

Member Commitments

Believing that God has made us part of the body of Christ and that he calls us to live together as a church, we commit to live to the glory of God. Therefore, by the enablement of the indwelling Spirit of God, we will strive to fulfill these commitments in obedience to God's Word.¹

1. DEVOTION TO JESUS CHRIST

We commit to love and magnify Christ in all that we do, knowing that it is by the grace of God alone that our sins have been forgiven, our old nature put to death, and we have been raised to new life in Christ. (Titus 2:11-14)

2. MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

We commit to live in accord with God's Word and to minister the Word to one another so that everyone might be mature in Christ. (Col. 1:28, 3:16; Eph. 4:15; Rom. 5:14)

3. GENUINE WORSHIP

We commit to not forsake the regular assembly of ourselves together to worship the Lord. (Heb. 10:24-25, 12:28-29; Acts 2:42-47)

4. BIBLICAL CHURCH GOVERNMENT

We commit to appoint elders and deacons who meet the biblical qualifications. We will submit to our leaders in Christ and humbly express differences of opinion. (Heb. 13:17)

5. STRONG COMMUNITY LIFE/FELLOWSHIP

We commit to exemplify a true Christian community, caring for one another, admonishing one another, and bearing each other's burdens. We commit to maintain the unity of the Spirit by walking in love towards one another and forgiving as God forgave us. (Eph. 4:1-6, Eph. 4:32)

6. CHURCH DISCIPLINE²

We commit to graciously and humbly give and receive biblical correction, in order that we may not be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. We will lovingly pursue a straying member for their good and God's glory. (Heb. 3:12-13; Gal. 6:1-3; Matt. 18:15-17)

7. EXERCISE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

We commit to build up the body of Christ by exercising our spiritual gifts. (1 Cor. 12:4-7; 1Pet. 4:10-11)

¹ This includes living in accord with the biblical design for marriage and human sexuality, as delineated in our Marriage and Human Sexuality document.

² This process is more fully outlined in Grace Church's bylaws.

8. GENEROUS GIVING

We commit to give cheerfully as the Lord provides for us in order to sustain the ministry of this body and its missionaries and to show that our treasure is in heaven and not on earth. (2 Cor. 9:6-12)

9. FERVENT PRAYER

We commit to pray for one another, for our church leaders, and for the spread of the gospel. (Eph. 6:17-19; 1 Tim. 2:1; Col. 4:3)

10. FAITHFUL EVANGELISM

We commit to faithfully bear witness to the gospel among our family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. (Matt. 28:18-20; 2 Cor. 5:17-21; Rom. 10:13-15)

11. COMPASSIONATE MINISTRY OF MERCY

We commit to care for the widows, fatherless, and needy among us with compassion and wisdom. (Rom 12:15; 1 Cor. 12:25-26; 1 John 3:16-18; James 1:27)

12. MAINTAINING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

We will, upon moving from this place, unite, if possible, with a church where we can carry out the spirit of these commitments and the principles of God's Word. (1 Jn. 2:19; Jn. 13:35; 3 Jn. 5-6; Acts 18:2; Rom. 16:3)

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Name

Signature

Date