

## Massaponax Baptist Church Membership Covenant

**Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with Massaponax's statement, strategy, and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Massaponax church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:**

**1) I will protect the unity of my church**

....by acting in love toward other members

....by refusing to gossip

....by following the leaders

“So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together” (Romans 14:19 Phillips)

“Have a sincere love for other believers, love one another earnestly with all your heart” (1Peter 1:22 TEV)

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs” (Ephesians 4:29)

“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be on advantage to you” (Hebrews 13:17)

**2) I will share the responsibility of my church**

....by praying for its growth

....by inviting the unchurched to attend

....by warmly welcoming those who visit

“To the church--- ....We always thank God for you and pray for you constantly” (1Thess. 1:1-2LB)

“ The Master said to the servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes, and urge the people there to come so my house will be full” (Like 14:23 NCV)

“So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; the God will be glorified” (Romans 15:7 LB)

**3) I will serve the ministry of my church**

....by discovering my gifts and talents

....by being equipped to serve by my pastors

....by developing a servant's heart

“Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you” (1Peter 4:10 Phillips)

“God gave... some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up” (Ephesians 4:11-12)

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who...took on the very nature of a servant” (Phil. 2:3-4, 7)

**4) I will support the testimony of my church**

....by attending faithfully

....by living a godly life

....by giving regularly

“Let us not give up meeting together....but let us encourage one another” (Hebrews 10:25)

“Whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ” (Phil. 1:27 Phillips)

“ Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering” (1Cor. 16:2 LB)

“A tenth of all your produce...is the Lord's, and is holy” (Lev. 27:30 NCV)