

GRACE

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Child Protection Program

Dear Prospective Children/Youth Worker:

Thank you for volunteering to work with the children or youth of Grace Community Chapel. Child abuse is a major concern in our society, and we want to ensure that no child in our care is ever abused physically, sexually, or emotionally. If you have reason to suspect that a child you work with has been abused, please report this to your ministry leader. Our policy is that all staff--paid and volunteer-- who work with children and youth under the age of 18 must undergo appropriate screening. This screening procedure is to help make our church a safer place and will assist in:

1. Safeguarding the children and youth of our church from abuse.
2. Protecting church staff and volunteer workers from potential allegations of child abuse.
3. Limiting the extent of our church's legal risk and liability due to child abuse.

Please read the enclosed Grace Community Chapel Statement of Faith (enclosure A). Then, please complete Enclosures B, C, and D, and return to the Child Protection Program Director.

Thanks for your help in serving and safeguarding our children!

Sincerely in Christ,

Grace Community Chapel Elder and Deacon Boards

Enclosures:

- A. Grace Community Chapel Statement of Faith
- B. Ministry Information Form
- C. Personal Statement of Faith in Christ
- D. Applicant's Statement

Grace Community Chapel Statement of Faith

The following is a statement of beliefs of this church. Agreement with this statement is essential to serving in the church.

1. We believe the sixty-six books of the Bible to be the only inspired, authoritative Word of God, inerrant in the original manuscripts. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2Peter 1:20-21)
2. We believe that there is one God, the Creator, eternally existent in three Persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - each having the same essence and attributes. (2Corinthians 13:14; Matthew 28:19)
3. We believe that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man in indivisible union. We believe in His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His substitutionary atonement through His shed blood, His death and bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His future bodily return in power and glory. (John 1:1, 14; Philippians 2:6-8; 1Timothy 3:16; Revelation 19:11-16; 1Corinthians 15:1-8)
4. We believe the Holy Spirit convicts of sin, regenerates, indwells, baptizes and seals all believers at the moment of their salvation, filling them as they yield to Him with the goal of conforming them to the image of Christ. (Titus 3:5; 1Corinthians 3:16, 12:13; Ephesians 1:13, 5:18)
5. We believe salvation is a gift of God received through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone and His sacrifice for sin. We believe that a person is justified by grace through faith apart from works and that all true believers have eternal life. Saving faith includes repentance, which is a change of mind about sin and the need for Jesus as Savior. (Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:16; 1 John 5:10-13; Mark 1:15)
6. We believe that the true Church is composed of all such persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the Body of Christ of which He is the Head. (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22)
7. We believe that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as means of salvation. (Acts 8:12; 1Corinthians 11:23-28)
8. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead, of the believer to everlasting glory in heaven with God and the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment in hell apart from God. (Daniel 12:2; 2Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 22:3-5, 20:15)

Applicant's Statement

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize any references or churches listed in this application to give you any information (including options) that they may have regarding my character and fitness for children or youth work. In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application by Grace Community Chapel, I hereby release any individual, church, youth organization, charity, employer, reference, or any other person or organization, including record custodians, both collectively and individually, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature which may at any time result to me, my heirs, or family, on account of compliance or any attempts to comply, with this authorization. I waive any right that I may have to inspect any information provided about me by any person or organization identified by me in this application.

Should my application be accepted, I agree to adhere to the Bylaws and policies of Grace Community Chapel and to refrain from unscriptural conduct in the performance of my services on behalf of the church. With God's help, I will be involved and faithful in my assigned ministry, attend meetings and training sessions, follow the leadership of my area and seek to live a consistent life as a Christian.

I have read the Grace Community Chapel Statement of Faith and am in agreement with it. I will-ingly and joyfully commit myself to the Ministry of the Church for the glory of Jesus Christ. I have also read and understand the enclosed Grace Community Chapel "Child Protection Program" and will comply with its provisions. I understand that a Missouri Criminal Records Check will be requested for applicants age 18 or older and may be requested for those under 18. I further state that I have carefully read the foregoing release and know the contents thereof and I sign this release as my own free act. This is a legally binding agreement which I have read and understand.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____