

Rockwell Church Covenant with NIV Verses

Having been led by the Holy Spirit to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and to confess Him as Lord, and on confession of this faith having been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully covenant with one another as one body in Christ, to lead lives worthy of the Lord and fully pleasing to Him. By the Holy Spirit's aid and power, church members shall:

1. Pray Faithfully:

We commit to praying regularly for the church's spiritual growth, for each other, for our pastors and ministry staff, and for the advancement of God's Kingdom

Ephesians 6:18

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Luke 18:1

¹ Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

John 14:13-14

¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Colossians 4:2

² Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

2. Participate and Attend:

We promise to regularly attend worship services, participate in the ordinances, be involved in church ministries, and support church business meetings. If we move from this place, we commit to uniting with another local church as soon as possible to continue carrying out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word

Hebrews 10:24–25

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Ephesians 4:16

¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

1 Corinthians 11:26

²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

3. Promote Unity and Christian Love:

We commit to walking together in Christian love, seeking unity, and offering encouragement. We will give and receive admonition with meekness and always be ready for reconciliation

John 13:34–35

³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Matthew 18:15

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.

Psalms 133:1 ¹ How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!

Colossians 3:12–16

¹² Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

1 Corinthians 1:10

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

4. Live According to God’s Word:

We promise to forsake sinful ways, walk in righteousness, and faithfully apply God’s Word to our daily lives. We will maintain a vibrant relationship with God through prayer and time in His Word

2 Timothy 3:16–17

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Colossians 3:16

¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Romans 12:1-2

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

James 1:22

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

5. Use Our Gifts to Serve:

We commit to using our spiritual gifts to serve within the Body of Christ and to support the ministries of the church

1 Peter 4:10

¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. ⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

Ephesians 4:11-12

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

Colossians 3:23–24

²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

6. Give Generously and Steward Well:

We promise to be faithful stewards of our time, talents, and finances, giving tithes and offerings to support the church and its mission to fulfill the Great Commission

2 Corinthians 9:6–13

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. ¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

Matthew 6:33

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Luke 6:38

³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Proverbs 3:9–10

⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Proverbs 11:25

²⁵ A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

1 Chronicles 29:14

¹⁴ “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

7. Teach and Evangelize:

We commit to faithfully teaching the Bible to our children and seeking the salvation of family, friends, and others through our witness

Deuteronomy 6:6–7

⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Matthew 28:18–20

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Acts 1:8

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Colossians 3:16

¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Romans 10:14–15

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

8. Support Church Leadership and Maintain Doctrinal Integrity:

We promise to honor, esteem, and pray for our pastors and leaders, supporting them as they exercise their spiritual offices. We will refrain from promoting any doctrinal interpretation that contradicts the church’s Statement of Faith, maintaining unity in doctrine

Hebrews 13:17

¹⁷ Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Titus 1:9

⁹ He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

1 Thessalonians 5:11–13

¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. ¹² Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in

the Lord and who admonish you.¹³ Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

1 Timothy 5:17

¹⁷ The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

9. Live with Integrity and Holiness:

We promise to be trustworthy and just in our dealings, avoiding unkind words and unrighteous anger. We will honor God by living holy lives and avoiding actions that defile the body, which is the temple of the Holy Spirit

Proverbs 10:9

⁹ Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.

1 Corinthians 6:19–20

¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

Ephesians 4:25–32

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. ²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

1 Peter 1:15–16

¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

10. Care for One Another:

We commit to caring for each other, helping in times of physical or emotional hardship, and being compassionate in our feelings and speech, showing Christian love in all situations.

Galatians 6:2

² Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Romans 12:10–18

¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Here's a list of Main Point and Scripture References

1. **Pray Faithfully:**

- Ephesians 6:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18, Luke 18:1, John 14:13–14, Colossians 4:2

2. **Participate and Attend:**

- Hebrews 10:24–25, Ephesians 4:16, 1 Corinthians 11:26

3. **Promote Unity and Christian Love:**

- John 13:34–35, Matthew 18:15, Psalm 133:1, Colossians 3:12–16, 1 Corinthians 1:10

4. **Live According to God's Word:**

- 2 Timothy 3:16–17, Colossians 3:16, Romans 12:1–2, James 1:22

5. **Use Our Gifts to Serve:**

- 1 Peter 4:10, 1 Corinthians 12:4–7, Ephesians 4:11–12, Colossians 3:23–24

6. **Give Generously and Steward Well:**

- 2 Corinthians 9:6–13, Matthew 6:33, Luke 6:38, Proverbs 3:9–10, Proverbs 11:25, 1 Chronicles 29:14

7. **Teach and Evangelize:**

- Deuteronomy 6:6–7, Acts 1:8

8. **Support Church Leadership and Maintain Doctrinal Integrity:**

- Hebrews 13:17, Titus 1:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:11–13, 1 Timothy 5:17

9. **Live with Integrity and Holiness:**

- Proverbs 10:9, 1 Corinthians 6:19–20, Ephesians 4:25–32, 1 Peter 1:15–16

10. **Care for One Another:**

- Galatians 6:2, Romans 12:10–18