

CHURCH COVENANT
of the
CRYSTAL VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Adopted by the membership January 2020.

In keeping with the nature of a true and orderly gospel church, this church does by mutual agreement and consent, give itself freely to the Lord and to one another in accordance with the instructions of Holy Scripture. To help articulate a corporate understanding of that agreement, its members accept and adopt the following covenant resolutions to direct them in how to live and operate together.

- We covenant as members, having been regenerated by the work of the Holy Spirit, to evidence the proof of our conversion by the profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, the repentance from our sin, and the witness or testimony of our public baptism;
- To recognize God's overarching purpose for our lives, namely to glorify God, and, by his grace, to live in a manner consistent with that calling;
- To recognize foremost the authority of Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of the church, and to submit to his will as revealed in Scripture in all our beliefs and practices in whatever forms they are held, articulated, or expressed;
- To recognize, under the headship of Christ, the authority of this local church corporately, made up of all its members, and to submit to it in its unique government and culture as a church in areas entrusted by Christ to the church;
- To recognize two biblical offices designed to supervise the spiritual and physical welfare of the church, namely Pastors and Deacons, and to submit and honor both roles respectively in areas entrusted by Christ to Pastors and Deacons;
- To regularly gather together in public and private meetings, both corporately as a whole in one agreed place, and individually as smaller groups in homes and the community, for worship, instruction, fellowship, and service;
- To share in the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, both as witnesses and participants, as often as they are practiced;
- To support the church in its work of fulfilling the commands and commissions entrusted by Christ to the church as they are uniquely obeyed and applied in this church, and as we are each individually gifted, with our prayers, time, talents, and finances; and
- To recognize the church's responsibility to exercise acts of church discipline in appropriate cases, by appropriate means, and for appropriate purposes.

~ *For detailed articles identifying, informing, and instructing this church see its Constitution & Bylaws* ~