

WHO WE ARE

The Winfree Covenant is a statement of our core values as a congregation; as such, it is our clearest expression of the hopes and ideals which call us to deeper relationship with God and one another.

We are together to be God's church. We are not here by chance; rather God through His grace is making of us a fellowship to embody and to express the very Spirit of His Son.

As members of such a fellowship, each of us intends to live under these commitments:

I will study the Bible, meditate and pray so that I will more fully experience the presence of God.

I will gather with the church to worship God, share the Good News, and examine its implications for my life.

I will seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, believing that the Holy Spirit may come to me directly or through scripture, persons, history, the arts, nature, current events or other sources.

I will educate my family members in God's Word and instruct them in His ways. I will try by example and personal effort to lead those under my care to a commitment to Jesus Christ and encourage them in Christian growth.

I will be responsible to God through the creative use of my talents, time, income and possessions. I will give systematically and even sacrificially to the financial support of the ministries of our church.

I will practice self-control and moderation in matters affecting my body, for the human body is a delight to God and a means to give honor to Christ.

I will evoke, affirm, and celebrate the gifts God has given others, and I will try to discover and affirm the gifts God has given me and use them in His service.

I will give myself as Christ's servant through participation in His mission in the world.

I will offer to know and love my brothers and sisters in Christ, and I am willing to be known and loved by them.

In all I do I will attempt to nurture an open, loving, and unified spirit within this fellowship.

—*The Winfree Covenant*