



Cornerstone Baptist Church
Bylaws and Constitution
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ARTICLE 1.

NAME AND PURPOSE

ARTICLE 1.1NAME

This congregation of believers, located in Fort Worth, Texas, shall be known as the Cornerstone Baptist Church of Ft. Worth, Inc.

ARTICLE 1.2PURPOSE

This congregation is organized as a church exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law), including, but not limited to, for such purposes, the establishing and maintaining of religious worship, the building of churches, parsonages, schools, chapels, radio stations, television stations, rescue missions, print shops, counseling centers, youth centers, daycare centers, orphanages, websites, cemeteries, and camps; the evangelizing of the unsaved by the proclaiming of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ; the educating of believers in a manner consistent with the requirements of Holy Scripture, both in Sunday and weekday schools of Christian education; and the maintaining of missionary activities in the United States and any foreign country.

ARTICLE 2. STATEMENT OF FAITH AND COVENANT

SECTION 2.01 STATEMENT OF FAITH

The following comprise the Scriptural beliefs of this church and its members.

ARTICLE 2.1.01 THE SCRIPTURES

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men supernaturally inspired; that it has truth without any mixture of error for its matter; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the age, the only complete and final revelation of the will of God to man; the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

- A) By "The Holy Scriptures" we mean that collection of sixty-six books, from Genesis to Revelation, which as originally written does not only contain and convey the Word of God but is the very Word of God.
- B) By "inspiration" we mean that the books of the Bible were written by holy men of old as they were moved by the Holy Spirit in such a definite way that their writings were supernaturally and verbally inspired and free from error, as no other writings have ever been or ever will be inspired.
- C) We believe that the original manuscripts are no longer in existence, but that God supernaturally and providentially preserved His Word from the beginning through all of time to this very moment. Psalms 12:6-7; Isaiah 59:21; Matthew 5:18, 24:35; 1 Peter 1:23.
- D) We believe that God's Word is preserved for us today in the Authorized King James Version, and that it is the God-honored text of the Reformation. We believe that inspiration without preservation would be meaningless. We reject all other translations and paraphrases of the Word of God and subscribe to and use only the authorized King James Version in all of our activities.
- E) We believe the Bible to be the absolute and final rule of faith, doctrine and practice for the believer and that every believer must come under its authority in order to be obedient to God. Psalm 19:7-11, 119:89,105,130,160; Proverbs 30:5-6; Isaiah 8:20; Luke 16:31, 24:5-27, 44-45; John 5:39, 45-47, 12:48, 17:17; Romans 1:16, 3:4,

15:4; Ephesians 6:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Revelation 22:19 .

ARTICLE 2.1.02 THE TRUE GOD

We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. Genesis 17:1; Exodus 15:11, 20:2-3; Psalm 83:18, 90:2, 147:5; Matthew 28:19; Mark 12:30; John 4:24, 10:30, 15:26, 17:5; Romans 11:33; 1 Corinthians 2:10-11, 8:6, 12:4-6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 2:18, 4:6; Philippians 2:5-6; 1 Timothy 1:17; 1 John 5:7; Revelation 4:11;.

ARTICLE 2.1.03 SALVATION

A) We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man wholly by grace through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God who, by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Him our nature, yet without sin, honored the divine law by His personal obedience; and by His death made a full and vicarious atonement for our sins; that His atonement consisted not in setting us an example by His death as a martyr, but was the voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place, the Just dying for the unjust, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ bore our sins in His own body on the tree and arose from the dead. He is now enthroned in heaven and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection. He is every way qualified to be the only suitable and compassionate and all-sufficient Saviour. Isaiah 53; Matthew 18:11; John 3:16-18, 10:18; Acts 15:11; Romans 3:24-25; 1 Corinthians 15; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 1:4; Ephesians 2:8-9; Philippians 2:7-8; Hebrews 2:14, 7:25, 9:12-15, 12:2; 1 Peter 2:24, 3:18; 1 John 2:2, 4:10.

B) We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again, that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth the dead in trespasses and in sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God; that the new creation is brought about in a manner above our comprehension, not by culture, not by character, nor by the

will of man, but wholly and solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life. Luke 5:27; John 1:12-17, 3; Acts 15:11; Romans 3:24, 6:23, 10:13; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 2:8-9; Colossians 2:13; 1 John 5:1; 2 Peter 1:4.

