



Kew Baptist CHURCH COVENANT



In the light of the Word of God, and in response to God's acceptance, love and forgiveness demonstrated in the Good News of Jesus Christ's perfect life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection, we the people of Kew Baptist Church covenant to:

Love God

Strengthen our relationship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

- Honouring God
- Depending on God
- Living under God's direction
- Learning from God

Love One Another

Nurture our relationships with each other within KBC

- Affirming one another
- Challenging one another
- Celebrating diversity
- Empowering to serve
- Forgiving one another
- Gathering together
- Giving generously

Love Our Neighbours

Develop authentic and intentional relationships with others outside KBC

- Sharing our experience of God
- Pointing people to Jesus.
- Living with integrity
- Loving others as they are
- Fighting Injustice
- Giving practical aid

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Be Disciples

To foster a close relationship with God, accepting his authority in order to grow more like Jesus and to live out our professed faith in word and deed.

To base everything we do on Scripture, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to search out truth in Scripture and in each other and to express our understanding of this in ways relevant to today's world through attitudes, life and actions.

To pray together and alone, following the example of Jesus, yearning to know God and His purposes for us.

The Bible paints a picture of a loving and holy God seeking to woo and reconcile a rebellious humanity back to a loving and faithful relationship with Himself (Is 59; Rom 1:18-23). Ultimately this restoration is accomplished and fulfilled in the sending of Jesus the Messiah as the Saviour and Redeemer of Humanity (Acts 2:36-41; Lk 4:14-22; Eph 2:11-22; Gal 4:1-7). Jesus called people to turn away from sin and selfishness, believe in the good news of the Kingdom of God, and follow as a disciple of Jesus (Mk 1:14-15; Lk 5:31). We worship God not as an obligation, but as a duty and delight in response to His magnificent love, mercy and grace that He lavished upon us in Jesus the Messiah (Jn 3:16-21; Eph 4:1-10; Titus 3:3-7). Worship is 'giving worth' to God, and this in part means offering up our whole lives as a living sacrifice to love and serve our Lord (Rom 12:1-2).

- Read the Bible (Lk 24:27, 44-45).
- Pray, alone and in groups
- Seek God's guidance in each situation (Eph 5:15-17; Jam 1:5)
- Worship God through song or other art forms (Psalms 95-100; Col 3:16-17).
- Intentionally focus your life to hunger after him (Ps 63:1-5; Col 3:1-4).
- Listen to and engage in sermons and messages (Acts 2:42; 1 Thes 1:13).
- Journal with God
- Discuss God and what he is doing in your life with others (Acts 5:41-42).

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

**Nurture our relationships
with each other within Kew
Baptist Church**

Grow Disciples

To be faithful in coming together regularly in reverence with others of the community to worship God, to pray for, to listen to, care for, support and nurture each other, striving for honesty and openness, expressing forgiveness and acceptance, being open to be challenged, rebuked and encouraged.

To give faithfully, generously and regularly of our time, abilities and resources to enable the Church to function effectively as the body of Christ.

To search out, affirm and nurture each other's gifts and to seek creative expression for them as the Spirit leads; and to celebrate diversity within the church.

The restored and redeemed people of God are called into a new family and fellowship: the church— or body of Christ. God calls and appoints leaders and gives Holy Spirit inspired gifts to each person in order to serve and minister to one another, growing into mature and fruitful servants and ambassadors of Jesus (Eph 4:1-16; 1 Cor 12-14). Jesus has one overarching command for this new community: Love one another as I have loved you (Jn 15:9-17).

- Attend Kew Baptist Morning or Night Church Regularly—or both (Heb 10:24-25)
- Commit to loving this congregation of believers and becoming a member (Jn 15:12).
- Pray together & for one another (1 Thes 5:17).
- Support each other in times of need (Rom 12:9-14; Col 3:12-14).
- Volunteer time, energy, talent, and financial resources when prompted (Rom 12:6-8).
- Challenge each other – ask difficult questions when necessary (Gal 2:11-14).
- Tithe (Mal 3:10-11; 2 Cor 9:6-7)
- Accept and welcome all people into church (Heb 13:1-2)
- Regularly attend a small group (Acts 2:42-47).
- Be responsible for our church building and help maintain it. Use your skills to help at KBC
- Seek out new ministry opportunities in our church or get involved in existing ministries
- Forgive as Christ forgave us (Mt 6:14-15).
- Disciple and Mentor each other (Phil 2:3-5).
- Encourage one another (Heb 3:13)
- Write a letter, make a phone call, e-mail

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Make Disciples

To accept the responsibility to make known what God has done in Jesus; to make known the love of God to the wider community and world.

To reach out to the poor, oppressed and marginalized, and go provide practical aid where it's needed, with an attitude of mutual and intentional discipleship.

This Covenant forms the basis of participation in the community of faith that is Kew Baptist Church. It needs to be read in the light of the Gospel of God's grace in Jesus Christ. It is not something we do to earn or gain favour with God, but effort we make because in and through what Jesus has accomplished for us, we have favour with God.

Because of what God has done in and through Jesus the Messiah, we are reconciled with God and adopted into a new family— the church (Rom 8:15-17; Col 1:15-23) . But discipleship does not end here; we are called and commissioned to go and make disciples of all nations (Mt 28:16-20. The gospel, or good news is an announcement of a great event: Jesus has come, given his life for humanity, and risen from death to new life. In him we are forgiven, restored to God and one another, and we pass from death and judgement to life and righteousness. In Jesus there is life and hope. Jesus is the good news that we share with others in both word and deed. Words because Jesus said and did many things that need to be understood, and deeds because Jesus modelled that he had compassion on people. What a privilege and honour that we are chosen to be representatives of Jesus on earth.

- Share your relationship with God with others (Acts 1:8; 1 Pet 3:15).
- Listen to other people's journeys of faith
- Meet people where they are at
- In all decisions, seek Christ's guidance (Ps 32:8-9; Prov 3:5-8).
- Pray for friends, family members, and others in our lives (Mt 6:5-13; Acts 4:23-31).
- Act on the Lord's stirrings in your heart to donate time or resources to people in need
- Seek out those the world forgets about— homeless, refugee, sex workers, etc (Mt 25:31-46; Gal 2:10).
- Be a loyal friend, confidant, & advisor (Prov 15:22; 18:24).