

APPLICATION FOR
MEMBERSHIP IN THE

Fellowship of
Grace Brethren Churches



KNOWING JESUS . . .
MAKING HIM KNOWN

General Instructions: Fill out this application form and send it with your membership fee to the FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES, P.O. Box 386, WINONA LAKE, IN 46590. The deadline for application is January 1st in order to be considered in the following annual conference. If you wish to request an extension of this deadline, include a letter of reference from a cooperating district missions board, a sponsoring church that is already a member of the FGBC, or Grace Brethren Missions.

Official Name of Church Cocalico Creek Fellowship		
Church Mailing Address 129 N. Reamstown Rd., PO Box 99		
City Reamstown	ST PA	Zip 17567
Phone 717-336-1165	Email	
Meeting Place .same as above		
Pastor or principle leader Jeff Reifsnyder		
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Has your church joined a cooperating district? If so, which one and when?

Currently have paperwork sent in to North Atlantic

Please review the Constitution and Manual of Procedure for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Note carefully ARTICLE III and ARTICLE IV of the Constitution and ARTICLE I of the Manual of Procedure which deal with the membership requirements new FGBC churches are to meet.

How did your local church take official action to subscribe to the Covenant and Statement of Faith as found in Article III of the Constitution of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc.?

The Biblical truths set out in Article III are the foundation of the existence of Cocalico Creek Fellowship. We believe and teach accordingly the 12 truths that are listed under Article III

List the present responsible officers of the congregation with titles:

Jeff Reifsnyder—lead church planter (pulpit ministry and overseer to ministries)
Sandi Reifsnyder—Assist. In church planting/Children and Youth Dir.
Don Johnson—care and Outreach ministry
Bev Johnson—Sec./Care and Outreach ministry
Ryan McGinnis—Worship leader

How will you identify your affiliation with the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches? (ie: on a church sign, letterhead, church bulletin, etc).

We are currently, and will continue to identify our affiliation with the FGBC by our church sign, letterheads, bulletins and “business” cards

Describe your practice of Triune Immersion and the Threefold Communion Service.

We have rented a local retreat center that has a pond for a baptism services. We begin with prayer and explanation of why we are there (for the purposes of baptism, according to Matthew 28>19) We then ask the participant to share a public testimony. We proceed to baptize (triune immersion) of the participant(s). As each participant leaves the pond we offer praises in singing and prayer. We close the service with a prayer of dedication and encouragement. We celebrate this event in the participants life by gathering together after the baptism for a meal.

Our threefold Communion service is currently practiced on Sunday mornings. The service is started with prayer and proclamation of the teaching of communion (John 13:1-17, I Cor. 11:20—22, 33-34; Jude 12, I Cor. 11 23-26). We encourage all who are believers in Christ to join in this service. We encourage a time of introspection and ask that if there is anything that would hinder any participant. We proceed with the washing of the saints feet. We then gather together again with singing and Testimony. Next we enjoy the fellowship meal—each participant,

or family brings food to share with those at the table around them. This time is spent in visiting with each other. The bread and cup are distributed and we read Scripture together and singing. After we partake of the bread and cup we close the service with singing and prayer. We encourage the fellowship that has occurred during this service to continue on that day and daily through the week.

In seeking membership in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, does your church recognize the obligation of mutual encouragement and cooperation with other congregations and agree to fulfill the membership requirements as stated in the Constitution and Manual of Procedure?

Yes

How many members do you presently have? ____20____

A check payable to FGBC for \$5.50 per member for the current year membership fee should be included with this application.

Check received on 1/2/06. Check #1024 for \$105.00.

BRIEF HISTORY

Cocalico Creek has been meeting now for 17 months. We have grown from 12 to 28-30 people on average. When everyone is able to be there we have closer to 40. We meet regularly Sunday mornings at 10am. We also meet weekly with our youth and adults. We have monthly fellowship meals after church. This church is committed to letting people in the community know that Jesus loves them. We have monthly outreach opportunities. Christmas caroling, hosting a community picnic, handing out batteries for smoke detectors, community perennial swap, acts of kindness like pulling weeds, raking. Also bible studies, retreats, campouts, girl's tea, paintball.

We also believe in training leaders. We believe all people are leaders in some way. We do not believe that our youth are the church of tomorrow—we believe they are part of the church today. We try and include every believer, whether old or young, in some way in our services. We offer mentoring and discipleship to anyone who would like to be a part of this kind of relationship.

We also believe that we need to give not only of our time but of our finances to help those in need. We give food, clothing and money to local families. We also give to church planters and missionaries.

We believe God has called us together as a local body of believers. We believe He is the center of what we are and do.