- C) We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by God's grace; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept the gift of salvation by faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own voluntary rejection of the Gospel; which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation. Isaiah 55:1,6-7; Matthew 11:28; John 3:15-18,36, 6:37; Acts 2:38; Romans 5:18, 6:23, 10:13; 1 Corinthians 15:10; Ephesians 2:4-5,8-9; 1 Timothy 1:15; Revelation 22:17.
- D) We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ secures, to such as believe in Him, is Justification. Justification includes the pardon of sin, and the gift of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood, His righteousness is imputed unto us., Isaiah 53:11, Zechariah 13:1, Acts 13:39; Romans 5:1, 9, 11, 4:1-8, 8:1; Galatians 3:11; Titus 3:5-7; Hebrews 10:38.
- E) We believe that Repentance and Faith are inseparable in salvation. Psalm 51:1-4, 7; Isaiah 55:6-7; Mark 1:15; Acts 2:37-38; 20:21; Romans 8:9-10,13; Hebrews 6:1.

ARTICLE 2.1.04 THE ETERNAL SECURITY AND ASSURANCE OF BELIEVERS

We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever. We believe that believers are sealed by the Holy Spirit of God at the moment of salvation and can never be lost. Believers can know that they have eternal life. John 3:36, 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Romans 8:1, 38-39; 1 Corinthians 1:4-8; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 Peter 1:4-5, I John 5:12-13.

ARTICLE 2.1.05 THE ETERNAL STATE.

- A) We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, the saved to eternal life, and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting damnation. Matthew 25:46; John 5:28,29, 11:25-26; Revelation 20:5-6,12-13.
- B) We believe that the souls of the redeemed are, at death, absent from the body and present with the Lord, where in conscious bliss they await the first resurrection, when spirit, soul, and body are reunited to be glorified forever with the Lord. Luke 23:43; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Rev. 20:4-6.
- C) We believe that the souls of unbelievers remain, after death, in conscious punishment and torment until the second resurrection, when with soul and body reunited, they shall appear at the Great White Throne Judgment, and shall be cast into the Lake of Fire, not to be annihilated, but to suffer everlasting conscious punishment and torment. Matthew 25:41-46; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-26; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Jude 6-7; Revelation 20:11-15.

ARTICLE 2.1.06 THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

We believe in the literal resurrection of Jesus Christ and accept the sacred Scriptures at their full and face value; that He bodily and visibly ascended to the right hand of the throne of God; that He alone is our merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God; that as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate. Matthew 28:6-7, 24:39; Mark 16:6,19; Luke 24:2-3; John 14:3, 20:27; Acts 1:9-11; Romans 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 2:17, 5:9-10, 7:25, 8:1, 9:24, 28, 12:2; 1 John 2:1; Revelation 1:18.

ARTICLE 2.1.07 THE RAPTURE OF BELIEVERS

We believe in the personal, imminent return of Christ who will rapture His church prior to the seven-year tribulation period; that the dead in Christ shall rise first; that the living saints shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump. Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; Titus 2:13; James 5:8; 1 John 3:2.

ARTICLE 2.1.08 THE SECOND ADVENT OF CHRIST

We believe that this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven. This will happen at the end of the Tribulation, Christ will personally and visibly return with His saints, to establish His earthly Messianic Kingdom; and shall reign a thousand years in righteousness until He hath put all enemies under His feet; and that the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His Father David. Psalms 89:3-4; Isaiah 9:6,7; Zechariah 14:4-11; Matthew 24:27,42, 25:13; Luke 1:32; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; James 5:8; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:1-6.

ARTICLE 2.1.09 THE INCARNATION OF JESUS CHRIST

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary as no other man was ever or can ever be born of woman; and that He is the Son of God, and God the Son, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful mankind. Genesis 3:15; Isaiah. 7:14; 9:6; Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:35; John 1:1-2, 14; 1 Corinthians 15:47, 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; Galatians 4:4-5; Philippians 2:5-8, 1 John 5:20.

