



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. 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
Living Hope Grace Brethren church

Church Mailing Address
1407 Morris Ave

City	State	Zip
Saxton	PA	16678

Phone	Email
814-635-2548	B3LH@verizon.net

Meeting Place	Web Site
801 Main St. Saxton, PA	www.livinghopegbc.com

Pastor or principle leader
Bill Hall

Address
1407 Morris Ave

City	State	Zip
Saxton	PA	16678

Phone	Email
814-635-2548	B32LH@verizon.net

Has your church joined a cooperating district? If so, which one and when?
Yes, West Penn in 2003

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.

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.?

As the pastor of Living Hope, I teach and preach Article III of the Constitution. I explain we are a fellowship and we follow without any reservation the points of doctrine found in Article III

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

Pastor Bill Hall – any major decisions and I always let the staff and elders know what is happening
Rhonda Miller - treasurer

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

We have a sign over our door. We also have a metal sign pointing the way to the church. Living Hope Grace Brethren Church. We also run ads in the newspaper we put "Living Hope GBC"

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

We practice triune immersion, two summers ago – we immersed 8 teens and several adults.
We have had several three fold communion services. One reason I am pasturing in a GBC is because of communion. All three aspects are practiced.

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?

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?

We presently do not have members. People who do attend are encouraged to vote on any major decisions (for example, the budget) I am on staff at MGBC and the church is under the wing of them. We are not against membership.

How many people are presently members of this church? _____

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

Attach or give a brief history or testimony about your churches ministry, including pictures of the church or church leadership that we can use to introduce your church to the FGBC family.

Saxton PA is located in the mountains of PA. The town of 800 people is considered the largest town of the Broad Top area.

We have developed a youth ministry, which ministers to as many as 45 teens on a Tuesday night. Most of these teens have never been to a church and chances are they never will. This year, we have averaged around 15. Last year, several of them made decisions for Christ and 10 were baptized. After three years we are starting to see some of them come to morning worship hour, but they still regard Tuesday night as "their church". The teens eat at the church and then travel to Camp Mantowagan, which is the district camp.

Last Sunday night (Christmas eve service) we had 35 in attendance. Two teens and a mom of one of these teens came for the first time. We have been praying regularly for these individuals. The two teens have come regularly at the Tuesday night program, but never to church.

Our kids 4 Jesus ministry is to reach kids for Christ.

Our children's ministry has been operating on Tuesday nights under the leadership of Lauren Hoover. It is called Kids 4 Jesus. Lauren Hoover said, "In four years over fifty five children ranging in ages from four to thirteen have attended. Ninety eight percent of those children came from broken homes and unchurched families. The children are under the constant weight of the problems of their parents and their older siblings. They are affected by a poor economy and school district. For some, the only consistent caring place they have had is Kids 4 Jesus. That is why we strive to teach the building blocks of Christian faith, the teachings of Jesus, evangelizing, and respect for themselves and others. We do this through demonstrative teaching that gets the kids involved in hands on biblical character building activities, prayer exercises, and Thank you Jesus Parties (which are once a month parties that afford us the opportunity to sit down, eat, talk, play games, and thank Jesus for what He has done in our lives). The children also learn empathy through participating in Operation Christmas Child. This ministry has given the children the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with over thirty other kids around the world in the past three years through shoebox gifts. Because of the often unstable nature of their home lives, we never know how long a child will attend. Because of this, I have a personal goal to make sure that every child who attends a Kids 4 Jesus meeting knows who Jesus is and what He has done for them.

I think that the adults who have been involved in Kids 4 Jesus would agree that what we have learned from the children is just as important as what they have learned from us. Their fervent inclusion of every concern during prayer whether for animals, relatives, or complete strangers, inspires us to care more for our world, while their energy, spirit, and unquenchable thirst for answers is a constant reminder of the verse Matt. 18:3, "And He said, I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven." Last year, Kids 4 Jesus ministered to six to ten children a week.

The Martinsburg GBC started the church in September of 1999. My family came in July of 2003.

2003	attendance 18	offerings \$6,838.45
2004	attendance 23	offerings \$10,034.52
2005	attendance 25	offerings \$11,669.01
2006	attendance 31	offerings \$10,933.36 (three quarters)

Conversion: kids, teens and adults 25

Mission statement: Reaching people and developing passionate followers of Jesus

Vision Statement: To present Christ in a cultural relevant way to the people in the Broad Top Area.

Core Values: Loving – reaching the lost with the life changing message of God's love

Multiplying – be a disciple maker

Family – Provide training and guidance for children teens and family by following the authority of the Bible.

Praying – Acting in life changing prayer

Authentic – Develop authentic relationships with God and each other

Worshipping – Practicing life impacting worship expressing our need for God

Strategies/Goals for 2007

Become a recognized church in the FGBC

Establish 2 small family groups

Establish a ministry to the senior citizens apartments across the street from the church

Establish a men's ministry with two annual events

Establish a ladies ministry with two annual events

Establish one family event during the year

Have 13 outreaches in the community

Have 50 in attendance