



GRACE FAMILY MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT

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 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).
- Exercise church discipline when necessary (Matt. 18:15-20; I Cor. 5; Gal. 6:1).
- Help them become equipped to serve Christ (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).

Responsibilities of the Members

- Be a Christian who has been saved from his/her sins by the grace of Jesus Christ, and has been baptized (or soon plan to be) to give testimony of my identification with the body of Christ and obedience to the Scriptures.
- Have read and understood the Grace Bible Church doctrinal statement and agree to not be divisive to its teaching, and understand the importance of submission to church leadership and will be diligent to preserve unity and peace (Heb. 13:7, 17; Eph. 4:1-3).
- Endeavor to maintain a close relationship with the Lord through regular personal Bible reading, prayer, fellowship and 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; Heb. 10:23-25). And, to go through the membership process.
- Strive to properly manage the resources God has given, including time, body, gifts and talents, attitudes, finances and possessions (Eph. 5:15-18; Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 4:1-16; Gal. 5:22-26; Prov. 3:9-10). This includes regular giving to Grace Bible Church that is both sacrificial and cheerful (2 Cor. 8 & 9)
- Commit to serving the body by using the spiritual gifts God has given for the building up of the church, both at Grace Bible Church and universally (I Pet. 4:10-11; Rom. 12:1-8; 1 Cor. 12:7-31).
- Commit to the Grace Bible Church family and agree 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.
- Practice the humility and sacrificial attitude of Christ by considering the needs of others as more important than yourself (Phil. 2:1-11)
- Follow the biblical process of church discipline and restoration and come under the loving care and direction of the elders if the need should ever arise (Matt. 18:15-17; Gal. 6:1-5). Submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final arbiter on all issues (Ps. 119; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).

Member Signature

Date