I will pray for the elders that they might receive God's help and be successful in the work that God assigns to them.

(Ephesians 6:18-20, 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2, Colossians 4:3, Acts 12:5, Psalm 122:6, Philippians 1:4-5, Romans 1:9-10, Acts 12:5, Isaiah 62:6-7)

- I will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace both in general and in particular. I will note watchfully and avoid carefully all causes and causers of divisions. I will shun seducers, false teachers, and those who spread errors contrary to the word of God.

(Philippians 2:1-3, Ephesians 4:1-6, 1 Corinthians 1:10, 2 Corinthians 13:11, Romans 14:19; 16:17-18, Matthew 24:4-5, 1 Timothy 6:3-5, Titus 3:10-11).

- I will work diligently to understand and faithfully exercise my spiritual gifts within and for the common good of this local body with an attitude of humble service.

(1 Peter 4:10, Ephesians 4:15-16)

- I will live and walk in an exemplary way in all holiness and godliness, to the glory of the gospel, the edification of the church, and for the conviction of those outside the church. I will lovingly and carefully warn others to avoid sinful conduct. If any offending member will not accept such warning I will bring their case before the church in accordance with Scripture.

(Psalm 24:3-4, Matthew 5:16,20, 2 Timothy. 2:19, Titus 2:11-14, Matthew 18:15-17, 1 Thessalonians 5:14, Hebrews 3:12-13; 10:24-25)

- I will hold the elders in great esteem and submit to their leadership, for their work's sake. I will observe and carefully follow their lives to the extent that they walk in the ways of Jesus Christ. I will stand by the elders in any trials or persecutions that may arise because of their work.

(2 Timothy 4:16, 1 Timothy 2:16-18, 1 Corinthians. 4:16, 1 Corinthians 11:1, Hebrews 13:7, 2 Thessalonians 3:7, Philippians 3:17, 1 Timothy 4:12, 1 Peter 5:3, 1 Corinthians 4:1, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, 1 Timothy 5:17, 1 Peter 5:5, Hebrews 13:7, 17)

- I will separate and keep apart from the world, and from the men of the world in all their ways of false worship, so that we are seen to be a different people.

(Numbers. 23:9, John 15:19, 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, Ephesians 5:8,11, 2 Timothy 3:5)

- I will engage in frequent spiritual conversation for the edification of my brothers and sisters. I will bear with their infirmities, weaknesses, sensitivities, and failings; in meekness, patience, and pity; providing help and assistance. I will consider others as more important than myself, not thinking more highly of myself than I ought, trusting the Lord for humility in all my interactions with others.

(Malachi 3:16, Job 2:11, Ephesians. 4:29, Colossians 4:6, Ephesians 5:4, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Hebrews 3:13, Ephesians 4:32, Matthew 18:21-22, Mark 11:25-26, Romans 14:13; 15:1-2, Philippians 2:1-4)

- I will contribute to the church with my finances consistently, joyously, and sacrificially. I will be a good steward of God's blessings support the ministries and mission of our church both locally and worldwide. I will offer my time, energy, and talents as befits a follower of Jesus.

(1 Timothy 5:17,18, Galatians 6:6-7, 2 Corinthians 9:7, 1 Peter 4:10)

- I will rejoice with other's happiness and when any member is in distress, persecution, or affliction, will humbly, tenderly and affectionately, support them in their various circumstances and conditions, bearing burdens coming along side them and earnestly pray on their behalf.

(Acts 12:5-7, 12, Romans 12:15, Galatians. 6:2, Hebrews 13:3, 1 Corinthians 12:25-26, James 1:27)

- I will strive to faithfully and regularly share the gospel with others as the Lord gives me occasion to proclaim the good news of His salvation.

(Matthew 28:19-20, 1 Corinthians 9:16)