

## Standards of Christian Conduct

Since I have received Jesus Christ as my Savior and have publicly testified through baptism of that new birth; and since I am in agreement with the statement of faith, covenant, constitution, and mission of the First Baptist Church of Cedar Springs, MI, I commit myself to God and to other members to protect the unity of my church, share the responsibility of my church, serve in the ministry of my church and support the testimony of my church.

I. I commit to protect the unity of my church;

- By acting in love toward other members  
1 Peter 1:22
- By refusing to gossip  
Ephesians 4:29
- By reconciling conflicts  
Matthew 5:24
- By following the leaders of the church  
Hebrews 13:7, 17
- By glorifying God in all that I do (ie. avoidance of: excessive anger, the use of alcohol as a beverage, the use and sale of illegal drugs, the use of tobacco products, etc.)  
1 Corinthians 10:31

II. I commit to share the responsibility of my church:

- By praying for its spiritual growth  
Ephesians 6:18
- By giving financially to support its ministries  
1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
- By welcoming those who visit  
Romans 15:7
- By participating in personal and corporate efforts to reach the unsaved  
Mark 16:15

III. I commit to serve in the ministry of my church:

- By using my spiritual gift(s) and talents  
1 Peter 4:10
- By edifying the body of Christ  
Ephesians 4:11-12
- By developing a servant's heart  
Philippians 2:5, 7

IV. I commit to support the testimony of my church:

- By attending faithfully  
Hebrews 10:25
- By submitting to the Bible as my guide for faith and practice  
2 Timothy 3:16-17