

Membership Covenant of Grace Bible Fellowship

Having believed in the saving gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and having been baptized, and willfully submitting to Grace Bible Fellowship's By-Laws, Statement of Faith, Philosophy of Ministry, and Ministry Distinctives, I now desire to unite with the Grace Bible Fellowship church family. Being led by the Holy Spirit and dependent upon His power, I commit myself to God and to other members to do the following:

1. I will share the responsibility of my Church
 - By praying for its purity and growth
 - By giving regularly
 - By praying for the church leaders

"To the church...We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers"
(1 Thessalonians 1:1-2)

"Honor the LORD from your wealth, from the first of all your income" (Proverbs 3:9)

"God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)

"Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way" (Hebrews 13:18)

2. I will serve the ministry of my Church
 - By discovering, developing, and using my gifts while serving in an ongoing ministry in my Church
 - By being equipped to serve by my pastors, elders, and other lay leaders
 - By reading the Bible and applying its truths regularly
 - By developing a servant's heart

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10)

"Christ...gave...pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" (Ephesians 4:11-12)

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves...But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it – he will be blessed in what he does"
(James 1:22 & 25)

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...taking the very nature of a servant" (Philippians 2:3-5, 7)

3. I will support the testimony of my Church

- **By living a godly life**
- **By attending faithfully**
- **By witnessing to unbelievers**
- **By being hospitable to Church members, visitors, and guests**

*“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ”
(Philippians 1:27)*

*“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching”
(Hebrews 10:25)*

*“He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation’ ”
(Mark 16:15)*

*“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God”
(Romans 15:7)*

4. I will safeguard the unity of my Church

- **By acting in love toward other members**
- **By submitting to the church leaders**
- **By speaking the truth in love**
- **By refusing to gossip**

“Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification” (Romans 14:19)

“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you” (Hebrews 13:17)

“Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart” (1 Peter 1:22)

*“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen”
(Ephesians 4:29)*

Signature

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