

**1<sup>st</sup> BAPTIST CHURCH  
Quitman**

# COVENANT

*Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God*

**to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord & Savior** and,

on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, & of the Son, & of the Holy Spirit,  
we do now in the presence of God & this assembly

**most solemnly & joyfully enter into a covenant with one another as**

# **1 body in Christ.**

*We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit*

**to walk together in Christian love,**

**to strive for the advancement of this Church** in knowledge, holiness, & comfort;

**to promote its prosperity & spirituality;**

**to sustain its worship, ordinances, doctrines, & discipline;** &

**to contribute cheerfully & regularly,** as God has prospered us, toward its expenses,

for the support of a faithful & evangelical ministry among us,

the relief of the poor, & the spreading of the Gospel through the world.

In case of a difference of opinion in the Church,

we will **strive to avoid a contentious spirit,** & if we cannot unanimously agree,

we will **cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern.**

We also engage **to maintain family & personal devotions;**

**to study diligently the Word of God;**

**to religiously educate our children;**

**to seek the salvation of our kindred & acquaintances;**

**to walk circumspectly in the world;** &

**to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, & exemplary in our deportment,**

endeavoring in the purity of the heart & good will toward all men to exemplify & commend our faith.

We pledge as a Church & to each other

**to take a stand against deeds of the flesh & to live according to the fruits of the spirit**

according to Galatians 5:19-26.

We further engage **to watch over one another in brotherly love;**

**to remember one another in prayer;**

**to exhort & encourage each other** unto every good word & work;

**to guard each others reputation** not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others;

**to participate in each other's joys;**

**to aid one another in sickness & distress;**

**to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling & Christian courtesy in speech;**

**to be slow to take offense,**

but **always ready for reconciliation & mindful of the rules of our Savior** to secure it without delay;

**& to seek to live to the glory of God;** who hath called us out of darkness in to His marvelous light.

We moreover engage that

**when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church**

where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant & the principles of God's word.