

Membership Privileges and Responsibilities

Members at Grace Affirm

Salvation I have trusted in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of my sin, have received new life and the gift of His Spirit, and have the confident assurance of eternal life. As a result of this repentance and faith, I am born-again and am a follower of Jesus.

Believer's Baptism I have been baptized subsequent to my salvation, either at Grace or with another church which has affirmed that to Grace in writing. I recognize that baptism does not save me, but declares publicly my allegiance and obedience to Jesus.

Church Relationships If I have previous involvement in another local church, I have dealt with all known issues and conflicts to the best of my knowledge, and have informed them of my intent to make Grace my local church belonging and identity. I recognize that carrying disunity or conflict to a new church harms me and all involved.

Members at Grace Expect

Growth I will be considered a part of the Grace family and the recipient of efforts which are intentionally committed to my growth in holy living and maturity as a follower of Jesus.

Belonging I will be made aware of ways in which I can meaningfully connect in relational settings and be linked with people who can walk together, in understanding of my stage or place in life, after Jesus.

Training I will be helped to find a place or places of ministry and also helped to identify what my spiritual gift or gifts are, so that I can serve others most fruitfully.

Care I will be prayed for and cared for in times of need and crisis as I make others aware of the burdens I carry and circumstances I face, including those of my family.

Witness I will be assisted in learning how to actively live and verbally share my faith in Jesus Christ, knowing that the Gospel is the ultimate good news and vital for others to understand and embrace.

Members at Grace Commit

Participation I will be a regular presence at gatherings of Grace Polaris Church, including worship services, a relational or small group, communion celebrations, member meetings, and special outreach opportunities.

Contribution I will be a regular contributor in a specified area or ministry role, especially in areas of interest or gifting, realizing that neither God is honored nor a local church well-served by spiritual spectators.

Giving I will be a regular giver of my finances, aware of the Bible's teaching on generosity regarding the local church. I will also not use the withholding of my giving as a hidden way to register my discontent or frustration with something or someone connected to the church.

Teachability I will be open to correction and will pursue unity with other believers even as tensions arise, knowing that this pleases Jesus and reflects powerfully to others. I will not be a conscious source of bitterness and division among God's people.

Input I will be ready to share my thoughts, hopes, and concerns with leaders in the church, knowing that they must give an account to God for their decisions and influence, which may not always involve following my desires.

Prayer I will pray regularly for the leadership and ministries of our church.

