

## C3 Denton Partnership Covenant

Believing that we have been renewed by the power of the Gospel, having received the grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus and to give up our lives to him, and having been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His merciful help, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.

Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 12:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:8-10

**Because the Gospel renews our hearts,** we commit to being a church that is a safe place for sinners and a dangerous place for sin. We will pursue Jesus by living in the light of his grace through confessing our sins and walking in repentance. We will seek, with God's help, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and seeking the freedom of holiness.

Ezekiel 36:26-27; John 10:10; Galatians 5:1; Ephesians 5:7-14; James 5:16; 1 John 1:5-9

**Because the Gospel renews our minds,** we commit to being a church that is rooted in the life giving Scriptures. We will pursue Jesus by knowing his mind through devoting ourselves to the study of and obedience to God's word, seeking to take every thought captive, that we might be mastered by Him.

Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Ephesians 3:14-19; 2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Peter 2:2

**Because the Gospel renews our relationships,** we commit to being a church that sees one another in light of God's grace. We will love one another as God has loved us, bearing one another's burdens, forgiving one another, admonishing one another with gentleness, watching over one another, and working and praying for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We will not forsake the regular meeting together as a church body, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others.

John 13:34-35; Galatians 6:2; Ephesians 4:1-3, 32; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 3:12-15; 10:25

**Because the Gospel renews our hands and feet,** we commit to being a church that loves one another and our neighbors through service. We will work together to see a faithful gospel ministry continued in this church through the giving of our time, talents, and treasure. We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel to all nations.

1 Corinthians 12:7; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; Galatians 5:13; Ephesians 4:4-7; 1 Peter 2:4-5

**Because the Gospel renews our priorities,** we commit to being a church that is unified around the purposes of God to save sinners. We will work to raise up our children, or anyone who is at any time under our care, in the hope of the Gospel, and by a pure and loving example prayerfully seek the salvation of our family and friends.

Habakkuk 2:14; Matthew 28:18-20; John 17:20; Acts 1:8; 2 Timothy 2:2

We will, should God lead us away from this church, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, as we seek together to show the beauty of Jesus to the heart of Denton, and beyond. Amen.