

Six Characteristics of Our Community

Grace-based. We relate to the Triune God and each other on the basis of His free love (that we do not deserve and cannot earn.) We receive the acceptance and provision the Father freely gives us and the entire world in His Son, Jesus, by the Spirit. Jesus is God's Grace Revealed.

Christ-centered. We embrace Jesus as the Light of the World (cosmos). Life is characterized by Jesus trusting and responding in loving allegiance to His Father, in the Spirit, and conforming us to His humanity which is for God and Man in Love.

Spirit-formed. We are conformed to Christ through the transforming grace of the Holy Spirit poured out on all flesh in Christ. That grace is embraced by faith and exercised in a variety of relational ways, but especially in calling on the Spirit in love to "Come Creator Spirit, Come!" etc.

Word-directed. We pursue a life ordered in the Gospel and characterized by Jesus and His obedient response to His Father as the primary text of the New Testament, and the New Testament as the secondary text by which God encounters us in love.

Fellowship-building. We engage in the Participatory and Diverse Fellowship of the local church. In that fellowship we experience and contribute to the life of a spiritual community of loving relationships, Worship, Forgiveness, Faith, Hope, and Communion

Disciple-making. We help those embracing Jesus to live and share in a participatory and yielded way to the Father, obeying the Spirit. The primary motive for discipling others is love and the education of the human race as God's children who high-priest creation with Jesus.

Our Denomination



Grace Communion International is a Christian denomination with about 42,000 members, worshipping in more than 900 congregations in almost 100 nations and territories. We began in 1934 and our main office is in southern California.

Grace Communion International is dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel, or Good News, that in Jesus Christ, God the Father, Son and Spirit has Adopted All of Mankind into His Relationship. In Jesus, He has Included and Reconciled the world and Creation to himself, has taken away the sins of the world, and offers abundant life both Now and Forever. More than 350 pastors and 1,000 elders of the church serve members in hundreds of congregations around the world. 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 (beginning with Windsor Mill, MD.)

Motto:

“Participating in the Dance and Dream of the Father, Son and Spirit”

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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 you in his Love and Life forever, through Jesus, and in the Spirit. This brought Him great pleasure!
- The Son, Jesus, Accomplished the Father's Plan 2000 years ago, and You are now the Adopted, Included, and Forgiven child the Father always wanted.
- The Holy Spirit invites You 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 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 Triune God, the human race and the cosmos are not separated but bound together in relationship. Through his incarnate life, death, resurrection and ascension Jesus gathered humanity in himself, reconciled us, and included us in the love and life of God, Father, Son and Spirit.

We believe the Holy Spirit is fully divine, equal to the Father and Son and that His passion is communion and fellowship. We believe he was sent by the Father and Son to reveal the truth to 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 reconciliation and healing, until the Son's fellowship 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 4:9-10**

We Share these Beliefs with a Growing number of People 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 the others. We aren't. We're just people in participatory fellowship meeting inside a building. We might let you down. We might even break your heart. But know this: **YOU'RE WELCOME HERE!** You're welcome here because we are all sinners in rehabilitation - every one of us - and we've always got room for one more! Sinners being made well by 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 CONGREGATION?

Because in spite of us, **CHRIST IS HERE!** In fact, **God is everywhere!! (Psalm 139)** The Good News of the Gospel is that **God the Father, Son and Spirit LOVE US and LIKE ALL OF US in spite of ourselves!** They Love and Like You, too!! In Jesus, the Father is making us into something good. In His shared faith we trust that, despite us, His love shines through us and we share in His kindness, care and self-giving even though we don't see as much of it as we want to. Sometimes we even make a positive difference in people's lives 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 simply sinners who are learning to trust that God the Father, in Jesus, has Adopted and Included all of humanity in His Relationship by the 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 we are all included in the life of the Triune God – Father, Son and Spirit - **Ephesians 1: 3-6!!** The Father has adopted 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 you already have a relationship with God, in Christ, and that God the Trinity loves you, likes you, and has fulfilled His plan to have you as his Adopted child forever. In fact, Triune God has revealed in Jesus that He loves us MORE than He loves himself!!

At NLF, we Preach and Relate in this Good News of our Adoption, through God's Grace in Jesus Christ, 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 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!**

Now, **ALL of humanity is Adopted, Included, and Home Free** in the favor of God, with our sins totally forgiven! **IF ONLY WE WOULD EACH, PERSONALLY, BELIEVE IT AND EMBRACE IT AS TRUTH!!** 1 Tim 4:9, 10, 1 John 2:1-2!! How can you experience the benefits of a TRUTH if you don't Trust it to be True?!!! We urge you to Change your mind (repent!), Trust Jesus and Embrace God's Good News as THE Truth along with us!!

We were all created to be assured in God's Good News; come and give it a try! We've found it brings great **REST, PEACE & HOPE** even in the midst of a sometimes challenging and confusing present world!