

University Church of Christ

Family Covenant

With God's guidance, the elders and ministerial staff commit ourselves to ...

- † Preach the gospel message and base our actions on the Word of God.
- † Pray often for UCC, that God's grace may be evident in the individuals represented here.
- † Provide servant-leadership that equips you to grow more fully into the image of Christ.
- † Submit our own lives to the Lordship of Christ and the authority of the Holy Scriptures.
- † Be one in spirit and purpose "contending as one man for the faith of the gospel".
- † Use the gifts God has given us for building up the body, whether in preaching, meeting pastoral needs, edification, or training; that UCC may become "thoroughly equipped for every good work".
- † Be pure in our daily walk and will encourage you to do the same.
- † Fulfill a shepherd's spirit description (Ezekiel 34:4 paraphrased in positive terms):
 - You have strengthened the weak, healed the sick, bound up the injured.*
 - You have brought back the strays, searched for the lost.*
 - You have ruled them kindly and gently.*
- † Give a sincere hearing to your dreams, plans, concerns, and suggestions.
- † Stand by you in times of need or crisis.
- † Love you and your families unconditionally.
- † Ask "How may we help you do what you believe God is calling you to do?"

Trusting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and having been immersed into Him, under God's grace and with His help I now commit myself to ...

- † Live in a way that brings honor to the name of Jesus and to the church He died for by living a life that imitates Christ.
- † Protect the unity and witness of the body of Christ at UCC ...
 - By acting in love toward other members.
 - By resolving conflicts in a godly manner.
 - By refusing to participate in gossip.
 - By willingly following my spiritual leaders.
- † Share the responsibility of my church ...
 - By praying for its spiritual growth and maturity.
 - By inviting the unchurched to attend.
 - By warmly welcoming those who visit.
- † Serve in the ministry of my church ...
 - By discovering and using my spiritual gifts and talents.
 - By being equipped to serve and then ministering to others.
 - By developing a servant's heart.
- † Involve myself fully in the life of the church ...
 - By attending faithfully and participating in worship, prayer, and communion.
 - By becoming a part of a small group, CROSS Training class, or a service team.
 - By building spiritual relationships with the Family of God at UCC.
 - By giving of my time, talents, and finances to the work of the Kingdom.