

Becoming a Member of Grace Community Baptist Church

THE REQUIREMENTS for membership in Grace Community Baptist Church:

1. Personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
2. Belief that this particular church with its distinctives is the place God has led me to be committed.

THE PROCEDURE for joining the church:

1. Completion of the Discovering Grace class.
2. A brief (20 minute) meeting with one of the church council members – a time to get acquainted, ask any questions regarding Grace you may still have, and a time to affirm your commitment to the "Covenant of Membership".
3. Baptism - the Lord has commanded those who have personally encountered Him through saving faith to outwardly identify with Him through baptism (Matt. 2 & 19). If you have never taken this step of obedience to Christ, then you should at this time when you are also received into church membership. Please indicate your desire on your Profile Sheet and discuss at the interview.
4. Completing the membership packet:
 - a. Membership Profile (turn in to church office or council member)
 - b. Testimony (turn in to church office or council member)
 - b. Family Album (turn in to church office or council member)
 - c. Your Covenant of Membership (for you to keep)
5. On the council's recommendation you will be presented and accepted into full membership during a Sunday morning service.

Membership Profile

(Please turn this in to the church office or a council member)

Today's Date _____

Name _____
(Title) (First name) (Middle name) (Last name) (Name you go by)

Complete Address _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

E-Mail _____ Birth Date _____

Date Completed Discovering Grace _____

Occupation: Place of employment and position; or, if student: year and field of study

Married _____ Widowed _____ Divorced _____ Single _____ Name of Spouse _____

- () I have never been baptized. I wish to do so in obedience to Christ's command.
- () I was baptized at _____ in (approximate date okay) _____
- () I am not a member of another church.
- () I am a member in good standing of another church, and I wish to have Grace write my former church to request a letter of transfer. (If you have ever joined a church, you are probably still considered a member -- no matter how long you have been away from it. Most churches will not remove a member unless that member asks them to do so.)

a. Name and address of church of which I am currently a member:

(Name of church) (Full address - please include the zip code)

b. My full name (as it is listed on the above church's membership roster)

The scripture verse I wish read when I stand before the congregation on my presentation to the church is:

(Please write out) Reference _____ Translation _____

FOR COUNCIL USE: Interviewed by _____ Date _____
Baptism requested: yes _____ no _____ Joining by reaffirmation _____ or profession of faith _____

FOR OFFICE USE: Date to be received by church _____

Grace Family Album

"We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." Rom. 12:8

(Please turn this in to the church office or a council member.)

Name _____

The information requested here is "get-acquainted" information, things which are normally shared when getting to know new friends. Please print clearly.

Spiritual Gifts: _____

The Past: Where were you born? Raised? What schools and colleges have you attended? What did you study? Where are some of the places you have lived? Any former occupations?

The Present: What is your present occupation? How do you like to spend your free time: hobbies, interests, other organizations? Students, please give your school, year and major.

The Future: For students especially. If you know your future plans for education or occupation, please share them with us.

For Families: Please introduce your children to us giving names, birthdates, schools and grades, and interests.

Photo: Please provide your photograph and attach it to this form. Couples and families, only one photo is necessary.

Grace Community Baptist Church

Covenant of Membership

KNOWING THAT God has called me by His grace to be a partaker of His kingdom and BELIEVING THAT He has led me to commit myself in Grace Community Baptist Church, and REALIZING THAT Christ's desire for His church requires the faithful, conscientious involvement of every member,

IN GRATEFUL RESPONSE to His love, and with a desire to be a faithful steward of the spiritual gifts, material possessions, physical energy and time He has given me, I do thereby pledge myself to the Lord and to the fellow members of this church,

- a. To cultivate a regular and daily time of fellowship with God through personal prayer and reading of the Scriptures. Exodus 33:13 and I Corinthians 1:9.
- b. To faithfully participate in our corporate time of worshipping God and teaching His Word on the Lord's Day, making His Word my final authority. Hebrews 10:24-25 and Acts 2:42.
- c. To pursue the development of the home as an oasis of loving relationships, spiritual education, and practical ministry to others. Romans 12:10-13 and Deuteronomy 4:9.
- d. To purpose to walk in Christian love, exercising care and watchfulness over other members of this church, and to promote their spiritual growth and well being. Hebrews 3:13.
- e. To esteem, love and pray for the leaders whom God raises up to give leadership to this church and to submit to that leadership so long as they follow the clear direction of the Word of God. Hebrews 13:7,17.
- f. To be committed in at least one specific dimension of this church's ministry, maximizing the spiritual gifts which God has entrusted to me. Mark 10:45 and Ephesians 2:10.
- g. To endeavor by life, word, and prayer to lead others to personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, establishing them in the faith, and equipping them for victorious Christian living. Matthew 28:19-20 and II Timothy 2:2.
- h. To contribute regularly as God directs to the financial support of the ministries which the Lord has entrusted to Grace Community Baptist Church. Malachi 3:10 and II Corinthians 9:6-7.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please keep this page for your records.