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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. 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

Brighton Chapel Brethren Church, Inc.

Church Mailing Address

5415 North State Road 3

City Howe

State IN

Zip 46746

Phone 260-562-2505

Email amyhelmuth@kuntrynet.com

Meeting Place Brighton Chapel

Web Site N/A

Pastor or principle leader Jeremy Helmuth

Address

6470 North 325 East

City Howe

State IN

Zip 46746

Phone 260-562-2402

Email jahelmuth@kuntrynet.com

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

Not yet. But we assume it will be the Heartland district.

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.?

Brighton Chapel voted 100% agreement at their spring business meeting on April 23, 2008 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.

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

Jeremy Helmuth – Senior Pastor
Rob Wagler – Youth Pastor
Ken Bickel – Associate Pastor
Bob Wagler – Treasurer

Ron Workman – Chairman of Elder Board
Matt Weimer – Elder
Carl Schmidt – Elder

John Larimer – Elder
John Alleshouse – Elder
Mark Larimer – Elder

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

Brighton Chapel will identify her affiliation with the FGBC by placing the name Grace Brethren on her church bulletins, which a brief explanation of what it means to be a Grace Brethren church.

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

Once a year (either July or August), our church goes to an area lake and baptizes new believers and those who would like to become members. Each person baptized is immersed within the lake three different times, with the pastor repeating "in the name of the Father," the first dunk, "the Son," the second dunk, and "the Holy Spirit" the third dunk.

We have two threefold communion services every year (one on Palm Sunday night and the other the first Sunday night in October). We begin the service with a time of confession in our sanctuary and then move over to the fellowship hall where tables are lit with candles for light. We then have a love feast where the meal is provided by the church. After this, we separate into different rooms where men wash the feet of men and women wash the feet of women. For those who do not want to participate in this aspect of the service, we allow them to remain seated and spend that time singing as everyone waits for those who still need their feet washed. The evening commences with the partaking of the bread and the cup. We gather in a circle and sing one last song before we leave: "Blessed be the Tie that Binds."

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. To the best of our knowledge, we have no unresolved problems with another Grace Brethren Church, or any other church for that matter.

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, we agree to the membership requirements.

How many people are presently members of this church?

145 members

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.

Brighton Chapel's average attendance for 2007 was 198 for our Sunday morning worship service.

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.

Brighton Chapel is a rural church located in northern Indiana. The church was founded in 1888 and has seen much change in the last 120 years. The church has transformed from a traditional church into a more modern church over the past five years. The church is led in worship by a team of singers and a band which implements both new songs and also the traditional hymns. The church is blessed with a strong Sunday School program (over 60% of the total congregation is involved in them) as well as healthy small groups (close to 75% of the total congregation is involved in them). The youth ministry is active in its community with various outreaches and also goes on a missions trip at least once a year. The average age of the church continues to decrease, as the church expects seven new babies this year. Even though young families are the majority in the congregation, you can find ages 9 months to 90 years on any given Sunday.

The following is a picture of an outreach even where we went around our church's community raking leaves for our neighbors. The 2nd picture is of summer VBS. During that summer 2003, we averaged around 40 children a day. The last couple of years we have averaged over 100 per day. The last picture is of the senior pastor and his family (we are expecting another August 15, 2008).





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Pastor Jim Brown

To whom it may concern:

Grace Community Church of Goshen Indiana is pleased to recommend Brighton Chapel to the FGBC for membership. We have been aware of this church for the past 5 years through Dr. Ken Bickel, a member of Grace Community Church, who served there as an interim and part time associate pastor. We know this church to be a healthy church and that its beliefs align very well with the FGBC. It is our hope and expectation that Brighton Chapel would be blessing to the FGBC family and the church would likewise be encouraged by this formal association in the FGBC.

Thanks again
Jim Brown

Jim Brown
Senior pastor
Grace Community Church