

*Grace Community Fellowship
Covenant Relationship*

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.”

Ephesians 1:3-6

Having been chosen by God and drawn by the Spirit to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior, I do joyfully enter into this covenant with this fellowship as one body in Christ, according to the following affirmations and commitments:

1. I believe that the Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, were verbally inspired by God, inerrant in the original writings, and that they are the supreme and final authority in faith and life. (Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21)
2. I believe the Lord Jesus Christ is God in the flesh, the only Savior of sinners, as described in the gospel. Who died, was buried and rose again for our justification and the guarantee of our future glorification and that He ascended into heaven and now sits at the right hand of the Father ruling and reigning with Him. (John 10:30; John 14:6; Romans 4:25-5:2; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Acts 1:9-11)
3. I believe that the Lord is personally coming again to receive His children to Himself and to judge the world. I believe that this blessed hope has a vital bearing on my personal life and service. I believe that until His return I am to live my life by the power of the Spirit, in such a way that it brings glory to God through His Son my Savior. (John 14:1-3; I Corinthians 15:51-52; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:13-14; I John 3:1-3)
4. I acknowledge myself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His wrath, and without hope, except in God’s sovereign mercy, love, and grace to save me. (Romans 1:18, 3:10-12; Ephesians 2:4-10)
5. Having repented of my sins in response to God’s call, I commit to be a diligent disciple of my Lord Jesus Christ, for His glory and my own good. (Luke 24:45-47; 2 Peter 3:9; Romans 12:1-2; 2 Timothy 2:15)

We the “Elders of GCF”, with the help of the Holy Spirit, do hereby covenant to:

- Seek to “*Walk in the Spirit manifesting the fruit of the Spirit,*” providing an example to the flock of a lifestyle that is “*above reproach.*”
- Shepherd the Flock of GCF:
 - 1) Equipping you for spiritual ministry and maturity. Resulting in the building up of the body of Christ, through:
 - The preaching of the Word of God.
 - The implementation of the “N.T. one another’s”.
 - Family based, husband/father directed, heart level discipleship.
 - 2) Leading you into the enjoyment of God, for your good and His glory.
 - 3) Protecting you from doctrinal error and wolves who would seek to destroy the flock of God.
(I Timothy 3:1-7; I Timothy 4:10-16; Ephesians 4:11-16, 6:4; II Corinthians 1:24; Titus 1:5-9)

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We the “Flock of God” known as GCF, with the help of the Holy Spirit, do hereby covenant to:

- Appreciate and esteem the leadership – in love.
- Remember, imitate, obey and submit to the leadership.
- PRAY FOR the leadership.
- Communicate with the leadership.

I Corinthians 16:16; I Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:7, 17-18; James 5:14

Finally, we all, with the help of the Holy Spirit, do hereby covenant together:

- To walk together with one another in Christian love, supporting one another in prayer and practical deeds of service.
- To submit to the authority of Holy Scripture in all areas of our lives.
- To strive to advance this fellowship in the knowledge of the Word and the enjoyment of God in all His glory.
- To affirm and uphold the doctrinal position of this fellowship.
- To strive to maintain personal and family devotions and to educate the children of our fellowship in the Christian faith.
- To contribute cheerfully and faithfully of our God entrusted time, abilities, and earthly possessions in support of the ministry expenses of the fellowship, the relief of the poor, and the spreading of the gospel through all nations.

*Romans 12:9-21; II Corinthians 8:1-9; Galatians 6:1-2; Hebrews 10:24; I Thessalonians 5:14-24;
II Timothy 3:16-17*