



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

Darby Grace Brethren Church

Church Mailing Address

P.O. Box 92

City

Plain City

State

Ohio

Zip

43064

Phone

(614) 535-8357

Email

question@darbygrace.org

Meeting Place

9899 U.S. 42 South Plain City, Ohio 43064

Web Site

www.darbygrace.org

Pastor or principle leader

Shawn Kaeser

Address

2043 Cottonwood Court

City

Plain City

State

Ohio

Zip

43064

Phone

(614) 504-5369

Email

shawn@darbygrace.org

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

Yes, Darby Grace Brethren Church joined the North Central Ohio District in May, 2009.

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.

I have read it and I agree with it. DGBC is committed in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches Statement of Faith.

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.?

Those who started DGBC (myself and our launch team) agreed from the founding that we would embrace Article III of the Constitution of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. We strongly believe these to be Biblical truths. As we met in the beginning, before we had Sunday services, we discussed each point of the Statement of Faith in great detail and length. We have since posted the statement of faith on our church website as well as in church literature. All those who join our team are made aware of our beliefs.

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

**Mr. Shawn Kaeser- Pastor/Elder
Dr. Richard Scott- Elder/Treasurer
Mr. David Hirshberg- Elder/Director
Mr. Richard Bean- Elder/Director
Mrs. Tracey Kaeser- Children's Ministry Director**

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

"Grace Brethren" is a part of our official church name. Our signage, letterhead, bulletins all refer to our body as " Darby Grace Brethren Church".

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

We practice Triune Immersion and Threefold Communion Services at Darby Grace Brethren Church. In our 1 ½ year existence, we have had two baptism services. Each of the believers that have been baptized were baptized through Triune Immersion. I speak with each person that is baptized as well as the church body about the words of Jesus in Matthew 28 concerning baptism. We have also held several communion services during a short life as a church. We practice foot washing, the Love Feast and the Bread and the Cup. Again all those believers that take communion are made aware of what the Bible says concerning communion.

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. There are no unresolved issues with other Grace Brethren Churches.

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? **60**

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 church's ministry, including pictures of the church or church leadership that we can use to introduce your church to the FGBC family.

Shawn and Tracey Kaeser moved to Plain City, Ohio based on a call from God to start a church. They soon began gathering families in the community. Darby Grace Brethren Church began meeting on Sundays in summer of 2008. The church meets in a rented facility. The church's first Sunday service had 3 families in attendance. To date, DGBC has 14 committed families that would call Darby Grace their church home. In addition to holding Sunday morning services, there are various opportunities for members to grow in their faith. Darby Grace currently offers Bible studies (men and women) several times a year. Children's ministry is also a part of Sunday morning service. DGBC is also working to create a youth group. Just recently, the church began sponsoring missionaries. In addition to these things, Darby Grace is continually reaching out to the community. Outreach is critical to a new church. The church had information and prize booths and were part of various events including VBS, Memorial Day and 4th of July parades, Plain City Car Show, Christmas Under the Clock, and Easter egg hunts. A DVD of the last year at DGBC was provided to the FGBC in Indiana via the U.S. mail. Other pictures and information can be found at www.darbygrace.org.

Additional information: DGBC is a nonprofit organization in the state of Ohio as well as a tax exempt organization with the federal government (501c3)



Our Logo

There is meaning behind the leaf logo of Darby Grace. The leaf is that of a sycamore tree. This type of tree is common along the Big Darby and Little Darby River. It only grows near water such as a stream or river. It reminds us how dependent we are on the Living Water of God and that we can be like a tree planted near water (Psalm 1). The sycamore tree was the type of tree that Zacchaeus climbed to get a better view of Jesus Christ (Luke 19). It is our prayer that Darby Grace will be used by God to allow people to better see the Lord.



Pastor Shawn and Tracey Kaeser