

# COVENANT UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PASTOR AND CONGREGATION

1. We must discover the activity of God and adjust to it. It will be unique to Riverbend Baptist Church and Gainesville, Georgia.
2. We must undergird everything in prayer.
3. We must live by faith. "With God nothing is impossible"
4. The bottom line is, "Is it God's will?"
5. Everything should be done in light of this mission statement, "Impacting Eternity with a Passion for Christ and Compassion for people."
6. All matters are subject to scripture not personal preferences.
7. We will accept anyone, with any past, into our fellowship recognizing that the church is a hospital for sinners not a country club for saints.
8. We will biblically deal with problems, not ignore them.
9. We will work hard together. (William Carey said, "Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God.")
10. We will strive for personal, daily ministry, not just Sunday or Wednesday.
11. We must think "outside the box" and make constant adjustments for growth. We cannot allow ourselves to get overly comfortable. We must create new Sunday School classes, new ministries and constantly improve the quality of education.
12. We must organize the ministries so that we maximize efficiency and minimize maintenance.
13. Ministry is more than meeting; ministry is people oriented and people focused.
14. We must help each Christian discover his/her gift, passion, and ministry.
15. We must strive for quality and excellence in every area.
16. We will not allow gossip, negative criticism, or slander to disrupt the unity of our fellowship.
17. We will make outreach a priority while recognizing that maturity in Christ for all believers is the long-term goal.
18. We will pray through and look for ministry opportunities in each of the 24 standard time zones.
19. We must be concerned with meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those in our sphere of influence while following Christ's model.
20. We all sin. Therefore, we must exhibit an attitude of grace, mercy and forgiveness.
21. We must recognize the need for additional staff so that we can effectively "equip the saints for the work of the ministry."
22. We will hold true to biblical doctrine in everything we do. The message will not change. However, the methods are open to evaluation.