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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.

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Official Name of Church  
Eastgate Mansfield

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Church Mailing Address  
718 Wick Ave

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| City    | State | Zip   |
| Ashland | Oh    | 44805 |

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| Phone        | Email                |
| 419-496-1281 | Andyshank1@yahoo.com |

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| Meeting Place                    | Web Site |
| Eastgate Apartments in Mansfield |          |

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Pastor or principle leader  
Andy Shank

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Address  
Same as above

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

Not yet, plan to join NEO later in year.

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.

Yes.

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 church planter and pastor this is what I am teaching and preaching. It is what they know and are learning.

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

I Andy Shank am the church planter/pastor and have no other officers or leaders at this time.

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

Statement of Faith; relational connection with NEO; Eastgate Bible and Ashland West Main and VisionOhio.

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

We have had a number of baptisms and only practice triune immersion and our communion services are threefold.

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?

None.

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? \_\_14\_\_

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 multiplied by \$3.90

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.

For three years Pastor Nathan Wells has been going to Mansfield Ohio to a low income apartment complex to bring the Gospel to those people! He continued to saturate them with the Gospel in hopes that Jesus would radically save their souls and change the entire atmosphere! Then in the beginning of 2010 I came along side Pastor Nathan Wells and shared in the same vision for Eastgate Mansfield! Plant a church! Then in March of 2010, Eastgate Mansfield had their first conversion! Hank and Sherri (the managers of the apartment complex) both accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior! After accepting Christ into their lives, they opened up their home for a bible study! Since March, an additional six people accepted Christ! The Lord has also given us a few "believers in hiding" that have reengaged and now are walking with Christ!

We have seen God do some great things in East Mansfield! We have seen people with addiction problems turn away from their sin and embrace Christ! Fatherless men have found their "Daddies!" When Hank accepted Christ, with big tears in his eyes he said, "I finally know who my daddy is!" The stories of how Christ is changing not only the people, but the entire atmosphere in East Mansfield can go on and on, and we are in awe of it! God is using these people to expand His kingdom and bring glory to His name.

In addition to our Wednesday bible study, we have started a Sunday worship time! We meet Sunday mornings at 10 and worship God together! "Church" is happening here because Jesus showed up in East Mansfield and is forever changing this complex!

