



### Grace Church Member's Pledge

The purpose of this Pledge is to provide a reminder of the commitment that Grace Church membership entails, first to the Lord, then to the Grace Church family, and, finally, to the community in which we live. We ask all new members to sign this Pledge as a reminder of this commitment, but do not require that the signed document be submitted to the church.

As those who have experienced a life changed by the gospel of Christ Jesus, we desire to reflect the character of Christ through the pursuit of Biblical attitudes and actions and the rejection of non-Biblical attitudes and actions (*Galatians 5:16-24, Colossians 3:1-17*). The commitments of this Pledge are in no way intended as an addition to the Biblical obligations of a believer. Rather, this Pledge seeks to express what the Scriptures teach about the lifestyle of believers. Understanding that the Christian life is one of continual challenges, Grace Church desires to be a place that helps our membership walk through those challenges with grace and mercy.

As a member of Grace Church, I will solemnly and joyfully strive...

...to recognize the authority of Scripture as the final arbiter on all issues of faith and Christian living. *Psalms 119, 2 Timothy 3:14-17, 2 Peter 1:19-21*

...to, by God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, walk in holiness in all areas of life as an act of worship to Christ Jesus. *1 Peter 1:13-16, 1 Peter 4:1-3*

...to follow the command and example of Jesus by participating in the ordinances prescribed to His Church by: being baptized after my conversion and regularly remembering and celebrating communion with the Grace Church family. *Matthew 3:13-17, Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 22:19-20, John 6:53-58*

...to pursue growth in the Lord Jesus Christ through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship and service to Christ's church. *Acts 17:11, Luke 18:1, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Ephesians 5:1-21*

...to understand and accept Grace Church's core beliefs (Constitution) and agree not to be divisive toward its teaching. *Hebrews 13:17, Ephesians 4:1-3, Titus 3:10-11*

...to actively participate in the life of the Grace Church family by regularly attending worship services. *Acts 2:42-47, Hebrews 10:23-25*

...to submit to the authority assigned by Scripture to church Elders and diligently strive for unity and peace within the church. *Ephesians 4:1-3, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Peter 5:5, 1 Corinthians 6:1-8*

...to seek Biblical counsel in times of personal trial, temptation, and spiritual warfare. *Galatians 6:2, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12*

...to give generously from the resources God has given me, including time, talents, spiritual gifts, and finances. *Matthew 25:14-30, Romans 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 8-9*

...to take seriously the responsibility of limiting my Christian freedom when actions or situations may present a stumbling block to others. *1 Corinthians 8:1-13*

...to receive righteous and loving correction when approached Biblically by fellow believers. *Psalms 141:5, Matthew 18:15-20, 1 Corinthians 5:9-13, Galatians 6:1-2*

...to recognize and accept God as my Creator and to acknowledge that He created both male and female. It is God who made us, and not we ourselves, and so I will maintain a gender identity that corresponds to the biological sex assigned to me at birth by God. *Genesis 1:27, Psalms 100:3*

...to practice sexual abstinence unless married, and, if married, complete fidelity within a heterosexual and monogamous marriage. I will pursue purity and abstain from sexually immoral practices including, but not limited to, premarital sex, adultery, and pornography. *Romans 13:11-14, 1 Corinthians 6:15-20, Ephesians 5:3, Hebrews 13:4*

...to protect and preserve the gift of marriage and agree to walk through the steps of marriage reconciliation with a Pastor or Elder before pursuing divorce from my spouse. *Matthew 19:1-12, Mark 10:1-12, Luke 16:18, 1 Corinthians 7:10-11*

...to value, protect, and defend all human life, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition, from conception through natural death, as sacred and created by God in His image. *Psalms 139, Genesis 1:26-27*

...to refrain from illegal drug use or legal drug addiction, drunkenness, gossip, false witness and other sinful behavior as the Bible dictates. *Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 5:18-20, James 3:3-18, 1 Corinthians 6:12*

...to notify a Grace Church Elder if at any time I believe I can no longer keep this pledge.

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Member Signature

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Date