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Church Covenant

Inviting Boston and beyond into a life-changing relationship with Christ and his church

We, as members of Ruggles Baptist Church, in the presence of God and His people, confess Christ Jesus as our Saviour and Lord according to our statement of faith, and do heartily give ourselves to His service, and take His Word as the rule of our life. And having been, as we trust, united by faith to Him and baptized upon our profession of faith into His Church, we do now, as a church of Christ, humbly relying on His grace, solemnly and joyfully unite with one another in this covenant:

We will habitually observe secret prayer and the reading of the Scriptures earnestly seeking therein the help of the Holy Spirit.

We, who are heads of families, will maintain the worship of God in our homes, and will endeavor to lead our children, or others committed to our charge, to faith in Christ and to the Christian life.

We will attend regularly, as far as Providence shall permit, the public worship of God on the Lord's Day and such other meetings for worship as the church may appoint; and we will faithfully observe together the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

We will walk together in Christian love, with sympathy and kindness, and will tenderly and faithfully admonish and help one another as may be needful.

We will aid, as the Lord shall prosper us, in supporting a faithful evangelical ministry among us, and in sending the Gospel to the whole human family; and as we have opportunity, we will seek by example and word to lead people to Christ.

We will endeavor to live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world, abstaining from whatever is unbecoming in the Christian character; and, as in Baptism we signified our death to sin and resurrection to holiness, so we will seek to walk in newness of life.

We will, if we move from this church, as soon as possible, unite with another church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

And may the God of Peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory, forever and ever. Amen.