

# James River Community Church

## Member Covenant

January 8, 2023

We will trust in Christ and walk with him together as a church family, striving to live lives of godliness and ongoing repentance that bring glory to God.

*1 Corinthians 12:12-27, 1 Peter 2:9-12*

We will be devoted to one another in love, labor together for unity in the gospel, and forgive one another as we have been forgiven in Christ.

*Matthew 5:1-12, John 13:34-35, Romans 12:10, Romans 12:16, Romans 14:1, Romans 15:7, 1 Corinthians 1:10, Ephesians 4:2, Colossians 3:13, 1 Peter 3:8*

We will pray for, disciple, and watch over one another carefully. We will exhort, help, admonish, and rebuke one another as necessary.

*Ephesians 4:15, Colossians 3:16, Hebrews 10:24*

We will commit to the ministry of attendance, gathering regularly as a church to worship God, encourage one another, and observe the sacraments.

*1 Corinthians 12:12-27, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Hebrews 10:24-25*

We will submit to the discipline and instruction of the church and receive correction with humility. We will pray for our leaders, submit to them as they submit to Christ, and hold them accountable as they lead us in obedience to him.

*Proverbs 15:31, 1 Corinthians 11:1, Ephesians 5:21, 1 Timothy 2:1-4, Hebrews 13:17*

We will rejoice with those who rejoice, celebrating the grace of God in their lives. We will mourn with those who mourn and suffer, bearing their burdens and sorrows with compassion.

*Romans 12:15, Galatians 6:2*

We will faithfully proclaim the gospel of Jesus, welcoming strangers with grace and hospitality, and actively seeking opportunities to share Christ with our family, friends, and neighbors.

*Matthew 25:31-46, Matthew 28:18-20, 2 Corinthians 5:18-20, Hebrews 13:1-3*

We will strive, as the family of God, to teach and disciple the children under our care with diligence, raising them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

*Deuteronomy 6:4-7, Ephesians 6:4*

We will give cheerfully, regularly, and generously to support the ministry of the church, the needs of our neighbors, and the proclamation of the gospel around the world.

*Acts 11:29-30, Romans 12:13, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15*

If we leave this congregation, we will continue to follow Jesus, and join another church as soon as possible that preaches the same gospel, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word. By his grace, we will follow Christ, in the fellowship of his church, until he returns.

*Hebrews 10:24-25, Hebrews 13:17*