

The GracePoint Membership Covenant

My personal statement of faith

- I am a Christian saved by faith in Jesus Christ alone, my Lord and Savior, through his death and resurrection, by which I am assured of eternal life.
- I have repented of my sins and have been made a new creation in Christ
- In obedience to Scripture, I have been baptized to personally identify with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, and to publicly demonstrate my commitment as a disciple of Jesus.

My Spiritual Growth/Participation Covenant

Be in Worship

- I will faithfully and regularly attend and participate in worship.
- "Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another." Heb. 10:25

Be in a small group

- I will faithfully participate in small groups

Be in a ministry

- I will discover, develop and use my gifts for Jesus.
- "Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you." 1 Peter 4:10

Be a giver

- I will faithfully steward the resources God has given me, including my time, talents, and regular financial giving that is sacrificial, cheerful, and voluntary.
- "Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering." 1 Cor. 16:2
- "A tenth of all your produce is the Lord's and it is holy." Lev. 27:30

Be a pursuer of God

- I will maintain a close and growing relationship with Jesus that will be evident through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and the practice of additional spiritual disciplines.
"But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ." Phil. 1:27

Be a bringer

- I will joyfully participate in advancing my church by inviting others to attend, warmly welcoming guests and praying for our growth.
- "To the church ... we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly." 1 Thess. 1:2
- "The Lord says, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes, and urge the people there to come so my house will be full.'" Luke 14:23
- "Warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." Rom. 15:7

My covenant to protect the unity of my church

1. Theological Unity

- I have read and agree to the theological essentials taught and practiced at GracePoint and will not be divisive to these beliefs.

2. Missional Unity

- I agree and will participate in the mission of GracePoint to introduce the unchurched to Jesus and grow believers into maturity.

3. Organizational Unity

- I also understand the importance of submission to church leadership and will diligently preserve unity and peace

- "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you." Heb. 13:17

4. Practical Unity

- I agree with the specific style that GracePoint conducts church and the methods that are implemented.

5. Relational Unity

- I will act lovingly towards others in my church.

- "So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony and on the growth of our fellowship together." Rom. 15:19

- "Have a sincere love for your fellow believers; love one another earnestly with all your hearts." 1 Peter 1:22

- "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs..." Eph. 4:29

The Covenant of GracePoint Church to its members

- We covenant that your leaders will meet the criteria assigned to them in the Bible.
- We covenant to seek God's will for our church community to the best of our ability as we study the Scriptures and follow the Spirit.
- We covenant to pray and care for you and seek your growth as a disciple of Christ.
- We covenant to provide practical Biblical teaching and counsel.
- We covenant to provide inspirational worship experiences.
- We covenant to exercise church discipline when necessary as outlined in Matthew 18:15-20.
- We covenant to set an example and join you in fulfilling the duties of church members.

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with GracePoint's statements, strategy, and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the GracePoint family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to other members and attendees of GracePoint Church of the Nazarene.

Signed:

_____ Joining Member

_____ Senior Pastor

_____ Church Board Secretary