

## Covenant Promises

*“I will never break my covenant with you...”*  
*Judges 2:1*

Dear Friends,

At our last session meeting our elders approved a new covenant for our congregation. This covenant will be posted in the bulletin every week and when new folks join and during special worship services, we will recite together this covenant. This is nothing new for me, in fact I have used this same six-part covenant at each of the churches I have pastored.

Starting this Sunday, each week's sermon will focus on one line of the covenant. Simply defined, a covenant is a promise or an agreement between two parties. There are five MAJOR covenants in the Bible and we will be studying these during our fall Wednesday night dinners and bible studies beginning Wednesday, September 20 at 6:00 in the fellowship hall.

So, during worship we will be making promises to God and to our fellow church members when we recite our church covenant. The focus is on what WE promise to do, and then on Wednesdays we will learn about the biblical covenants and what GOD has promised to do.

Our church covenant says:

As members of New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church and as believers in the triune God we covenant to:

- Worship regularly
- Pray faithfully
- Serve willingly
- Give cheerfully
- Live joyfully
- Love unconditionally

I don't know about you but I find it helpful to be reminded of the promises I have made. But more importantly, my faith is enhanced when I am reminded of the promises GOD has made to us in scripture.

I look forward to our upcoming worship services and the fall bible study... and hope to see you here! It's a joy to be your pastor.

Blessings,  
Mike