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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

The Bridge

Church Mailing Address

P. O. Box 332

City	State	Zip
Tipp City	OH	45371

Phone	Email
937-901-2231	thebridgetippcity@gmail.com

Meeting Place	Web Site
Broadway Elementary School	www.thebridgetippcity.com

Pastor or principle leader

Ronald A. Sheranko

Address

421 Vista Ave.

City	State	Zip
Vandalia	OH	45377

Phone	Email
937-901-2231	sheranko1993@yahoo.com

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

We have not joined a cooperating district yet. In time, we will join and continue to fellowship with Tri State Fellowship.

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.?

Our Core Group met to discuss this and voted unanimously to subscribe to the Covenant and Statement of Faith of the FGBC. It is written in our meeting minutes and posted on our church web page as well.

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

Pastor/Elder – Ronald A. Sheranko

Lay Elders – Galen Gingerich, Dan Potts

Finance – Bob Hamlin, Melody Gingerich, Carol Pullen

Missions – Melinda Potts, Barb Hamlin, Melody Gingerich, Amy Sheranko

Children's Ministry Coordinator – Tanya Jackson

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

It is listed on our web page and in time will be on literature that we make available to our church family and the community.

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

We haven't had the opportunity to do either yet only being a month old, but our plan is to baptize by Triune Immersion all new believers in a swimming pool owned by one of our Core Group or the river in the community, and to practice the Threefold Communion Service at least 2 times a year. We just had our first salvation decision this past weekend so hopefully a baptism soon.

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?

We do not feel there are any unresolved problems with any of the above mentioned.

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, it does.

How many people are presently members of this church? **We have averaged around 50 each week so far.**

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.

The Bridge began in the heart of one of our Core Group leaders who for a long time had a vision for a Grace Brethren Church in the Tipp City area which is where he works and his kids attend school. When the timing was right, led by God, his family and several others who also live in the Tipp City area met and began to seek the Lord's direction. Around the same time, they learned Pastor Ron Sheranko was planning a ministry change and was asked if he would be interested in joining the Core Group and helping to launch the new church and he agreed. The Core Group began meeting in the fall of 2010 and in January 2011, began meeting at Broadway Elementary School in Tipp City, OH. The church was officially launched on February 6, 2011; Super Bowl Sunday. They had 72 attenders gather together for worship and celebrated the occasion with cake and punch after the service. The Bridge continues to meet on Sundays starting at 9:30 with breakfast treats and a worship service at 10 AM. Child Care and classes for up to the 6th grade are available during the service. The Bridge averages around 50 each week with visitors coming almost weekly. Pastor Ron is working full time in the community along with others in the church and look forward to making many contacts in helping the church continue to grow, but more importantly helping to grow God's Kingdom. As warmer weather continues to approach our goal is to minister to our community through various outreach events at the community parks and reach out to the numerous families involved in summer sports and other outdoor activities. Check out our web page at www.thebridgetippcity.com. We looking forward to being a part of a much larger family of believers in becoming a part of the FGBC.

