

**AFFIRMATION OF CHURCH COVENANT
OF
THE OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH**

Pursuant to Section 1.8 of its Amended and Restated Bylaws, The Oaks Baptist Church has adopted the following Church Covenant as an expression of the goals and purposes by which Members of the Church shall earnestly strive to live:

“Having accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord and, on the profession of such faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we solemnly and joyfully enter into this Covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

“We commit, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge, holiness, evangelism and care; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; and to contribute cheerfully, regularly and proportionately to the support of its ministries.

“We commit to maintain private devotions; to educate our children in spiritual matters; to seek the salvation of our family, friends and acquaintances; to conduct both our spiritual and secular affairs with righteousness and integrity; to be honest in our dealings, faithful to our commitments, and exemplary in our behavior; to avoid conduct provoking disruption or disunity in the Church, including gossip, rumors, slander and excessive anger; and to be zealous in our effort to advance the kingdom of the Savior.

“We commit to welcome the participation in our worship and to honor the spiritual gifts of all persons without regard to gender, race, creed, color or national origin.

“We commit to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to demonstrate Christian compassion by acts of kindness and courtesy of speech; and to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation.”

In connection with my request for membership in The Oaks Baptist Church, I hereby affirm my acceptance of and commitment to the foregoing Church Covenant.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____