

Amazing Grace Community Membership 2021

What is Community?

Throughout the New Testament you will see countless examples of real community. Here at Amazing Grace, we try to model that same example with the Community Membership. The Community Membership is a covenant (an agreement/pledge/commitment) between highly invested people within Amazing Grace who deeply resonate with Amazing Grace's commitment to make disciples of Jesus and teach them to make other disciples. These individuals are the "horizontal gravity" of Amazing Grace that draw others toward maturity in Christ and involvement in the Kingdom of God, and ultimately change the world. Becoming a Community Member of Amazing Grace is a commitment to the work of the gospel and the common good of the Amazing Grace Community Church family.

Who are Community Members?

Community Members are Christians whose eyes are capable of seeing beyond themselves to the well-being of the whole church. They realize that God died not just for them but also for their community (Acts 20:28). They also realize that He commands them to give selflessly of their money (2 Cor. 8-9) and abilities in order to build up their community (1 Cor. 14:12).

Community Members are, in a sense, leaders of and servants in the church. Each one serves the church community according to his/her abilities in accordance with Jesus' commands to love God and your neighbor. This shows up not just in what they feel but also in what they say and do. We are one body, and in a healthy body, every member must function (Romans 12:4). The Community Covenant Member must be trained and released to use their spiritual gifts in various ways so that they too are leading the church, behind the Pastors and Deacons, as the priesthood of believers that Scripture speaks of throughout the New Testament. Community Members also benefit from primary care from church, as the Bible prescribes (Galatians 6:10).

How to become a Community Member at Amazing Grace,

- A Community Member must be a Follower of Christ (professing Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, repenting of their sin and deciding to live every day for Christ).
- A Community Member must be water baptized as a demonstration that Jesus died and rose to wash them from sin and following in the example set by Jesus and commanded in Matthew 28:19.

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- Community Members must agree with our church Constitution and By-Laws which explains the essential beliefs of Christianity as well as the philosophy of our ministry and organizational structure.
- Community Members agree to serve in the church, pray for the church, give to the church, read their Bible regularly, love their brothers and sisters in Christ in word and deed, respect the authority of church leaders including submitting to discipline if necessary, attend church services, and share the Gospel with others in word and deed.
- Community Members agree to resolve all conflicts according to Matthew 18:15-17.

We know it's possible to feel well-connected and known through programs and other relationships at Amazing Grace without official membership. However, in Acts 20:28 and 1 Peter 5:2, church leaders are encouraged to know who it is they are overseeing. For our pastors to be able to do that well, we have the Community Membership to help make sure everyone in our community is shepherded.

We are thrilled to have you consider joining with us on this journey as we seek to honor God by helping as many people as possible become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our mission is simple... To fall madly in love with God, walk life together and reach our community. At Amazing Grace, We Are Church!

My signature below signifies that I have read the criteria above and agree with each one.

.....(Tear Off & Return).....

Name _____ Birthday _____

Spouse (If married) _____ Birthday _____

Name of Children & Ages _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Area I would like to serve _____

I have committed to follow Jesus I have been baptized I would like to be baptized

Signature _____ Today's Date _____