

Dearly Beloved MAABC Family Member,

As you move into this new year, I pray that you will continue to experience the Lord our God's guidance, provision, protection and empowerment so that you will be able to fulfill all your responsibilities and meet all your challenges and opportunities.

I thank you for responding positively to the requests God directed me to make of you in my last pastoral communication to you. We had a very meaningful Freedom Eve/Watchnight service. We reached and surpassed our year ending / year beginning \$25,000 financial goal. We're off to a good start into 2022. Thank you and Praise God!

We are now in the season of Covenant Affirmation and Consecration. During the months of January and February, each of us is asked to participate in our Church Covenant Study Course and sign Church Covenant.

The goal of our Church Covenant Study Course is to help us to be able to understand, articulate and live out our covenant relationship with the Lord our God Trinity and each other.

The purpose for signing Church Covenant is for us to publicly declare to God, ourselves, each other and the world that we have responded positively to the leadership of the Spirit of God, received the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior; joined ourselves to Christ as a member of this local church family where we are walking together in Christian love, seeking with the help of the Holy Spirit to live our lives in accordance with God's will and serving as God's agents in the world.

We will hold Covenant Study Course classes during our Wednesday a.m. and p.m., and Saturday Noon Faith Talk Group sessions. If necessary, we will offer classes at other times for those who cannot attend at these times. Call the church office to let it be known that you need class at another time.

We begin Covenant Study Course classes [tonight](#). The focus will be on

"Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior."

Focus Questions:

What does this statement say about who we are and what we need?

Who is it that provides what we need?

What is it that we need to be saved from? What do we say in our MAABC Confession that God saves us to?

Why do we need to be saved?

It is important that every member participate in the Covenant Study Group Course and sign Covenant. We will do our best to make it possible for all members to do so. If you choose not to attend and sign during this time, we will take that to mean that you have chosen not to continue as a member of MAABC. We will respect your decision and remove your name from our church membership roll. When and if you should change your mind, you will have to rejoin, complete the Covenant Study Course and sign Covenant.

I pray that you will choose to remain a member of our church family. The Lord our God loves you and we love you. We pray that you continue to love the Lord our God and to love us.

Grace and Peace be unto you,

Roscoe D. Cooper, Jr.,  
Your Pastor