## Membership Application for ...

## **Living The Word Church**

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1186 township rd. 1106 Ashland, Ohio 44805

419-908-8181 Seednet208@yahoo.com

Meeting place: Jennings apartments

Web Site: http://

Is your church incorporated in your state? : No

Does your church have commercial liability insurance? Yes

Pastor or Principle Leader: Nathan Wells

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

Nathan Wells- Elder

Andy Shank- Elder

Thomas Jordan- Lay Teacher

Evelyn Jordan- Prayer Leader

For the purpose of membership in the FGBC, we define a local church as a group of Christ followers in a specific location, committed to the Gospel as its one message, under the oversight of Biblical leadership, practicing the ordinances, and on mission to the world by discipling and sending its people. How does your church match or not yet match this definition? Comment especially on the leadership, ordinances and mission of your church.

Living the Word Church exists inside of Jennings Apartments in Mansfield Ohio to BE the church with biblical leadership including an elder training process. We meet for worship (teaching,preaching,fellowship and prayer) weekly with other individualized bible study times. We do lifestyle and aggressive evangelism weekly because the gospel is #1.

We love to do 3 fold communion and triune baptism.

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

Almost 2 years ago Nathan Wells & Andy Shank began praying & evangelizing Jennings Apartment Complex. I that process they met Thomas & Evelyn Jordan who would become out people of peace and actual church planters. Through much gospel saturation and serving this low income community. A gathering began with a few people including a couple new believers. We just named the church Living the Word this year because it captures the servant heart of the people.

Please read the Commitment to Common Mission (<a href="http://www.fgbc.org/files/OurCommitmentToCommonMission.pdf">http://www.fgbc.org/files/OurCommitmentToCommonMission.pdf</a>). What will your church do to develop leaders, plant a new church and engage in integrated ministry in your community?

We agree with the Commitment to Common Mission and network with SEED Net, Vision Ohio & EastGate Bible Church.

We disciple our people actively to trust and follow Jesus and make disciples of their neighbors and be involved in church planting through connection with Seed Net and Vision Ohio

Read "Restoring the Household" by Todd Scoles: <a href="http://www.bmhbooks.com/brethren/item/205-restoring-the-household-the-quest-of-the-grace-brethren-church">http://www.bmhbooks.com/brethren/item/205-restoring-the-household-the-quest-of-the-grace-brethren-church</a> What questions does this raise for you and your church that we should discuss together?

## Loved the book

Describe your relationship with another Grace Brethren Church, ministry or district that is helping you connect with the FGBC and process this membership application. Provide a letter of reference from that ministry before June 1 either through regular mail (to PO Box 384, Winona Lake Indiana, 46590), using the upload button at the top of this page or email to tomavey@fgbc.org.

Part of SEED Net networking with Vision Ohio. Great relationship

In what ways does your church intend to continue its cooperation with other churches in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches?

Continue church planting with and through SEED Net and Vision Ohio

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

Love the people and love the statement of faith

Please review the <u>Constitution</u> and <u>Manual of Procedure</u> 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?

Sounds good

Have you already officially aligned with the FGBC Statement of Faith and are people in your church aware of this alignment?

Yes

To the best or 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?

No

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 people participate in your church in an average week?

10

A check payable to FGBC based on the chart below for the current year membership fee should be sent to FGBC, PO Box 384, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590 as soon as this application is submitted. Use your church's average attendance multiplied by \$4.15

When will that fellowship fee be sent?

When we know we have been accepted

Is this application complete? If you plan to return to this application and complete it later, select NO!

Yes

Assigned To:
Date of Interview:
Interview comments
Approved by membership commission:
Approved by Fellowship Council:
Approved by delegates:
Membership fee recieved:
Comments
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