**Church Covenant**

1. *[Salvation and Baptism]* Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do so in the presence of God, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ (John 1:11-12; Matt. 28:19-20).
2. *[Duties to the Church]* We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love (John 13:34-35); to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality (Phil. 1:27; 2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Cor. 7:1; 2 Peter 3:11); to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines (Heb. 10:25; Matt. 28:19; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Jude 3); to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church and the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations (1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:6-7).
3. *[Duties in Personal Christian Living]* We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions (1 Thess. 5:17-18; Acts 17:11); to religiously educate our children (2 Tim. 3:15; Deut. 6:4-7); to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances (Acts 1:8; Matt. 4:19; Psalm 126:5-6; Prov. 11:30); to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment (Eph. 5:15; Phil. 2:14-15; 1 Peter 2:11-12); to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger (Eph. 4:31; 1 Peter 2:21; Col. 3:8); to abstain from the sale of, and use of, intoxicating drinks as a beverage (Prov. 20:1; Hab. 2:15; 1 Cor. 6:10; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:18; Rom. 14:13); to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior (Titus 2:14).
4. *[Duties to Fellow Members]* We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love (1 Peter 1:22); to remember one another in prayer (James 5:16); to aid one another in sickness and distress (Gal. 6:2; James 2:14-17); to cultivate Christian sympathy in feelings and Christian courtesy in speech (1 Peter 3:8); to be slow to take offense; but, always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay (Eph. 4:30-32; Matt. 5:21-26).
5. We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God’s word. (Acts 11:19-21; 18:24-28).

Which Pen Are You In?

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*Matthew 16:18; 18:17*

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1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church “\_\_\_\_\_ Pen”: the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Christians from \_\_\_\_\_ ages. (16:18)

* How do you become a member of this Pen? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of your sins and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ alone as your Savior and God’s Son.
* Your regular involvement is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* You don’t “\_\_\_\_\_\_” a local church; you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a local church.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ church “\_\_\_\_\_\_ pen:” a group of Christians who regularly gather in Christ’s name to officially affirm and oversee one another’s membership in Jesus Christ and His kingdom through gospel preaching and gospel ordinances. - Jonathan Leeman, “Church Membership” (18:17)
2. Local church membership is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between a Christian and a local church.

***Take Home Truth:* \_\_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.**

So what does it mean to be a member of Mt. Carmel?

“Every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”