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### 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](mailto: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

**Fuente de Vida Grace Bilingual Church, Inc.**

Church Mailing Address

**24197 C.R. 16E.**

City

**Elkhart**

State

**IN.**

Zip

**46516**

Phone

**574-229-1251**

Email

**bbaughman633@att.net**

Meeting Place

**First Brethren Church Building C.R. 16 Elkhart, IN 46516**

Web Site

**n/a**

Pastor or principle leader

**Brian Baughman**

Address

**58575 Eller Dr.**

City

**Osceola**

State

**IN.**

Zip

**46561**

Phone

**574-229-1251**

Email

**bbaughman633@att.net**

Has your church joined a cooperating district? If so, which one and when?

**No, not yet. Our plan would be to join the Heartland district in 2011.**

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.?

**They were made part of our By-laws. They will be part of our membership materials/handbook/application process. We have taught through over the last few years the "Basic Beliefs" series from CE to the majority of our group.**

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

**Pastor Brian Baughman – Moderator  
Carlos Valenzuela – Treasurer  
Gene Lambright – Secretary**

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

**Letterhead and business cards. We do not presently have a church sign, but it is a possibility in the future.**

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

**It would typically of normal GBC's. In the communion service we observe the love feast, the washing of the saint's feet and the bread and the cup. Triune immersion is the only form of baptism that we practice / will practice. Although we will accept into membership those believers who have previously been single immersed. They will have to go through the same application procedure and interview as everyone else and align themselves with the statement of faith. We will not accept members based solely on a transfer letter.**

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?

**To the best of my knowledge, no.**

**This ministry (Fuente de Vida) and I personally did not leave the Osceola GBC under the most suitable conditions. I resigned from my position as Hispanic Ministry Pastor on 8/9/10. But after the ensuing 2 weeks of discussions and meetings, the other pastors and the elder board unanimously gave their approval and blessing for me to take this ministry out to another spot wherever God would lead and plant a sister GBC. Please feel free to call Pastor Greg Serafino at the Osceola GBC for any clarification (574-674-5918). There were 2 other men/pastors involved that could also provide clarity if so needed. Pastor Gene Lambright (CAM Missionary) cell 574-849-5808, Pastor Dave Guiles (GBIM) cell 574-453-1309.**

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 are presently members of this church? **(avg. attendance is 49)**

**We are still in the formative process of establishing our membership role. Within a few months we should have 20-25 adults officially on the membership list.**

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 for 2007.

Attendance	Fee
Less than 25	\$ 50
26-50	\$ 105
51-100	\$ 265
101-200	\$ 525
201-400	\$ 1,050
401-800	\$ 2,100
801-1600	\$ 4,200

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.

**This ministry had its roots in the 2000 Census. God used that to open our eyes to the growing population of Spanish speaking immigrants living here in Elkhart. In 2001 my wife Tammy and I went to Argentina to learn Spanish and then returned to the Osceola GBC to start developing a Spanish speaking ministry. Over the years God has blessed and many people have come to know Christ as Savior. Some of these have in turned reached friends and family in other states and in their home countries. Some of the ministries' first converts are now the ones helping to lead Fuente de Vida as it takes another step of development in becoming a self-sustaining church. We praise the Lord for the love and mercy He has poured out on us and on these dear Hispanic families that He has brought to Northern Indiana.**

# Fuente de Vida

