

Kerusso Baptist Church
Unity Agreement

(updated June 2021)

1. Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive Jesus Christ as the Lord, Savior, and, supreme Treasure of our lives, and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully unite as one body in Christ.
2. We engage, therefore, by the aid and giftings of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this local church in the knowledge, holiness, and peace in Christ; to promote its spirituality and fruitfulness; to sustain its worship, ordinances, and discipline; to welcome, and test biblically, instruction from the Scriptures by the elders of the church which accords with the Concise Statement of Faith and the 1646 London Baptist Confession & Appendix, seeking to grow toward biblical unity in the truth; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.
3. We also engage to maintain family and personal devotions; to educate our children in the Christian faith; to intentionally seek the salvation of unbelievers through verbal witness undergirded by holiness of life; to walk honorably in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our behavior; to avoid all gossip, slander, and excessive anger; to abstain from physical and spiritual laziness; to seek God's help in abstaining from all drugs, food, drink, and practices which bring unnecessary harm to the body or jeopardize our own or another's faith.
4. We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate godliness and courtesy in speech; to serve and build up one another through our spiritual gifts; to be slow to take offense, and always ready for reconciliation.

5. We acknowledge that implicit within this agreement is the consent to be governed by a faithful translation of God's Word, which in Its original autographs, is inerrant and infallible, holy and perfect. As members of Kerusso Baptist Church, we commit as a unified whole to submit matters such as church discipline, marriage and divorce, counseling and confidentiality, the protection of our children, etc. to the Scriptures as the final authority in all things.