

Sex Offender Accountability Covenant

Within these guidelines, the congregation welcomes your participation in adult worship services, coffee hour, Sunday School, and adult social events. You are to avoid all contact with children on congregation property or congregation sponsored events.

The following guidelines must be obeyed as follows:

- Do not talk with children.
- Do not volunteer or agree to lead, chaperone or participate in events for children and youth including such things as Sunday School classes, V.B.S youth group events, or children events, driving or otherwise transporting children or youth.
- If a child in the congregation approaches you, either at church or in a community place, politely and immediately excuse yourself from the situation.
- Avoid being in the building unsupervised when activities involving children are in session such as nursery school, children's church or youth group.
- You will need to submit yourself to counseling and verification of these meetings taking place will be submitted to us in writing.
- You will not accept any leadership position within the church or representational position within or on behalf of this church.
- The Board of Elders will identify at least two "**covenant** partners" for you. They will be adults, of who will be the same gender as yours. They will not be related to you. If ever you need to go to the bathroom while services are in session at least one of these partners will go with you.

You are not allowed to go to any of the bathroom facilities that can hold more than one person at a time. You may not use restroom facilities in the church buildings with out getting one of your **covenant** partners to accompany you. This will be your responsibility.

You are not allowed to be in any non-lit area of the church property.

At no time shall you deliberately place yourself in or remain in any location in or around the church facilities that would cause undue distress to others. (This prohibits you from being in or near nursery, preschool, elementary, junior high or high school area of the church facilities.)

You can not attend any night services unless authorized by the church board.

At least twice a year you shall meet with the Board of Elders, and as otherwise requested regarding the status of your adherence to these guidelines.

If you should decide to relocate to another congregation the Board of Elders will seek to inform the leadership of that congregation of the condition of these guidelines.

You may participate in worship in the sanctuary, and the adult Sunday school class of your choice. You will use the most direct route from the parking lot to the main entrance to these facilities, not passing through any other parts of the church buildings. Any other participation or access will require prior authorization and accompaniment by one of your **covenant** partners.

At church sponsored functions for families, you may attend with, but at no time leave the

immediate proximity of, your family or one of your **covenant** partners.

As part of your growth and fruits of repentance, you shall prepare and deliver written

acknowledgments and apologies for the pain caused directly or indirectly by your actions. At the very least, you shall address these statements to your victims, their families, your

own family and the members and the supporters of this church.

(Requests for forgiveness

shall not be included.) This will become part of an open letter to the congregation,

informing them of your presence and of the conditions of your participation.

You shall continually participate in a counseling program, specifically addressing your

abusive behaviors, for the entire time you participate in this church community. We

strongly suggest that you have counseling for life.

Before the **covenant** is finalized, the church's legal counsel should be asked to review it

to be sure that it does not put the church at legal risk. The **offender** should show this

document to his or her parole or probation officer, and have that person initial a copy for the file.

I accept the following people who will be told of my circumstances and the contents of this

contract to be my **Covenant** Persons.

_____ First **Covenant** Person

_____ Second **Covenant** Person

_____ Third **Covenant** Person

I have reviewed this **covenant** and agree to abide by its provisions. I understand and agree that if

I violate this agreement, I will be denied access to future church functions and church property.

I understand this contract will be reviewed regularly every six months and will remain for an indefinite period.

Signature

Date

Witness

Date

Witness

Date

Pastor

Date