

Applicant's Name _____



Application for Membership/Baptism

Thank you for your interest in membership/baptism at Grace Church. This application helps us get to know you better and helps you understand the responsibilities of membership. Feel free to contact one of our elders with any questions you may have.

Your Information please email a family photo when submitting your application (office@gracegreeley.org)

Male Female Mr. Mrs. Miss Today's Date _____ / _____ / _____

Name _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____
First Middle Last

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Primary Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Email _____ Spouse's Name _____

Current Marital Status Single Married Divorced Separated Widowed
(If divorced or separated, please explain the circumstances on a separate sheet of paper.)

Children Living at Home

Name	Age	Date of Birth

Your Conversion

I'm confident that I'm a Christian.

I'm not confident that I'm a Christian.

Membership at Grace Church is for those who profess Christian conversion and show evidence of a changed life. Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper, using Scripture to support your answers where appropriate.

1. Explain how you came to understand your condition before God and your need for a Savior.
2. Explain how you heard the gospel, what gospel you heard, what you did after hearing it.
3. Explain how your life demonstrates your profession of faith in Christ is genuine.
4. How do you continue growing in holiness and love?
5. Who is Jesus Christ?
6. How would you explain the gospel from Scripture to an unbeliever?

Your Baptism

Grace Church gladly receives baptized believers into its membership. Please acknowledge your affirmation of our position on baptism and indicate whether or not you've been baptized since your salvation.

I have read and affirm Grace Church's position paper on baptism.

I have been baptized since coming to faith in Jesus Christ. Date _____ Location _____

I have not been baptized since coming to faith in Jesus Christ, but I am willing to do so.

I have a physical limitation that prevents me from being baptized by immersion, but I am willing to discuss an alternative.

Your Church Background

Please tell us about your prior church involvement.

I am currently (or was previously) a member or regular attender of another church.

Name of Church _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone _____

Attendance Dates _____

Reason for Leaving _____

Are you currently (or were you previously) under the discipline of another church? Yes No
(If yes, please explain the circumstances on a separate sheet of paper.)

GC Doctrine

Grace Church's doctrine is consistent with The Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, but a summary of our doctrine is outlined in Grace Church's Articles of Faith (located in Grace Church's Constitution).

I have read the Articles of Faith.

I understand the Articles of Faith and do not have any known disagreements.

I do not understand or do not agree with the Articles of Faith in the following particulars: _____

GC Life

Membership in Grace Church means accountability to the shepherding oversight of the eldership, and responsibility to serve this local body of Christ. Please tell us more about your desire to join this body of believers.

How long have you been attending Grace Church? _____

Why do you attend Grace Church? _____

Why do you want to become a member of Grace Church? _____

Have you thoroughly read the Grace Church *Bylaws* and Grace Church's position paper on church discipline? Yes No

Do you agree to abide by the *Bylaws*? Yes No

Do you agree to agree to submit to the process of church discipline? Yes No

Hebrews 13:17 says, *Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.* Please describe, in your own words, the significance of that verse for membership at Grace Church.

Are you willing to submit to the biblical oversight of the elders? Yes No

Please list any areas of ministry within Grace Church in which you are interested in serving. _____

GC Membership Commitment

If the elders approve your application, we will ask you to make the following affirmations publicly before the church body before we formally receive you into membership.

1. Do you believe the Holy Bible (66 books of Old and New Testaments) to be the inspired, inerrant, and all-sufficient Word of God, and is the only authoritative standard of faith and practice?
2. Do you confess yourself to be a sinner, that you have offended a holy God, and that the just reward for your sin is the wrath of God and eternal death?
3. Do you confess Jesus Christ as the only Savior, and trust Him alone as your Savior and Lord?
4. Do you repent of your sin and commit, by God's grace, to mortify sin, forsake the world, and follow Jesus Christ as Lord?
5. Do you agree to submit to Jesus Christ by submitting to the eldership of Grace Church, and to heed its instruction, reproof, correction, and discipline?
6. Do you agree, as a faithful steward of Jesus Christ, to minister to this local body of believers by attending regularly, praying faithfully, serving cheerfully, and giving sacrificially of your love, talents, time, money, and resources?

Will you make those affirmations publicly, as a matter of conscience, relying on the grace of God through the Spirit and the Word, to fulfill them? Yes No

Is there anything in your conduct that is out of step with the above affirmations? Yes No

I have taken the "Membership Matters" class. Yes No

Signature "Membership Matters" Teacher

I hereby request to become a member of Grace Church. I understand my application for membership/baptism is subject to approval by the elders.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Ministry Leader's Signature _____ Date _____

Pastor's/Elder's Signature _____ Date _____

Pastor's/Elder's Comments _____

