



Church Covenant  
Living Proof Baptist Church  
Williamsburg, VA

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*Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized and being in agreement with Living Proof's scriptural, strategic, and structural foundations, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Living Proof 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 godly leadership.

*"Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification."  
(Romans 14:19)*

*"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus..." (Romans 15:5)*

*"Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart." (1 Peter 1:22)*

*"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."  
(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 of no advantage to you." (Hebrews 13:17)*

**2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH**

- By praying for my fellow members and for the growth of the church.
- By being salt and light in the world around us.
- By bearing the burdens of my brothers and sisters.
- By living as a missionary in all places and at all times seeking to make disciples.

*"We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers."  
(1 Thessalonians 1:2)*

*"Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full." (Luke 14:23)*

*“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.”  
(Romans 15:7)*

### **3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH**

- By discovering my gifts and talents.
- By seeking avenues through which I can exercise my gift and talents
- By doing all things for the common good of the body of Christ.

*“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10)*

*“It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and 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)*

*“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:3-4)*

### **4. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH**

- By engaging in healthy, God-honoring relationships with my brothers and sisters.
- By encouraging and supporting marriages and families, whether my own or others’.
- By giving of my resources in joy.
- By being ever aware that my life tells the story of Jesus and my church.

*“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another— and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”  
(Hebrews 10:25)*

*“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel.”  
(Philippians 1:27)*

*“On the first day of the week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.” (1 Corinthians 16:2)*

*“A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.” (Leviticus 27:30)*

*“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this’, says the LORD Almighty, ‘and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.’”  
(Malachi 3:10)*