## Mercy Hill Church Covenant 2019

Introduction: As Christians, who have repented of sin, believed in Jesus Christ as the risen savior, been baptized as a believer we now joyfully enter into this covenant with the members of Mercy Hill Church.

- We will participate in the life and ministry of Mercy Hill Church.
  - Hebrews 10:25
  - o Acts 2:46-47
  - o Acts 1:14
- We will cheerfully and generously make sacrifices of our time, service and finances to support the work of Mercy Hill Church.
  - o 2 Cor. 9:6-15
  - Romans 12:1
  - Exodus 25:2
- We will joyfully submit to the elders and commit to pray for them often, knowing that they are keeping watch over our souls as they submit to Christ.
  - Hebrews 13:7
  - Hebrews 13:17
- We commit to glorify God by fulfilling our biblical role as a man, woman or child. Knowing that marriage
  is a physical representation of the spiritual relationship between Christ and the church and the family is
  the most foundational social unit created by God.
  - o Ephesians 5:22-33
  - o Genesis 2:20-24
  - 1 Corinthians 11:3
- We will strive to set aside sinful behaviors and attitudes by pursuing personal holiness and a life that exhibits the fruit of the spirit.
  - o Colossians 3:1-17
  - Galatians 5:16-26
  - o Hebrews 12:1-2
- We will pursue doctrinal unity by affirming the church's articles of faith; and in areas not addressed in the church's articles of faith allow for freedom of christian conscience recognizing that in essentials there is unity and nonessentials there is liberty.
  - o Romans 14
  - o Galatians 1:6-9
  - 1 Timothy 6:3-6,
  - o 2 Timothy 3:14-17
  - o Titus 2:1
  - o 1 Corinthians 8, 10:23-11:1,
- We will pursue to live at peace with all people shunning gossip and divisive words, being quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger and seek reconciliation where fellowship has been broken. Offering forgiveness for sin, remembering that Christ has forgiven us.

- o Proverbs 17:9
- o Romans 12:18
- o Ephesians 4:1-6, 29
- o James 1:19-20, 4:11
- Matthew 5:23-25; 18:21-35
- We commit to serve one another, tending to spiritual, emotional and physical needs, submitting to the church's care for our spiritual, emotional and physical well being.
  - o 1 John
  - o Philippians 2:3
  - o Ephesians 4:21
  - o John 13:1-20
- We commit to make disciples by proclaiming the Gospel to the lost, gathering christians into Christ-centered community, transforming them into the image of Christ and equipping them to make more disciples.
  - Matthew 4:19
  - Matthew 5:14-16
  - o Mark 16:15
  - Romans 1:16
  - Matthew 28:19-20
- We commit to unite with a similar God-honoring church if the Lord leads us to leave Mercy Hill and we commit to caring for and watching over those who are called to leave Mercy Hill until they enter the membership process of a similar God-honoring church.
  - Hebrew 10:24-25
  - o Ephesians 1:22-23
  - 1 Corinthians 12:12-31