GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP COMMITMENT

WHAT IS PARTNERSHIP?

In the Bible, "partnership" is often translated "fellowship" or "sharing." Partnership describes the relational activity of co-working, loving, helping, contributing, and worshipping with local Christians (Romans 12:13, 1 Corinthians 10:16, Galatians 6:6, Philippians 1:5, 2:1, 3:10, 4:15). The biblical word "membership" is similar. It means belonging to Jesus' spiritual body as diverse parts unified under the Headship of Christ (Romans 12:3-8, 1 Corinthians 12:12-26, Ephesians 4:25). We prefer the word "partnership" because it emphasizes active participation. Many of our partners will not be permanent residents of our community. Believers are all permanent partners in Christ's universal family, but most believers will only temporarily partner with us in local church life.

GOD CALLS US ALL TO PARTNER SOMEWHERE

Partnership with Christ means turning from sin and trusting in Jesus. Do you desire to be encouraged and challenged as a follower of Christ? Every Christian should encourage other Christians. Will this be the place you engage in cooperative discipleship? Your commitment invites other believers and leaders to engage you in personal follow-up and prayer. We commit to encourage you to persevere in your trust in Jesus. (Ephesians 4:11-16, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Peter 5:1-5)

Ultimately, your commitment to partnership here is a commitment to love, encourage, and learn with other believers in this local church (Colossians 3:12-16, Hebrews 10:24-25, James 5:16, 1 Peter 4:8-10) .

HOW DO YOU COMMIT? First, pray for wisdom. Then, if you desire to partner in ministry with other partners and leaders of Grace Bible Church and you can agree with the steps below, sign and return this form to the church office.

- ◯ I trust in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ alone for my salvation.
  I do not trust in my own personal successes, family history, or church affiliation to save me.
- ◯ I have been publicly identified with Jesus through water baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- ◯ I have attended three worship services at Grace Bible Church.
- ◯ I have read and generally agree with the Grace Bible Church Constitution.
  I agree not to teach or promote areas of disagreement.
- ◯ I will ask to be removed or I may be removed from active partnership if:
  a) I move to a new community.
  b) I no longer wish to submit myself to the authority of Jesus and His Word.
  (These expectations are detailed in our constitution.)

"I COMMIT TO PARTNER IN MINISTRY WITH MEMBERS AND LEADERS OF GRACE BIBLE CHURCH OF CENTRAL TX."

_____ _____ _____ / _____ / _____
PRINTED NAME SIGNATURE DATE

_____ _____
EMAIL PHONE NUMBER

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

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NEXT STEPS: *Turn in this form to the church office. We will arrange for a church leader to meet with you to hear your faith story, discuss partnership, and pray for you. You may contact the Church Office at (254) 690-1728 or office@begrace.org.*

FOR LEADER/OFFICE USE ONLY:

_____ _____ _____ / _____ / _____
CHURCH LEADER PRINTED NAME SIGNATURE DATE