



Sovereign Grace Bible Church

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Membership Application

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name:
2. Address:
3. Phone Number (work and home) and Email Address:
4. Date of Salvation: (approximately)
5. Were you previously the member of another church? Which and where?
If yes, please explain how long you were a member, ministries involved in; your reason for leaving; and if you were ever placed under church discipline.

6. GOSPEL AFFIRMATION:

I profess to be a Christian because I have:

- a. repented of my sin and rebellion to God.
- b. believed in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as the finished and final payment for sin; and as man's only hope for salvation and eternal life.
- c. submitted my life completely to Jesus' authority and will as He communicates it to me through His word, the Bible.

(please answer "Yes", or "No" here)

7. Have you been water baptized as a result of professing this faith in Jesus Christ? Was it full water immersion?
8. If you have not been baptized, are you willing to do so as soon as the Elders can make arrangements?
9. Have you read and are you in full agreement with the church's mission statement, doctrinal statement, constitution, and declaration of faith and practice? If not where do you disagree?

10. How much time per day do you spend in prayer and reading your Bible?

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Church membership is vitally important to the Christian life. And there are several reasons why this is true:

- A. *It proves we are not ashamed to identify with Christ and His people. (Mrk 8:38)*
- B. *It encourages others in their Christian walk. (Heb 10:24,25)*
- C. *It demonstrates our commitment to Christ and the advancement of His kingdom. (Mt 28:19,20)*

Additionally, church membership allows us to minister to God and His people through the use of our spiritual gifts and abilities. (1Co 12-14; Eph 4:7-16; 1Pe 4:10)

1. Given the reasons listed above, is this why you desire to become a member of Sovereign Grace Bible Church?
2. Do you promise to use your spiritual gifts/abilities to benefit and advance God's kingdom through this church?
3. As a demonstration to your commitment to this church and the advancement of Christ's kingdom, are you willing to serve wherever and whenever needed?

In recent times, 1Timothy 3:8-13 has been understood as teaching a particular office within the Church. We however, believe what the early church believed regarding these verses—that they are instead referring to members in the church. Hence, these are the character requirements for those desiring to become members in the Body of Christ.

1. Based on this understanding, would you say that these things characterize your life (verses 8-10, 13 applying to both men and women; verse 11 applying specifically to women; and verse 12 applying specifically to men)?
2. Will you submit yourself to the direction and discipleship of the elders of this church regarding these things?

Hebrews chapter 13 verses 17 and 18 read, "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you."

1. As long as they do not violate a known and clear Scriptural command, do you agree to obey and submit to the current leadership of this church and their decisions understanding your role to make their work a "joy" and not "grief"?
2. Do you promise to be teachable to the Scriptures as the Senior Pastor and other elders in the congregation present it to you?

3. Do you promise (in humility) to go to the Senior Pastor with any questions or disagreements you might have regarding a certain teaching---or doctrinal stance, and to strive with him only according to the Scriptures?

4. Do you promise to never teach, promote or disseminate materials which are contrary to the teaching of the Senior Pastor or the official position of the church without first receiving consent from the Senior Pastor?

The Scriptures speak in many places about those who cause strife, and dissension in the church. One of the ways people do this is by speaking against her leadership or other members in a way that is gossip, or slander—or wrongfully judgmental. Such actions by individuals is considered serious sin and should never be tolerated by those who hear it (Pro 6:16-19; James 4:11-12; 1Ti 5:19; Rom 16:1; Tit 3:10; 1Co 5:11).

1. Do you promise never to be a part of such sinful actions, and immediately repent when you fail?

2. Do you promise also to not tolerate it in others (whether among members—or non-members), first by rebuking them and calling them to repentance; and if they are unrepentant, by disassociating with them (non-members, 1Co 5:11)—or by bringing it to the attention of the Leadership (members, Mat 18:15-17)?

3. Will you honor the church's discipline against others or yourself (if or when) it is exercised?

Lastly, 1 Peter chapter 4 verse 8 says that, “Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another.” And in John chapter 13 verse 35 Jesus states that it is by this love that the world will know we are His disciples.

One of the ways in which we demonstrate our love for one another is through devotion.

In the book of Acts, chapter 2 it tells us that the believers were “continually devoting themselves to the Apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayer” (2:42). “And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common...and sharing...as any might have need”(2:44,45).

Their devotion to one another included 5 things:

- The commitment of submission to the Apostles’ teaching (i.e. Scriptures).*
 - The commitment of regular attendance (for fellowship and learning the Scriptures).*
 - The commitment of breaking bread together and praying for one another.*
 - The commitment of financial support and meeting of needs.*
- And last but not least,*

-The commitment of service.

1. By the grace that God supplies, will you commit yourself to these same things as a demonstration of your love for the members of Sovereign Grace Bible Church?
2. Do you also commit to leave this church only “in good standing” with the leadership and its members?

* “in good standing” is the only way anyone should ever leave a church.

Reasons which would be considered leaving “in good standing”:

- Death*
- Disability or sickness (which does not allow you to attend on a regular basis)*
- Relocation in regard to residence which doesn't make travel to the church possible or practical*
- Unrepentant sin on the part of the current leadership which has been pursued through the proper Biblical process—yet failed (see 1Timothy 5:19 Matthew 18:15-17)*
- Other reasons which were discussed with the current leadership (including the senior pastor) for which their approval and blessing was given.*

**Final note in respect to the children of members: in accordance with church polity, all children of active members (living in the home and in regular attendance) are considered “de facto” members only and therefore do not retain the right to vote or serve in an official capacity within the church until such time as they desire of their own volition to pursue full membership as an individual. Individuals who have been baptized by this church are also viewed this way. Both however are considered to be under the oversight of the church's pastoral staff.*

Signature _____

Date: