

Six Characteristics of Our Community

Grace-based. We relate to the Father-Son-and-Spirit God, and each other, on the basis of the love, acceptance and provision the Father freely gives us and the entire world, permanently, in His Son, Jesus (Who is Grace Himself!), by the Spirit

Christ-centered. We embrace Jesus as the Light of the World. Life is characterized by Jesus trusting and responding in loving allegiance to His Father, in the Spirit, and Him sharing His Fully God/Fully Man life and allegiance with us by the Spirit

Spirit-formed. We are conformed to Christ through the transforming grace of the Holy Spirit poured out on us. That grace is embraced by faith and exercised in a variety of relational ways, including spiritual disciplines such as prayer, bible reading, meditation, fasting, giving, good works, Lord's Supper, etc.

Word-directed. We pursue a life ordered in the Gospel and characterized by Who Jesus is as revealed by the Apostles, the Christian Creeds, and the entire Canon of scripture—both Old and New Testaments.

Fellowship-building. We engage in the Participatory and Diverse Fellowship of the local church congregation. In that fellowship, we experience and contribute to the life of a spiritual community of loving relationships, purpose, hope and expectancy.

Disciple-making. We help those embracing God's grace to live and share in a participatory and yielded way to the Father. The primary motive for discipling others is that the Father-Son-and-Spirit might be known and related with so that everyone might grow up into him, experiencing his Life and Love with Everyone and Everything as it is in Jesus!

Our Denomination



Grace Communion International is a Christian denomination with about 50,000 members, worshiping in more than 900 congregations in almost 100 nations and territories. We began in 1934 and our main office is in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Grace Communion International is dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel, or Good News, that in Jesus Christ, God—Father, Son and Spirit—has bound himself to humanity in such a way, he'll never let us go! In Jesus, God has Reconciled the World to himself, taken away its sins, and offers Abundant and Eternal Life both Now and Forever in the Holy Spirit. We are active in preaching the gospel on a global level. With administrative centers on every continent. For more information about the church, contact:

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Our denomination emphasizes:

The Love of the Father. *Personal Identity in the Grace of the Lord Jesus. The Relationship of the Father, Son and Spirit shared with Creation. The Communion and Encouragement of the Holy Spirit.*
The Adoption of Humanity into the Life of the Trinity. *Faith, Trust and obedience to the Lord's call in His grace.*
Christ-centered biblical doctrine. *Prayer. Family. Work. Play. Small group fellowship.*
The Local Church involvement of all believers. *Sharing our Time, Talent and Treasure. Racial diversity and reconciliation. Sharing the Gospel with our Family, Friends and Neighbors. Rest in Jesus as the Savior of the World.*

We are Members of the
National Association of Evangelicals



“WHO ARE WE?” PAMPHLET

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Mission Statement

To Know Jesus, and to Know who Everyone is in Him, as the Father's Adopted Children who Understand, Embrace, Enjoy and Freely Share this Good News with the World, in the Spirit's Multiplying Grace!

Strategy:

“To Worship God—Father, Son and Spirit, and Witness to Others About Him in Word and Deed”

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What We Believe

- God, Who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is Love; and God Loves You.
- The Father made plans to Adopt and include all humanity into his Love and Life forever, through Jesus, and in the Spirit.
- The Son, Jesus, Accomplished the Father's Plan 2000 years ago, and You are Encouraged to Be His Adopted, Forgiven and Included son or daughter.
- The Holy Spirit invites Each Person to Believe this Good News; and in Believing, to Enjoy and Freely Share it with others.

We believe in the Triune God, Father, Son and Spirit, and that this Triune God created, reconciled and embraced the world in Jesus Christ, as it was eternally purposed.

We believe Jesus Christ is the Father's eternal Son, our Lord and Savior, who became human and now lives forever as the incarnate Son in relationship with His Father in the Spirit.

We believe Jesus Christ is the vicarious man, in whom the Father-Son-and-Spirit God, the human race and the cosmos are not separated, but bound together in relationship. Through his incarnate life, death, resurrection and ascension he gathered humanity in himself, reconciled us and included us in the Trinitarian life of God.

We believe the Holy Spirit is fully divine, equal to the Father and Son and that His passion is fellowship. We believe he was sent by the Father and Son to work out in us what the Son did for us until we are set free from all forms of darkness. We believe the Church is called to participate in the Holy Spirit's mission of revelation and healing, until the Son's relationship with his Father fills the earth as the waters cover the seas.

