

## Grace Baptist Church endeavors to be Bible driven through:

### *Glorifying God*

- By **Proclaiming Christ** to those who believe and those who do not believe.
  - Through **Utilizing Scripture**
    - ◇ Unto the **Maturing of the Members** of Christ's Body
      - Reflected in members who are characterized by **Loving Others**.
      - Reflected in members who are characterized by **Always Praying**.
      - Reflected in members who are characterized by **Maintaining Unity** in the Truth.
    - ◇ Until every member reflects the image of Christ.
      - Through members who do the work of the ministry because they have been equipped by **Shepherding Leaders**.

**Maintaining Unity . . .**

- ◇ The church is to be unified (Acts 1:13-14).
- ◇ Koinonia
  - ◆ The individuals in the church must share of themselves with the total community of the church (Acts 2:42).
  - ◆ The manner of the church's sharing and commonality should be in joyfulness (Acts 2:46).
  - ◆ The manner of the church's sharing and commonality should be in sincerity (Acts 2:46).
  - ◆ The church members should be willing to share with those who are needy (Acts 11:29-30).
  - ◆ The church members should pursue opportunities to show kindness to other believers (Romans 12:13).
  - ◆ The church members should accept one another as Christ received us unto the glory of God (Romans 15:6).
- ◇ The members in the church should have a joyful unity among one another (Acts 2:46).
- ◇ Example: The church should gather together regularly (Acts 2:45).
- ◇ Example: A byproduct of the church dwelling in unity is that they appear favorably before outsiders (Acts 2:46).
- ◇ The church must meet in unity (Acts 5:12).
- ◇ Impartial
  - ◆ The church should show no partiality based on class or race in the church (Acts 10:34-36)
  - ◆ The church should glorify God through reaching Jews and Gentiles with the gospel (Romans 15:8-9).
  - ◆ The church makeup transcends nations (Col 1:29).
  - ◆ The church members must not have an attitude of personal favoritism (James 2:1-7).
- ◇ The church member should think about the central measure given to all – faith in Christ to combat divisiveness that may arise from diversity of gifts (Romans 12:4-5).
- ◇ The church is a spiritual unity (Romans 12:5).
- ◇ The church member should be of the same mindset toward one another (Romans 12:16).
- ◇ The church should pray that they will be given unity and like mindedness according to Christ (Romans 15:5).
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- ◇ The church should recognize that it is one building or field that belongs to God (I Cor. 3:9).
- ◇ The church should recognize the pervasive influence of known unchecked sin in a member's life (I Cor. 5:6).
- ◇ The church members should not take other members to secular courts to settle disputes (I Cor 6:1-8).
- ◇ The church members should count being defrauded as a better alternative than compromising the testimony of the church before unbelievers (I Cor 6:7).
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- ◇ Each member of the church must dwell together as members in a unified body (I Cor 12:14-26).
- ◇ The church members are interdependent on one another (I Cor 12:14-26).
- ◇ The church is growing and fitting together like part of a building (Eph 2:21-22).
- ◇ The church must fulfill its role to glorify the wisdom of God through the unity of its members being examined by the heavenly beings (Eph 3:8-10).
- ◇ The church member walks worthy of his calling by the means of diligently preserving unity (Eph 4:3).
- ◇ The church's unity is produced by the Spirit (Eph 4:3).
- ◇ The church's unity is based in its common body, Spirit, hope, Lord, faith, baptism, God and Father (Eph 4:4-6).
- ◇ The church's service must accomplish three goals (Eph 4:13).
  - ◇ Unity among the members of the body (Eph 4:13).
- ◇ The church members are being bound together in unity under their Head as they each supply their needed function (Eph 4:16).
- ◇ Interdependency
  - ◇ Every member of the body has a vital function to fill in the body and the entire body's health is dependent on his functioning properly (Eph 4:16).
- ◇ Each member must manifest the Spirit's control by subjecting one to another (Eph 5:21).
- ◇ Each church member must contribute to the unity of the entire body in order that the body may grow (Col 2:19).
- ◇ The church members must love because it is the perfect unifier of the body (Col 3:14).
- ◇ The church members should control their desires for unities sake (James 4:1-2).
- ◇ The church members must not be speaking evil of one another (James 4:11).
- ◇ The church members must not complain against one another (James 5:9).
- ◇ The church members must be harmonious (I Pt. 3:8).

