

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



1 Corinthians 12:12

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Full Name:	Email Address:	
Phone:	Okay to text on this phone? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
MY TESTIMONY OF PERSONAL FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST		
In order to become a member of Graham Church, you need a clear testimony of personal faith in Jesus Christ. Please follow this outline to write your testimony. Writing your story of personal faith in Jesus Christ is a wonderful way to reflect on how God has drawn you to Himself and changed your life. As you write, make sure the focus is on God, what he has done, and is doing in your life.		
Before I trusted Christ, my life was... Spend a brief time on before. This is not a biography from childhood. It is best to start at a time related to your experience with Christ.		
This is how, when, and why I trusted Jesus Christ as my Savior... Be as specific as possible about surrendering your life to Christ. What was happening at the time? How did Christ get your attention? If possible, share the month and year you were saved.		
Here are one or two ways Christ has changed my life... Be practical. Explain how Christ has changed your life. Share how you are growing in your walk with Christ. "just as you have received him, so walk in him, rooted and built up and strengthened in the faith" (Colossians 2:6-7).		
BAPTISM		
Please select one option		
<input type="checkbox"/> I have accepted Christ as my Savior, but I have not been baptized. Please contact me about being baptized.		
<input type="checkbox"/> I have already been baptized since becoming a follower of Christ.		
If applicable, where and when were you baptized:		
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP		
Discovering Graham Class		
<input type="checkbox"/> I have not completed the Discovering Graham class. Please contact me about attending.		
<input type="checkbox"/> I have completed the Discovering Graham class.		
Previous Church Membership (You may discuss this in your membership interview)		
<input type="checkbox"/> I am leaving my previous church in a healthy manner.		
<input type="checkbox"/> I am NOT leaving my previous church in a healthy manner.		

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DOCTRINE
I have read the doctrinal statement and constitution of Graham Church. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Do you agree with the doctrinal statement and constitution of Graham Church? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
If you disagree with something, you may discuss this at your membership interview. Please explain briefly below.
Do you agree to not teach anything contrary to the doctrinal statement of Graham Church? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

MEMBERSHIP COVENANT
<p><i>Because a disciple worships Christ, I will not neglect the assembling together of the body of Christ nor the faithful practice of its ordinances until Christ returns and we eat and drink with him in full communion with the triune God (1 Cor. 11:23-26; Heb. 10:23-25). I embrace the authority of God's word in my life and the life of the church. I am making a public declaration of my commitment to God's work in this church.</i></p> <p><i>Because a disciple walks with Christ, I will seek to maintain consistent biblical disciplines to grow in holiness and manifest Christ to the world (1 Thess. 4:3-7). Outside of Sunday services, I will walk in fellowship with other believers at Graham Church. I will be accountable to mature brothers and sisters in Christ for my walk with God. I will receive the guidance, equipping, and assistance from fellow members of Graham church.</i></p> <p><i>Because a disciple loves Christ's church, I want to be part of a caring community of people, sharing joys and sorrows, and helping each other to grow through worship, Bible study, and fellowship. I will bear the burdens of fellow believers in the family of God, weeping with those who weep and rejoicing with those who rejoice (Rom. 12:15; Gal. 6:1-2, 10). I will maintain unity in the church through prayer in the bond of peace (Eph. 4:1-3). I will not gossip or listen to gossip concerning any member of this body. When personally offended, I will speak directly and lovingly with those involved (Matt. 18:15).</i></p> <p><i>Because a disciple works for Christ, I will seek a place to serve at Graham Church, using my spiritual gifts (Eph. 4:8-13). I will seek to make disciples through evangelism, teaching scripture, and entering into accountability relationships with fellow believers of Graham Church (Matt. 28:19-20). I will prayerfully and financially support the ministries of Graham Church by faithfully giving back to the Lord a biblical portion of my increase.</i></p> <p><i>By becoming a member of Graham Church, I affirm, believe, and support the teaching of this church. I agree to humbly submit myself to the leadership and spiritual authority of Graham Church according to its constitution, so that the elders can lead with joy (Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 5:5). I understand and agree that should my beliefs, behavior, or lifestyle become contrary to biblical teaching or requirements of the constitution of Graham Church, I consent to the discipline of the Graham Church leadership according to biblical teaching, and will hold Graham Church and its leadership free from any liability in their exercise of church restoration toward me.</i></p>

APPLICANT SIGNATURE
<p><i>By signing below, I testify that I have shared truthfully in this application and agree to abide by the Graham Church membership covenant.</i></p>
Signature: _____
Date: _____

FORM SUBMISSION
Please return completed form to any church elder, church office or email: office@grahamchurch.org