



The Grove Bible Chapel Tampa Membership Covenant

As members of The Grove Bible Chapel, Tampa, we affirm this covenant with one another by God's grace, for our good, and ultimately for God's glory. These expectations are not in any way intended to extend beyond what the Scripture expects of all believers. Thus, The Grove Bible Chapel Tampa membership is a commitment of obedience before God to the biblical principles for one another in this church.

We have been brought by God's sovereign grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to surrender our lives to Him. Having been baptized by immersion after our profession of faith, we solemnly and joyfully covenant with one another, as one body of Christ.

By the help of the Holy Spirit and motivated by the grace of God:

- I will pray for the membership, elders, and needs of the Church understanding our ultimate need for His truth, grace, and power (1 Tim. 2:1).
- I will strive and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3). Consequently, I will heed the warning to avoid gossip and slander (1 Tim. 3:11; Gal. 5:15).
- I will worship regularly not neglecting to gather together and will prioritize our weekly gathering as a life-priority (Heb. 10:24, 25). I will prepare to bring my worship with me every time we gather together (Eccl. 5:1, 2).
- I will thoughtfully engage the admonition and discipline of the church when I stubbornly pursue a path of foolishness and sin (Matt. 18:15-17).
- I will walk with the saints investing in a small group where I can rejoice at each other's happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows (Gal. 6:1, 2).
- I will be devoted to one another in love. I will patiently bear with others in humility and gentleness, forgiving, encouraging and building one another up, exercising watchfulness over each other, and admonishing one another (John 13:34; Col. 3:12-14).
- I will joyfully shoulder weekly kingdom responsibility by considering what portion of my time I am devoting to building the ministry by engaging in regular service (Eph. 4:12).
- I will work together for the continuance of a faithful gospel ministry in this church, as I sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines. I will cheerfully and regularly financially support the ministry of this church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel to all nations (2 Cor. 8:4-6).

- I will seek to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts in the pursuit of holiness, remembering that I have been buried with Christ in baptism and raised to walk in newness of life (Titus 2:12-14; Phil. 2:15-17).
- I will endeavor to bring up any children that God places under my care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by a loving example to seek the salvation of our family, friends, and neighbors (Eph. 6:4; 1 Thess. 2:12).
- I will, if I consider leaving The Grove: 1) speak with the elders for counsel in advance of making a decision, 2) will sit with the elders in an edifying exchange to explain the reasons I am leaving, and 3) unite with another faithful church where I can seek, savor, and serve the Lord.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Print Name

Date

Signature