

Behavioral Covenant / Holy Manners

At Salem Road Covenant Church, we value relationships. God's loving relationship with us guides how we are to interact with each other, which is especially important for us in times of change. "Holy Manners" is an affirmation of our relational commitment to each other directed by God's word. *Colossians 3:12-17*

In all circumstances, we seek to:

- Build each other up and not tear down. *1 Thessalonians 5:11*
- Respect and honor the leadership of the church: the pastors, church staff, elders, and ministry team leaders. *1 Thessalonians 5:12*
- Communicate clearly, completely and directly, speaking the truth in love. *Ephesians 4:14-16*
- Offer our opinions with clarity and humility. We will seek the best for each other. *Colossians 3:12-15*
- Listen and seek to understand each other, being slow to anger. *James 1:19*
- Seek what is best for our church as a whole, not what may be best for us as individuals or for some small group in the church. *Philippians 2:1-5*
- Accept disagreement and evaluation as normal. We refuse to create division or factions within the church. *Ephesians 4:1-6 and Matthew 18:15-17*
- Forgive each other as God has forgiven us. *Ephesians 4:32*
- Love one another. *John 13:35*
- Pray for each other, seeking unity as led by the Holy Spirit. *Ephesians 4:3*