

COVENANT OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST AT MACON

Written for 175th Anniversary Celebration in 2001
Formally Adopted in Strategic Plan in 2005

LEADER: *Believing that we are a church where . . .*

Christ is the center of our lives,

CONGREGATION: The Bible is our spiritual authority and the basis of our belief,

CHOIR: We worship prayerfully with reverence and joy,

WOMEN: Children are blessed and families are nurtured in the spirit of Christian love,

MEN: Freedom in Christ is the birthright of every believer,

ALL: And caring for others is the heartbeat of our life.

LEADER: *We therefore covenant together to:*

CONGREGATION: Earnestly follow Christ in a spirit of servanthood, seeking his guidance in our daily lives,

CHOIR: Study the Scriptures with faithfulness, openness of mind and heart, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit,

WOMEN: Commit ourselves to the worship of God through sound preaching, inspirational music, prayer, and a personal devotional life,

MEN: Prepare our preschoolers, children, youth, and adults for a life which accepts the forgiveness found with God's grace,

CHOIR: Offer a strong educational and music ministry for our preschoolers, children, youth, and adults,

WOMEN: Actively support an energetic missions program at home and throughout the world,

MEN: Respect the views of fellow church members,

CONGREGATION: Care for and minister to each other, the needy, and the lost of the world,

ALL: And continue as a vibrant downtown church that welcomes and ministers to all.