- **We believe that Jesus "is the Savior of the World, especially of those who believe" - 1 Tim 2:9-10**

We Share these Beliefs with Christians in Many other Nations, Cultures and Denominations.



Why Fellowship With Us?

In the end, you probably won't come to New Life Fellowship because you think we're better than all other congregations. We aren't. We're just people called by God into fellowship with each other meeting inside a building. As fallen humans, we might let you down. We might break your heart. But know this: **YOU'RE WELCOME HERE!** You're welcome here because we are forgiven sinners in rehabilitation - every one of us - and there's always room for one more! Sinners freely receiving God's freely given grace will feel at home here!

Like all humans, some of us are judgmental. Some of us stick our self-righteous noses in each other's business. Some of us gossip about others and have even spread rumors. Sometimes we're insensitive, sometimes we're too busy for each other, and sometimes we're downright obnoxious. Sometimes we fuss over doctrine. Sometimes we fuss over little stuff, and sometimes we fuss for no good reason, period!

SO, WHY COME TO OUR CHURCH?

Because in spite of us, **JESUS CHRIST IS HERE AND HAS CALLED US TO HIMSELF HERE!** In fact, as **God He is everywhere!! (Psalm 139)** The Good News of the Gospel is that **God—Father, Son and Spirit LOVES and LIKES ALL OF US!** They Love and Like You, too!! In Jesus, the Father makes us into something good and new. In His shared faith we trust that, despite our missteps, His love shines through us. By the Holy Spirit we share in His kindness, care, and self-giving even though we don't see as much of it as we want to. Sometimes he even makes a positive difference in people's lives through us in our city.

And, to tell you the truth, Jesus would do good things through us even more often if we didn't mess it up. In fact, one of our slogans should be, **"Thank God He is Merciful— Even to This Bunch!"**

We are forgiven sinners who are learning to trust that God the Father, through Jesus, has Adopted us into His Life, Love and Relationship by the Holy Spirit. God has forgiven the world for its sin/s, and is not counting them against us in His Amazing Grace! **If you're a sinner, too, you'd fit in here!** In fact, you could say that we are a chapter of **"Sinaholics Anonymous!"**

SO, WHY NOT DROP BY?!

The word **"Gospel"** literally means **"Good News!!!"**...

...and the Good News of Jesus is that God – Father, Son and Spirit includes us in His Life and Love by Grace - **Ephesians 1: 3-6!!** The Father adopts humanity as his children, through his Son, Jesus, in the fellowship of His Holy Spirit. **At New Life Fellowship we believe that everyone, including you, has been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ!** This means that because God freely gives us relationship with him, we can freely receive his relationship in the Spirit! God is so self-giving He actually loves us more than he loves himself!!

At NLF we Preach and Relate in this Good News, of God's Good Grace in Jesus Christ by the Spirit, EVERY Worship Celebration - Acts 20:24!!

We also must state that if you are looking to get beat up, threatened, controlled and told what to do in every area of your life each week, this might not be the right fellowship for you! Actually, it probably IS the right fellowship for you, since the Gospel of God's Grace is the only thing able to give you Freedom and Build You Up in God's Love as God desires – **John 8:32, Acts-20:32.**

In His grace, Jesus does live in us to serve, support and sacrifice for one another in Love and Good Works, but we put special emphasis on the Good News of Jesus **WITHOUT ALL THE RELIGION!** Jesus came to get rid of those things that were between Man and God (including religious stuff), and He reconciled All of Humanity to God in His Life, Death, Burial, Resurrection and Ascension to Heaven!! **Col 1:20!**

Because God has reconciled humanity to him in Jesus, his Son, with our sins totally forgiven, we are called to repent, rethink, re-act and believe this Good News! **IF ONLY WE WOULD EACH, PERSONALLY, BELIEVE AND EMBRACE IT AS TRUTH!! I Tim 4:9, 10, I John 2:1-2!!** How can you possibly experience the benefits of a TRUTH if you don't Trust it to be True?!!! We are all urged to change our minds (repent!), Turn from trusting in our sins. Turn to Jesus and Embrace him as God's good News!!

We were all created to have our assurance ONLY in Jesus—God the Father's Son and our Good News; so come be with, and follow, him along with us! We've found he gives us **FAITH, HOPE, LOVE, PEACE AND REST**, even in the midst of the present, evil and chaotic age! Matthew 11:25-30.