

How can I become a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church?

We are always thrilled when individuals are led of the Lord to covenant with us in the mission He has given us at Oak Grove Baptist Church. If He is leading you to become a part of our community of faith—the pastor or any member of our ministry staff would be excited to meet with you and answer any questions you might have regarding our ministries, Statement of Faithⁱ, and responsibilities you would have as a covenant member of the congregation.

When you are certain of the Lord's leading and committed to doing your best to fulfill your covenant responsibilitiesⁱⁱ you may offer yourself as a candidate for membership in this church at any regular church service in any of the following ways:

- (1) By profession of faith in Jesus Christ and baptism.
- (2) By promise of a letter of recommendation from another Southern Baptist Church.
- (3) By statement of a prior conversion experience and New Testament baptism by immersion.

When you have presented yourself for membership you will be taken under the watch care of the church for a period of time prior to your confirmation as a member. We are excited that God is leading you to become a part of His work at Oak Grove!!!

ⁱ The Baptist Faith and Message 2000 (Available on Church Website or Booklet Format at your request)

ⁱⁱ **CHURCH COVENANT**

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale of, and use of, destructive drugs or intoxicating drinks as a beverage; to shun pornography; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.