

# THE GRACE MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

*Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with Grace's statements, strategy and structure, I feel led by the Holy Spirit to commit to the Grace family. In doing so, I commit myself to God, to the other members, and to the following:*

## I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By acting in love toward other members (Rom. 15:5-6; 1 Pet 1:22)
- ...By refusing to gossip (Eph. 4:29)
- ...By following the leaders (Heb. 13:17)

## I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By praying for its growth (1 Thes. 1:2)
- ...By inviting the unchurched to attend (Luke 14:2)
- ...By warmly welcoming those who visit (Rom. 15:7)

## I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By discovering my gifts and talents (1 Pet 4:10)
- ...By being equipped to serve by my pastors and leaders (Eph. 4:11-12)
- ...By developing a servant's heart (Phil 2:3-4,7)

## I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By attending faithfully (Heb. 10:25)
- ...By living a godly life (Phil. 1:27)
- ...By giving regularly (1 Cor. 16:2; Lev. 27:30)

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GRACE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Philippians 2:1

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*Grace*...a community church  
January 10, 2010

## Membership

- Every organization has a mission .

*If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ...  
...then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. - Philippians 2:1*

*-Where there is no vision the people perish. - Proverbs 29:18 KJV*

*-Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint. NIV*

- The healthiest churches have members  
that share a common sense of mission .

- Member of Grace take part in its mission .

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*Exalt Jesus Christ by Fulfilling His Great Commission*

AT GRACE WE FULFILL THIS MISSION BY...

*Connecting people with Jesus Christ & others  
Challenging believers to be like Christ  
Serving others to bring honor to God*

Next week: "Dealing with Divisions" 1 Corinthians 1:1-31

# Community Group Homework

For the week of January 10, 2010

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## Welcome to the Winter Quarter!

This 10 week quarter concludes the week of March 14<sup>th</sup>. This is our first week back together, so the homework is light. To prepare for this week's meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. At your first meeting try to encourage one another to grow and to see God change our lives from the inside out!

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### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back over your sermon notes, was there any particular point or passage of Scripture that most challenged, confused or caught your attention?

- Share it with your group.

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

*An essential piece of working through the challenges and roadblocks you encounter in your commitment to be in a Community Group is teaming up and living life with others.* Looking back to last Fall, how has your Community Group experience encouraged, challenged or helped you remain faithful in your pursuit to follow Jesus?

- What are your expectations of this Winter's Community Group?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Philippians 2:1. Talk about each part of this passage; from comma to comma, until you're done.

2. Read the Membership Covenant together.

- Discuss anything that comes to mind.

### TAKING IT HOME

*One of the keys in remaining faithful with your commitment to follow Jesus is keeping your eyes on who God is and His commitment to love us. God knows we can forget this at times. That's why Jesus told the disciples at the Last Supper to repeatedly come together and take communion. It would remind them of His commitment, love and faithfulness to them which were revealed in Jesus' life, death and resurrection.* Next week conclude your Community Group will by doing as the disciples did and taking communion together. To prepare for this, read the following verses reflecting on Jesus' commitment and work in your life as you follow Him.

Psalm 103:8-14

1 Corinthians 11:23-26



**2010 CHALLENGE**

*Over the next 4 Sundays greet some people!*