

The Resolution for the Bethel Family

Men & Women

(Men & women may repeat after the Pastor.

These commitments will be made with families together in the congregation.)

I will love the Lord God Almighty
with all of my heart, all of my soul,
all of my strength and all of my mind,
and I will encourage others to do the same.

I will love other people as I love myself,
and I will encourage others to do the same.

I will change the world
by making Christian disciples of all nations,
leading them to Biblical baptism,

and teaching them to obey all of Christ's commands,
and I will encourage others to do the same.

I will act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with God,
and I will encourage others to do the same.

(Matthew 22:37, 39; 28:19-20; Micah 6:8)

Husbands **(The Pastor will read.)**

Do you accept the calling to love your wife as Christ loved the church, to give yourself up for your wife just as Christ gave Himself up for the church, and to lead your wife as Christ leads the church? (Ephesians 5:25, 23)

(Husbands may respond, "I do.")

Wives **(The Pastor will read.)**

Do you accept the calling to submit to your husband as to the Lord, and to respect your husband in the Lord?

(Ephesians 5:22, 33) **(Wives may respond, "I do.")**

Fathers & Grandfathers **(The Pastor will read.)**

As a father, will you hereby accept your God-given responsibility to lead your child in the ways of the Lord? Will you accept the responsibility of teaching your child the Bible through regular family Bible study? Will you accept the responsibility of training your child in the discipline of prayer through regular example? Will you accept the responsibility of teaching your child to be faithful to the Lord and to His church? Will you accept the responsibility of providing for your child, protecting your child, correcting your child, encouraging your child, and passing a Godly heritage to your child? Will you accept the responsibility of preparing your child to be an instrument for God's noble purposes? Will you accept the responsibility of continuing to develop your walk with the Lord, so that you can better help those who follow you, so long as you shall live? **(Fathers & grandfathers may respond, "I will.")**

Mothers & Grandmothers **(The Pastor will read.)**

As a mother, will you hereby accept your God-given responsibility to encourage your child in the ways of the Lord? Will you accept the responsibility of nurturing Godliness in your child? Will you accept the responsibility of cultivating the fruit of the Spirit in your child's life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control? Will you accept the responsibility of being an example for your child of faithfulness to the Lord and to His church? Will you accept the responsibility of passing a Godly heritage to your child, and being used of God to prepare your child to be an instrument for God's noble purposes? Will you accept the responsibility of continuing to develop your walk with the Lord, so that you can better nurture those in your care, so long as you shall live?

(Mothers & grandmothers may respond, "I will.")

Please read & pray carefully over this commitment before 2/16.

True Love Waits Ceremony

Sunday, February 16, 2014



Pastor: There was a time when many walked habitually in the pathway of the world. We lived according to the flesh, but God made us alive through Christ.

All: We commit to a life of purity.

Pastor: God is rich in His mercy toward us, that while we were dead in our sins, through the grace of Jesus, we have been made alive forevermore.

All: Lord, please forgive us for the days and years we have spent watching, reading, listening, and experiencing vile and impure things.

Pastor: For each of us who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, we are new creations.

All: Create in each of us a clean heart, oh God.

Pastor: Lord, please cleanse Your church.

All: Restore Your glory.

Pastor: Make the crooked passages of our lives straight today.

Students: Restore our joy.

All: We are Your children.

Adults: We will place no corrupt thing before our eyes.

Students: As students-

Parents: As parents-

All: As ministers and as a church family-

Pastor: Hear, oh Lord, in this sacred hour, on this holy ground, our commitment to You and each other.

Pastor: Lord, be glorified as our students commit:

Pastor/Students: (Students repeat after the Pastor) Believing that true love waits ...I make a commitment to God, ... myself, ... my family, ... my friends, ... my future mate, ... and my future children ... to a lifetime of purity ... including sexual abstinence ... from this day ... until the day I enter ... a Biblical marriage relationship.

Pastor: Lord, be glorified as our adults commit:

Pastor/Adults: (Adults and Parents repeat after the Pastor) Believing that true love is pure, ... I join these students ... in committing to a lifestyle of purity. ... I make a commitment to God, ... myself, ... my family, ... and my community of faith ... to abstain from pornography, ... impure touching and conversations, ... and sex outside a Biblical marriage relationship ... from this day forward.

Pastor: Parents, please present the ring or other symbol to your student.

Pastor: Students, may this ring, or other symbol, be a reminder of your commitment to purity. It is given to you by someone who loves you and supports you in this commitment. Wear it with the knowledge that your purity is for God's glory. On your wedding night you are to give this ring to your spouse as a celebration of promises given and promises kept. May it also be a symbol of your continued sexual purity and the provision found in the gift of your spouse.

Pastor: Prayer of dedication.