ARTICLE 2.1.10 THE HOLY SPIRIT

A) We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person, equal with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature; that He was active in the creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of judgment, and of righteousness; that He bears witness to the Truth of the Gospel in preaching and testimony; that He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration indwelling the believer at the moment they accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour and sealing them unto the day of redemption. In the New Birth, He seals, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses to, sanctifies, and helps the believer. Genesis 1:1-3; Matthew 3:11, 28:19; Mark 1:8; Luke 1:35, 3:16, 24:49; John 1:33, 3:5-6, 14:16-17,26, 15:26, 16:8-11,13; Acts 5:30-32, 11:16; Romans 8:14,16; Ephesians 1:13-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:7,13; Hebrews 9:14; 1 Peter 1:2.

B) We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowal of spiritual gifts to every believer. God uniquely uses evangelists, pastors, and teachers to equip believers in the assembly in order that they can do the work of

the ministry. Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11,28; Ephesians 4:7-12.

C) We believe that the sign gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as speaking in tongues and the gift of healing, were temporary. Speaking in tongues was never the common or necessary sign of the baptism or filling of the Holy Spirit, and that ultimate deliverance of the body from sickness or death awaits the consummation of our salvation in the resurrection, though God frequently chooses to answer the prayers of believers for physical healing. 1 Corinthians 1:22, 13:8, 14:21-22.

ARTICLE 2.1.11 THE CREATION

We believe in the Genesis account of creation, and that it is to be accepted literally, and not allegorically or figuratively; that man was created directly in God's own image and after His own likeness; that man's creation was not a matter of evolution or evolutionary changes of species, or development through interminable periods of time from lower to higher forms; that all animal and vegetable life was made directly, and God's established law was that they should bring forth only "after their kind." We believe that God created the universe in six literal, 24-hour periods. We reject evolution, the Gap Theory, the Day-Age Theory, and Theistic Evolution, and all other unscriptural theories of origin. Genesis 1; Exodus 20:11; Nehemiah 9:6; Jeremiah 10:12; John 1:3; Acts 4:24, 17:23-26; Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 11:3; Revelation 10:6.

ARTICLE 2.1.12 THE FALL OF MAN

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God; but that in Adam's sin the human race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God. Man is totally depraved and, of himself, utterly unable to remedy his lost condition. Genesis 1:26-27; 3:1-6,24; Romans 3:22-23; 5:12; 6:23; Ephesians 2:1-3; 4:17-19.

ARTICLE 2.1.13 THE CHURCH

A) We believe that a New Testament church is a local visible Baptist Church made up of saved persons who have been baptized by immersion in a Baptist church, associated together by a covenant of faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ;

governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word; that its officers are pastors and deacons whose qualifications, claims, and duties are clearly defined in the Scriptures; we believe that the true mission of the church is found in the Great Commission; First, to make individual disciples; Second, to build up the church; Third, to teach and instruct as He has commanded. We do not believe in the reversal of this order; we hold that the local church has the absolute right of self government, free from the interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organizations; and that the one and only superintendent is Christ through the Holy Spirit; that it is Scriptural for true churches to co-operate with each other in contending for the faith and for the furtherance of the gospel; that every church is the sole and only judge of the measure and method of its cooperation; on all matters of membership, of policy, of government, of discipline, of benevolence, the will of the local church is final. Matthew 16:18, 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-42, 6:5-6, 14:23, 15:22-26, 20:17-28; 1 Corinthians 5:11-13, 6:1-3, 11:2; 2 Corinthians 8:23-24; Ephesians 1:22-23, 4:11, 5:22-23; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 3:1-13, 1 Peter 5:1-4.

B) We believe that the establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures. Acts 14:27; 20:17,28-32; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-11.

C) We believe in the autonomy of the local church free of any external authority or control. Acts 13:1-4, 15:19-31, 20:28; 1 Corinthians 3:9, 16:4-7,13; 1 Peter 5:1-4.

ARTICLE 2.1.14 BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

We recognize water baptism and the Lord's Supper as the scriptural ordinances of obedience for the church in this age. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost coming under the authority of the local church and its doctrines. Baptism is a solemn and beautiful emblem of our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Saviour with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of unleavened bread and unfermented grape juice (fruit of the vine), are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination. Matthew 3:6, 3:16, 28:19-20; John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42, 8:36-39, Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 11:23-28; Colossians 2:12.

