

Grace Bible Church Membership Covenant

The Membership Covenant: Responsibilities of the Pastors to the Members

- Lovingly care for and seek their growth in Christ (Heb. 13:17; I Thes. 5:12).
- Provide teaching and counsel from the Scriptures (Gal. 6:6; I Tim. 5:17-18) that will span the whole counsel of God's Word (Acts 20:27-28).
- Help members in times of need (Acts 2:42-47 & 4:32-35; Jam. 2:14-17).
- Ensure that the elders and deacons will meet the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures (I Tim. 3:1-13 & 5:17-22; Titus 1:5-9; I Pet. 5:1-4).
- Pray for them regularly, particularly when they are sick (Jam. 5:14).
- Be on guard against false teachers (Acts 20:28-31).
- Lead the membership in the process of church discipline and restoration when necessary (Matt. 18:15-20; I Cor. 5; Gal. 6:1).
- Help members become equipped to serve Christ and use their gifts in the body (Eph. 4:11-13).
- Seek God's will for our church community to the best of our ability as we study the Scriptures and follow the Spirit (Acts 20:28; I Peter 5:1-5).
- Set an example and join them in fulfilling the duties of church members (1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 3:17; I Tim. 4:12).

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- Be a Christian who has been saved from my sins by the grace of Jesus Christ and has been baptized (or soon plans to be) to give testimony of my identification with the body of Christ and obedience to the Scriptures.
- Has read and understood the Grace Bible Church doctrinal statement and agrees to not be divisive to its teaching (Titus 3:10). Also understands the importance of submission to church leadership and will be diligent to preserve unity and peace in the church (Hebrews 13:7, 17; Ephesians 4:1-3).
- Endeavors to maintain a close relationship with the Lord through regular personal Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and the practice of the other spiritual disciplines. This journey in Christ will be evident through my regular participation in corporate worship services and a weekly community group (Ps. 119:97 & 105:1; Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:23-25).
- Strives to properly manage the resources God has given, including time, body, gifts and talents, attitudes, finances, and possessions (Eph.5:15-18; Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:1-16; Gal 5:22-26; Proverbs 3:9-10). This includes regular giving to the local church first (Grace Bible Church), and to give both sacrificially and cheerfully (2 Corinthians 8 & 9).
- Commits to serving the body by using the spiritual gift(s) God has given for the building up of the church, both at Grace Bible Church and universally (I Pet. 4:10-11; Romans 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians 12:7-31).
- Loves the Grace Bible Church family and agrees to aid in fulfilling its missional purpose to both live out and proclaim the gospel to Bend and its surrounding areas, recognizing that this will be accomplished by pursuing Grace Bible Church's core values and being a witness of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Practices the humility and sacrificial attitude of Christ by considering the needs of others as more important than myself (Philippians 2:1-11).
- Follows the biblical process of church discipline and restoration for those in unrepentant sin and will come under the loving care and direction of the elders if the need should ever arise (Matt. 18:15-17; Gal. 6:1-5). Submits to the authority of the Scriptures as the final arbiter on all issues (Psalm 119; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).

Member Name (Printed)

Member Signature

Date