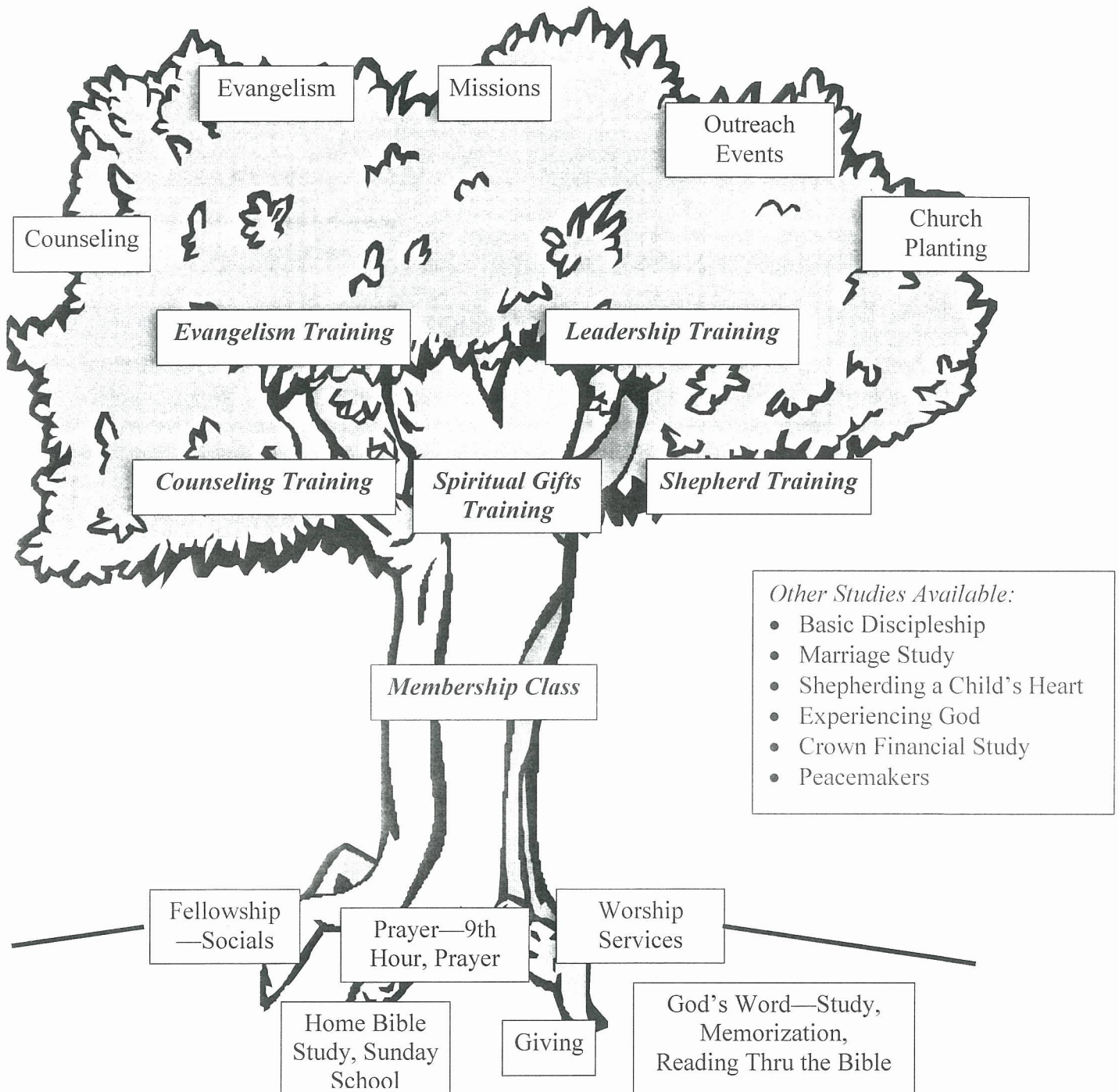


Our Purpose— “Reaching The Unchurched For Jesus Christ and Teaching Them How to Follow Him”



The Resource and Foundation For Growth—Jesus Christ

Life Is First Found In Trusting Christ As Savior.
This Trust Is Expressed Through Believer's
Baptism (*Baptism Class*).

Grace Baptist Church
COVENANT OF FELLOWSHIP

Having been led by the Spirit of God, I have received Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord. I have, according to the Scriptures (John 1:12) been born again through the Holy Spirit, and have publicly confessed my faith in God's Word (Romans 10:8) and in baptism by immersion (Romans 6:3-5). I enter into covenant with its other members as one body in Christ (1 Cor. 12:12) and shall endeavor, with the aid of my Savior (Phil. 2:12) and with no desire to earn God's salvation (Eph. 2:8-9) but to please Him as His child to:

