

My Pledge

"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13)

BY GOD'S GRACE I PLEDGE:

1. To accept by faith the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus as full payment for my sins and deliverance therefrom; knowing that He also stands as my intercessor in the Heavenly Sanctuary. **Isa. 53:3-6; Heb. 4:14-16; 7:25**
2. To accept the Bible as my only rule of faith and practice; and to daily pray and read my Bible for strength and guidance. **Matt. 7:7; 2 Tim. 3:16; Matt. 4:4**
3. To "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy ". Hence to do no secular work on Saturday; and to attend the House of Worship on the Sabbath. **Luke 4:16; Acts 18:4; Exodus 20:8-11**
4. To faithfully support the church with my Tithes, Offerings, Gifts & Talents as God prospers and blesses me. **Mal. 3:6-9; Matt. 23:23**
5. To abstain from fornication, adultery & all forms of sexual immoralities by God's power. **1 Cor. 6:9,10; Isa. 41:10**
6. To accept that my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and will honor God by caring for it, avoiding that which is harmful; abstaining from all unclean foods such pork, shellfish, etc; from alcoholic and caffeinated beverages, tobacco in all its forms and narcotics in all of its forms. **1 Cor. 3:16, 17; Lev. 11:7, 8; Deut. 29:18-20; Prov. 20:1**
7. To follow the Bible principles of modesty and simplicity of dress, befitting godliness & Christlikeness. **1 Tim. 2:9; 1Pet. 3:3,4; Ex. 33:5,6; Ex. 35:3,4**
8. To accept the biblical teaching of spiritual gifts and believe that the gift of prophecy is an identifying mark of the remnant church, is also manifested in the writings of Ellen G. White. **Rev. 12:17; Rev. 19:10**
9. By the grace of God I pledge to adhere to the principles that govern the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
10. It is my desire by the grace of God and the power of the indwelling Christ to follow my Savior in baptism. **John 3:5**

Date: _____

(Candidate Signature)

Date: _____

(Parent/Guardian Signature for Minors Only)

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

1. Find a quiet private place to pray to the Lord, confessing and repenting of your sins; asking Him for the Holy Spirit to live a victorious life. *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* (1John 1:9)
2. Invite your family and friends who will support and encourage your decision to surrender your life to Christ.
3. Baptismal robes will be provided
4. **You will need to take:**
 - a. A shower cap
 - b. A comb
 - c. A towel
 - d. Suitable under-clothing
5. Changing room will be provided
6. A deacon/deaconess will be available to assist you.
7. Transportation can be arranged, if you so desire.

"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world-our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:3-5)

"And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God." (1 John 5:11-13)

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16)

At our baptism we pledged ourselves to break all connection with Satan and his agencies, and to put heart, mind and soul into the work of extending the kingdom of God. All heaven is working for this object. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are pledged to co-operate with sanctified human instrumentalities. If we are true to our vow, there is opened to us a door of communication with heaven,--a door that no human hand or satanic agency can close. {RH, May 17, 1906 par. 14}