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Throughout the Old Testament and New Testament, there is a clearly defined community of God. God creates a covenant relationship with His people. This covenant was first established with the people of Israel through Abraham, and then God established a new covenant with His people, the church, through Christ. As members of God's covenant family at First Baptist Church Lake Isabella, we commit to Christ and to each other. We commit to the truthfulness of Scripture. We commit to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Expectations of Church Members

As a member, I commit to the body of Christ, the church (1 Corinthians 12:27; Romans 12:4-5). As a member at First Baptist Church Lake Isabella, I will fulfill the following expectations:

1. I will worship the one true God with other First Baptist Church Lake Isabella members for as long as I am physically able (Hebrews 10:24-25). The goal of my regular weekly worship is to give God glory (Romans 11:36; Hebrews 13:15, 1 Corinthians 10:31).
2. I will grow spiritually through regular involvement with other church members. I understand that a local church is where community is built with other believers for encouragement and holding each other accountable to Scripture. (Acts 2:44-47; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).
3. I will serve Christ through the mission work of First Baptist Church Lake Isabella. I am created to serve others through good works (Ephesians 2:10; 1 Peter 4:10). I am commanded by God to make disciples of every nation, tribe, people, and language through the local church (Matthew 28:16-20; Revelation 7:9). I will support the church's mission to go to the ends of the earth to share the gospel (Acts 1:8).
4. I will give to God abundantly and joyfully, recognizing God as the owner of all things (Proverbs 3:9; Psalm 24:1). Giving back to God through my tithe prioritizes Him as the treasure of my heart (Malachi 3:10; Matthew 6:19-24).
5. I will seek unity with other church members. I recognize God's design for the church is unity in diversity, and I will put the interests of others above my personal preferences (Ephesians 4:1-6; 1 Peter 3:8-9). I will guard the reputation of the church and submit to discipline for any sin problems in my life (Matthew 18:15-20).
6. I will pray for and follow the leadership of First Baptist Church Lake Isabella (Hebrews 13:17-18). I will pray privately and with the church corporately. I will pray for people to accept Christ, and I will pray for more disciples and their spiritual growth. (2 Thessalonians 1:3)
7. I will sacrifice by serving first, following the servant model of Jesus Christ (Mark 10:45). I will make my attitude that of Christ and through humility make the gospel my priority (Philippians 2:5-11).



Expectations of Pastor(s)

I commit as a pastor within the body of Christ to join First Baptist Church Lake Isabella in fulfilling the expectations of church members in the above section. Additionally, I commit to the following expectations:

1. I will seek God's guidance for First Baptist Church in order to steward resources entrusted to the church in a way that gives God glory (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-4).
2. I will care for the church and lead with grace, truth, and love (Matthew 28:16-20; Ephesians 4:15-16; James 5:14; Colossians 1:28).
3. I will teach all of God's Word at all costs (1 Timothy 4:1-5; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).
4. I will equip members of the church for the work of ministry (Ephesians 4:11-16).
5. I will protect the doctrine of First Baptist Church Lake Isabella, and I will guard the church against false teachers and false teaching (Acts 20:28; Matthew 7:15; 1 Timothy 1:3-7).
6. I will act in a way that is above reproach, making my family the priority of my ministry (1 Timothy 3:1-7). I understand the way I live will affect the church I lead, and I will live in a way that elevates the reputation of First Baptist Church Lake Isabella.
7. I will lead the church in exercising discipline in a way that is gracious and loving, protecting the health of the church (James 5:19-20; Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5; Galatians 6:1).

With Christ as my Lord and Savior, being baptized by immersion after my salvation, being led by the Holy Spirit, and being in agreement with First Baptist Church Lake Isabella's covenant, doctrine, and leadership, I joyfully unite with the church and commit myself to God and the other members.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Spouse Name: _____ Signature: _____

Pastor: _____ Date: _____

Chairman of Deacons: _____ Signature: _____