

## WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME AS A MEMBER?

At Grace Chapel we never ask our members to do more than the Bible clearly teaches. We only encourage our members to do what the Bible expects every Christian to do. These responsibilities are spelled out in the Membership Covenant.

### The Grace Chapel Membership Covenant

"Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with Grace Chapel statements, strategy, and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Grace Chapel church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following."

#### 1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

- By acting in love toward other members
- By refusing to gossip
- By following the leaders
- By reconciling conflict

**(Romans 14:19)** Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

**(Romans 15:5)** Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

**(1 Peter 1:22)** Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently:

**(Ephesians 4:29)** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

**(Hebrews 13:17)** Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.

## **2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH**

- By praying for it's growth
- By inviting the unchurched to attend
- By warmly welcoming those who are alone and/or visiting

**(1 Thessalonians 1:2)** We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

**(Luke 14:23)** *And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.*

**(Romans 15:7)** Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

## **3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH**

- By discovering my gifts and talents
- By being equipped to serve
- By developing a servant's heart

**(1 Peter 4:10)** As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

**(Ephesians 4:11-12)** And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

**(Philippians 2:3-4, 7)** *Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. But made*

himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

#### **4. I WILL SUPPORT THE LIFE OF MY CHURCH**

- By attending faithfully
- By living a godly life

**(Hebrews 10:25)** Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

**(Philippians 1:27)** Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;