ARTICLE 2.1.15 CIVIL GOVERNMENT

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society; that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed, except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience and the coming Prince of the kings of the earth. We believe that God has ordained and created all authority consisting of three basic institutions: 1) the home, 2) the church, and 3) the state. Every person is subject to these authorities, but all (including the authorities themselves) are answerable to God and governed by His Word. God has given each institution specific Biblical responsibilities and balanced those responsibilities with the understanding that no institution has the right to infringe upon the other. The home, the church, and the state are equal and sovereign in their respective Biblically assigned spheres of responsibility under God. Exodus 18:21-22; 2 Samuel 23:3; Psalm 72:11; Daniel 3:17-18; Matthew 10:28, 22:21, 23:10; Acts 4:19-20, 5:29, 23:5; Romans 13:1-7; Ephesians 5:22-24; Philippians 2:10-11; Titus 3:1; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 2:13-14,17; Revelation 10:6.

ARTICLE 2.1.16 MISSIONS

We believe that God has given the church a great commission to proclaim the Gospel to all nations so that there might be a great multitude from every nation, tribe, ethnic group, and language group who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. As ambassadors of Christ we must use all available means to go to the foreign nations and not wait for them to come to us. Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48; John 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:20.

ARTICLE 2.1.17 THE GRACE OF GIVING

We believe that every Christian, as a steward of that portion of God's wealth entrusted to him, is obligated to support his local church financially. We believe that God has established the tithe (one tenth) as a basis for giving, but that every Christian should also give other offerings sacrificially and cheerfully to the support of the church, the relief of those in need, and the spread of the Gospel. We believe that a Christian relinquishes all rights to direct the use of the tithe or offering once the gift

has been made. Genesis 14:20, 28:22; Leviticus 27:30-32; Proverbs 3:9-10; Malachi 3:10; Acts 4:34-37; 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7.

ARTICLE 2.1.18 DISPENSATIONALISM

We believe that the Scriptures interpreted in their natural, literal sense reveal divinely determined dispensations or rules of life which define man's responsibilities in successive ages. These dispensations are not ways of salvation, but rather are divinely ordered stewardships by which God directs man according to His purpose. Matthew 11:13; 1 Corinthians 9:17; 2 Corinthians 3:9-18; Galatians 3:13-25; Ephesians 1:10; 3:2-10; Colossians 1:24-25, 27; Revelation 20:2-6.

ARTICLE 2.1.19 SEPARATION

We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Saviour and Lord. God commands His people to separate from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices, and associations, and to refrain from all immodest and immoderate appearances, piercings, and bodily markings. Leviticus 19:28; Romans 12:1-2; 14:13; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 1 John 2:15-17; 2 John 9-11.

ARTICLE 2.1.20 MARRIAGE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY

A) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's sex by surgery or appearance. Genesis 2:24, 19:5,13, 26:8-9; Leviticus 18; Romans 1:26-29; 1 Corinthians 5:1; 6:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8.

B) We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman in a monogamous relationship. Genesis 2:24; Romans 7:2; Ephesians 5:22-23, Hebrews 13:4.

ARTICLE 2.1.21 FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

- A) We believe that men and women are spiritually equal in position before God but that God has ordained distinct and separate spiritual functions for men and women in the home and the church. The husband is to be the leader of the home, and men are to be the leaders (pastors and deacons) of the church. Accordingly, only men are eligible for licensure and ordination by the church. Galatians 3:28; Colossians 3:18; 1 Timothy 2:8-15; 3:4-5,12.
- B) We believe that God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. The husband is to love his wife as Christ loves the church. The wife is to submit herself to the Scriptural leadership of her husband as the church submits to the headship of Christ. Children are an heritage from the Lord. Parents are responsible for teaching their children spiritual and moral values and leading them, through consistent lifestyle example and appropriate discipline, including Scriptural corporal correction. Genesis 1:26-28; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalms 127:3-5; Proverbs 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; Mark. 10:6-12; I Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-4, Colossians 3:18-21; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7.
- C) We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Job 3:16; Psalms 51:5; 139:14-16; Isaiah 44:24; 49:1,5; Jeremiah 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44.

