

# BEHAVIORAL COVENANT

How we intend to get along.



A COVENANT CHURCH & CAFE

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The Gathering House Covenant Church is committed to building a healthy, missional community built on codes of conduct outlined in the New Testament and given to us by Jesus. We realize that we all come together with our own past experiences which can both help and hinder this goal. There will be conflict, disagreements, and misunderstandings. We want to be guided by healthy norms in order to maintain clear, open, and honest communication. We approach the community with humility, knowing our faulty personal assumptions can create conflicts or disunity. Therefore, we covenant together in these guidelines for loving relationships and values to guide our work together.

**Build each other up and not tear down.**

I Thessalonians 5:11, Philippians 2:1-2

**Individually work towards self-control, practicing the fruits of the spirit.**

Galatians 5:19-26

**Seek to discover what is best for our church as a whole, not what may be best for us or for some small group in the church.**

Philippians 2:3-6

**Accept disagreement, conflict and evaluation as normal and natural, always extending apologies and offering forgiveness.**

Ephesians 4:1-6, 31-22

**Believe the best of each other and give each other the benefit of the doubt.**

Philippians 4:8-9

**While bearing witness to the biblical faith Christ calls us to, we agree to disagree without malice or ill-will, recognizing that no one has a corner on truth and that there is always more we can learn.**

Romans 12:3, Romans 14:1

**Commit to being inconvenienced for the sake of the Gospel.**

Romans 15:1-7

**Seek to communicate clearly, completely and directly.**

Ephesians 4:14-16

**Offer our opinions with clarity and humility.**

Colossians 3:12-14

**Respect and honor the leadership of the church; the Church Staff, Leadership Team as well as other lay leaders.**

I Thessalonians 5:12-13