

CNBC Church to Church Covenant

Given that we are a network of churches who give ourselves away to advance the Kingdom of God, we value the importance of being in covenant. We recognize the autonomy of the local church and will guard the ability of every congregation to have the final decision-making authority. We also see the biblical model of inter-dependence and accountability and we will grant congregational access to other churches and leaders. Therefore, being led by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to God and to one another to live out the following:

We as churches covenant together to affirm the CHURCH as God's primary vehicle to advance His kingdom.

- by committing to share Christ, send missionaries, start and strengthen churches
- by connecting churches in association
- by valuing the contribution of every church as unique and significant

We as churches covenant together to honor the rich HERITAGE God has given us

- by upholding our commitment to the CNBC Statement of Faith
- by being on mission with other CNBC churches
- by partnering with the agencies and churches of the Southern Baptist Convention

We as churches covenant together to practice God's desire for INTER-DEPENDENCE

- by realizing we can do more together than alone
- by accepting responsibility for one another
- by giving sacrificially through the Cooperative Program

We as churches covenant together to welcome God's protection found in ACCOUNTABILITY

- by initiating dialogue with churches and leaders in times of need
- by welcoming the assistance of our churches and leaders in times of crisis
- by praying together for forgiveness and restoration in times of moral failure or spiritual distress

We as churches covenant together to protect the UNITY of our churches

- by praying for one another
- by refusing to gossip or compete with one another
- by demonstrating Christ-like loyalty and love to one another

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21

We, the members of _____ affirm this covenant.



Date