ARTICLE 2.1.22 LOVE

We believe that we should demonstrate love for others, not only toward fellow believers, but also toward both those who are not believers and those who oppose us. We are to deal with those who oppose us graciously, gently, patiently, and humbly. God forbids the stirring up of strife, the taking of revenge, or the threat or the use of violence as a means of resolving personal conflict or obtaining personal justice. Although God commands us to abhor sinful actions, we are to love and pray for any person who engages in such sinful actions. Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 5:44-48; Luke 6:31; John 13:34-35; Romans 12:9-10,17-21, 13:8-10; Philippians 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 2:24-26; Titus 3:2; 1 John 3:17-18.

ARTICLE 2.1.23 THE DEVIL, OR SATAN

We believe that Satan was once holy, and enjoyed heavenly honors; but through pride and ambition to be as the Almighty, fell and drew after him a host of angels; that he is now the malignant prince of the power of the air. We hold him to be man's great tempter, the enemy of God and His Christ, the accuser of the saints, the author of all false religions, the chief power back of the present apostasy, the lord of the anti-Christ, and the author of all the powers of darkness—destined however to final defeat at the hands of God's Son and to the judgment of an eternal justice in hell, a place prepared for him and his angels. Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:14-17; Matthew 4:1-3, 25:41; Luke 22:3-4; John 14:30; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; Ephesians 2:2; 1 Thessalonians 3:5; 2 Thessalonians 2:8-11; 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Peter 2:4; 1 John 3:8, 4:3; Jude 6; Revelation 12:7-10, 20:1-3,10.

ARTICLE 2.2 AUTHORITY OF STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible itself is the sole and final source of all that we believe. We do believe, however, that the foregoing Statement of Faith accurately represents the teaching of the Bible and, therefore, is binding upon all members. All literature used in the church shall be in complete agreement with the Statement of Faith.

ARTICLE 2.3 COVENANT

Because I have been saved by faith in Jesus Christ, and have been baptized under the authority of a Baptist Church, I do now willingly enter into this covenant as a member of the body of Christ at Cornerstone Baptist Church and do agree to the following:

I believe the King James Bible is the Word of God for the English speaking people, and agree to read and meditate upon it, and pray daily. (Psalms 12:6-7; 2 Tim 2:15; 1 Thes 5:17)

I agree to strive for the advancement of this church, to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines and to give it a sacred pre-eminence over all institutions of human origin.

I agree to pray with and for the members of my household, and provide biblical instruction for those under my care. (1 Sam 12:23; Prov 22:6; Eph 5:23-33)

I agree to regularly attend the worship services at Cornerstone Baptist Church unless hindered by health or circumstances beyond my control. I agree to make every attempt to regularly participate in an age appropriate Sunday school class. (Heb 10:25)

I agree to abstain from gossip, backbiting, murmuring, and negative talk about others or with others. (Eph. 4:29)

I agree to respond to personal conflict and disagreement according to Matt. 5:22-24; 18:15-20; Gal 6:1; Eph. 4:31-32, and other scriptures that govern human relationships.

I agree to regularly and consistently share my faith with others who are un-churched or unsaved and invite them to attend Cornerstone Baptist Church. (Matt. 5:16; 28:18-20)

I agree to be involved in a least one ministry of Cornerstone Baptist Church in order to personally glorify God, edify believers, and persuade sinners to be saved. (John 12:26; Gal 5:13)

I agree to give Cornerstone Baptist Church a tenth (tithe) of my income and additional offerings as God prospers me. (Mal. 3:8-11; 1 Cor 16:2; 2 Cor 9:7)

I agree to abstain from the use and sale of tobacco and alcohol. I agree to abstain from the use of drugs except for medicinal purposes. (Prov 20:1; 1 Cor 6:19-20)

I agree to abstain from all activities that would be dishonorable to the Lord. I agree to abstain from adult relations that are outside the bounds of marriage. (1 Thes. 4:3-5; Heb. 13:4; 1 Cor 6:19-20)

I agree to help watch over fellow church members in brotherly love; remember them in prayer; cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; be slow to take offense and always be ready to reconcile differences without delay. (Mat 18:15-20; Rom 1:9; 2 Cor 2:1-11; Gal 6:1; Col 1:9; 2 Tim 1:3;)

Foremost, I agree to love the Lord my God with all my heart, soul, and mind, and to love others as I love myself. (Matt. 22:37-39)

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