- A. Fulfill the purpose of this local church and attend worship services, Sunday school and other pertinent classes made available. (Acts 2:42; Heb. 10:24,25)
- B. Demonstrate the love of Christ to one another (John 13:34, 35; 1 John 4:7) including being thoughtful of and courteous to one another, slow to take offense and quick to forgive and to seek forgiveness. (Eph. 4:29-32; James 1:19)
- C. Be accountable to others for my growth in Christ and be an encouragement to others to grow in Christ. (Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25)
- D. Pray with and for one another in the local church and for all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, thereby sharing our burdens, sorrows and joys. (Rom. 12:15; Eph. 6:18) Engage regularly in personal Bible reading and prayer, and establish family devotions where possible. (Ps 1:1-3, 1 Thess. 5:17)
- E. Be faithful in the use of my spiritual gifts to minister in at least one ministry in our fellowship. (Phil. 4:3; 1 Pt 4:10)
- F. Contribute, as the Lord enables, to the financial support of the church, the relief of the needy and the evangelization of all people. (1 Cor. 16:2; 9:3-18; 2 Cor. 8:1-5; 9:6-8)
- G. Bring up my children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (if applicable). (Deut. 6:6,7; Eph. 6:4)
- H. Endeavor by example, by word and by prayer to win others to an acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. (Matt 28:19-20; Acts 1:8)
- I. Be in submission to the spiritual leadership of the fellowship. (Heb. 13:17; 1 Thess. 5:12-14) This submission may include the process of church discipline (Matt. 18:15-20).
- J. Seek to resolve personal disputes with other believers through Christian mediation according to the principles of 1 Corinthians 6:1-11.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
GRACE CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

ARTICLE I – NAME, PURPOSE, AND GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1 — NAME

The name of this corporation is the Grace Conservative Baptist Church of Lemoore, California.

SECTION 2 —PURPOSE

The purpose of this church shall be the preaching of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the conversion of sinners, the edification of the saints, and the propagation, in every way, of Christianity throughout the world.

SECTION 3 — GOVERNMENT

The government of the church is vested in the body of believers who compose it and is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes the value of mutual counsel and cooperation among Conservative Baptist Churches, and to that end may maintain fellowship with the Conservative Baptist Association of Northern California and the Conservative Baptist Association of America.

SECTION 4 — CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led by the Spirit of God, I have received Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord. I have, according to the Scriptures (John 1:12) been born again through the Holy Spirit, and have publicly confessed my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 10:8-9) and have been baptized by immersion (Romans 6:3-5). I enter into covenant with its members as one body in Christ (1 Cor. 12:12) and shall endeavor, with the aid of my Savior (Phil. 2:12):

- A. Fulfill the purpose of this local church and attend worship services, Sunday school and other pertinent classes made available. (Acts 2:42; Heb. 10:24,25)
- B. Demonstrate the love of Christ to one another (John 13:34, 35; 1 John 4:7) including being thoughtful of and courteous to one another, slow to take offense and quick to forgive and to seek forgiveness. (Eph. 4:29-32; James 1:19)
- C. Be accountable to others for my growth in Christ (Prov. 27:17) and be an encouragement to others to grow in Christ. (Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25)
- D. Pray with and for one another in the local church and for all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, thereby sharing our burdens, sorrows and joys. (Rom. 12:15; Eph. 6:18) Engage regularly in personal Bible reading and prayer, and establish family devotions. (Ps 1:1-3, 1 Thess. 5:17)
- E. Be faithful in the use of my spiritual gifts to minister in at least one ministry in our fellowship. (Phil. 4:3; 1 Pt 4:10)

- F. Contribute, as the Lord enables, regularly, cheerfully, and sacrificially to the financial support of the church, the relief of the needy and the evangelization of all people. (1 Cor. 16:2; 9:3-18; 2 Cor. 8:1-5; 9:6-8)
- G. Bring up my children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Deut. 6:6,7; Eph. 6:4)
- H. Endeavor by example, by word and by prayer to win others to an acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord (Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8) and to separate myself from worldliness and unchristian practices (Titus 2:12).
- I. Be in submission to the spiritual leadership of the church and their authority to conduct church discipline. (Heb. 13:17; 1 Thess. 5:12-14, Matt. 18:15-20).
- J. Seek to resolve personal disputes with other believers through Christian mediation according to the principles of 1 Corinthians 6:1-11.
- K. Prevent the spread of gossip and slander by addressing all grievances, criticisms and complaints to the Board of Deacons. (Matt. 18:15-17, James 3:5-12)

ARTICLE II — DOCTRINAL TEACHING POSITION

The Bible, as God’s inspired and inerrant Word, is the final authority in faith and life. Based on this Word, we believe in one God, existing eternally in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary and is true God and true man, Man was created in God’s Image, but sinned, incurring spiritual death, which has passed upon all the race, We believe that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures and that all who trust Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and His present ministry in heaven for us. The personal, visible, pretribulation, premillennial return of Christ is our “blessed hope.” We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost.

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 — QUALIFICATIONS

Any person giving testimony of having received Jesus Christ as personal Savior, and who has been obedient to Christ in submitting to baptism by immersion, attended the membership class and who is in agreement with the faith and practice of this church, may be admitted to membership.

SECTION 2 — ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

Any qualified person may become a member of this church by recommendation of the Deacons and a majority vote of the members present at any regular worship service or church business meeting.