



Membership Covenant

Together Becoming Fully Devoted Followers of Christ

As disciples of Jesus Christ, having repented of sin and believed in the good news of the saving work of Jesus Christ, having identified with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through believers baptism, and having accepted God's Word as the sole authority for faith and life, we intentionally and joyfully enter into a covenant relationship with God and one another within the local body of Christ at Grace Church to glorify God and to fulfill our mission of together becoming fully devoted followers of Christ.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we understand that our participation in and contribution to the body of Christ is grounded in three deeply important and meaningful relationships. Therefore, it is our utmost desire to **1) relate with God** by loving Him with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength and as an expression of our love for God to **2) relate with other believers at Grace Church** by loving them with a lifestyle of selflessness, servanthood, and sacrifice exemplified by our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ himself, and to **3) relate with our world** by loving them with our deeds and with the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ (Matthew 22:37-40; Mark 12:29-31; Luke 10:27; John 15:12-17; 1 John 3:16-18, 4:7-21; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8).

As we eagerly await the return of Lord Jesus Christ together, we will continually strive to grow in these relationships for the purpose of living more holy lives and fulfilling the Great Commission given to us by Jesus Christ to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19-20).

We will grow in our relationship with God

We will relate with God together by gathering regularly for God-glorifying, Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered corporate worship. Our worship will include knowing God more through reading and proclamation of His Word; praising God with the fruit of our lips through music; seeking God through prayer; remembering Christ through the Lord's Supper; glorifying God through personal testimony; celebrating God's work of salvation through baptism; and stewarding God's gifts to us through cheerful financial giving. Through corporate worship we will stir one another up and encourage one another to offer our daily lives as spiritual living sacrifices, eager to grow personally through regular personal devotion and help our children and grandchildren grow through times of family worship.

We will grow in our relationship with God's people

We will relate with one another by devoting ourselves to gathering regularly in a small group to enjoy and experience biblical community. Our community relationships will be defined by unconditionally loving one another; quickly forgiving and seeking reconciliation with one another; eagerly maintaining the unity of the Holy Spirit; lifting one another up in prayer; compassionately caring for one another's physical, emotional, material, and spiritual needs; and keeping each other accountable to living holy lives and the accurately believing the truths of God's Word. We will use our God-given talents and spiritual gifts to serve and minister to others for the common good; understanding and accepting each individual's uniqueness and importance; and helping build one another up toward full maturity in Christlikeness.

We will grow in our relationship with God's World

We will relate with others in order to fulfill the Great Commission of making disciples of our lost and unbelieving family, friends, neighbors, city, nation, and world. Our efforts to be used by God to make disciples will include praying fervently for their salvation, caring holistically for their needs, and sharing our personal testimony and the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ with them. We will support local and cross-cultural missions through prayer, giving funds, and obediently going as God leads.