



KNOWING JESUS ... MAKING HIM KNOWN

Application for Membership in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches:

General Instructions: Fill out this application form and send it with your membership fee to the FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES, P.O. Box 384, WINONA LAKE, IN 46590 and send a file copy as an attachment to tomavey@fgbc.org. 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

Church Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

Meeting Place

Web Site

Pastor or principle leader

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

Tell Us about Your Church and Its People . . .

Attach or give a brief history or testimony about your churches ministry, including any pictures that capture the heart of the congregation and mission.

List the present responsible officers (or leaders) of the congregation with titles:

Tell Us About Your Current and Future Connections to the FGBC Family . . .

The FGBC is committed to biblical relationships . . .

Is there another Grace Brethren Church, ministry or district that is helping you connect with the FGBC and process this membership application. If so, which one? Please describe your relationship with that church, ministry, or district.

Why does your church desire membership in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches?

To the best of your knowledge, does your church or any leadership of your church have unresolved problems with another Grace Brethren church, leader, district or cooperating organization? If so, who can we contact for clarification?

In what ways does your church intend to continue its cooperation with other churches in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches? (For example, cooperative activities such as National Conference, District Ministerium, Focus Retreats, etc.)

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?

Tell Us About Your Church's Commitment to the Bible . . .

The FGBC is committed to biblical truth . . .

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 that deal with the membership requirements new FGBC churches are to meet. ***What questions does this raise for you and your church that we should discuss together?***

(Add the web site location for the Constitution and MoP)

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.? <note: Idea: "Have you already officially aligned with the Statement of Faith or the Declaration of Common Identity and are people in your church aware of this alignment?">

The Mission We Commit To Pursue Together . . .

The FGBC is committed to biblical mission . . .

Please read the Commitment to Common Mission (www.fgbc.org). Please comment on any ideas or dreams your church has in any of the three areas of ministry:

Developing Leaders

Planting a new church

Engaging in integrated ministry in your community?

We encourage you to consider reading "Restoring the Household" by Todd Scoles in order to become more familiar with the FGBC family. We welcome the opportunity to discuss any questions you might have as a result of what you learn.

How many people are presently members of this church? _____

A check payable to FGBC based on the chart below for the current year membership fee should be included with this application. Use your church's average attendance multiplied by \$3.90

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

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

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