

MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give myself wholly to Him, I will now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully make the following covenant before God and with the body of believers at GraceLife Bible Church.

I commit myself to *exalt God* by pursuing Christlikeness in holiness, humility, and love for God through His Word and His Spirit (Heb 11:6; Psa 42:1; 2 Pet 1:2–8; Phil 2:1–7; Matt 22:37–38); and also endeavor to faithfully pursue the worship of God with the corporate body (John 4:23–24; Phil 3:3).

I commit myself to *edify the saints* of GraceLife Bible Church by being committed to shepherding, fellowship, and service. I commit myself to the biblical principle of *shepherding* by being shepherded by the elders personally and submitting to their leadership for the church (1 Pet 5:1–4; Heb 13:17); by being accountable to the local church for my Christian witness and testimony both in the church and in the world (Matt 18:15–17); and by applying the "one anothers" in my relationships with the family members of this church.

I commit myself to *fellowship* by regularly and faithfully participating in the gatherings of GraceLife Bible Church—worship services, Care Groups, other activities and events (Heb 10:24–25); by seeking to encourage and admonish one other towards Christlikeness with Christian love (Rom 12:9–13); and by refraining from gossip and slander and seeking reconciliation when fellowship with a fellow believer has been broken (Rom 12:17–19; Eph 4:31–32).

I commit myself to *serve* by praying regularly for the needs of others (Jam 5:16); by serving through the use of my spiritual gifts (1 Pet 4:10–11); by giving regularly, cheerfully, and sacrificially to the needs and mission of our church (2 Cor 9:6–9); and by affirming the doctrinal commitments of our church and striving to protect the unity of the faith (Eph 4:14–16; 1 Thess 5:19–22).

I commit myself to *evangelize the lost* by praying for the salvation of souls (Rom 10:1; Col 4:2–4); by showing and sharing the Gospel of Christ with unbelievers (Matt 5:16; Rom 10:14–17; Col 4:5–6); and by actively supporting the local and global missions' efforts of GraceLife Bible Church (Matt 28:19–20).

I commit to communicate with the elders before deciding to leave GraceLife Bible Church for any reason. And then I will, when I move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with another Bible-teaching, gospel-centered church where I can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.