



# MEMBERSHIP CLASS

## Introduction

This membership class is intended to give an in-depth overview of the history, doctrine, and beliefs that Grangeville Christian Church holds and adheres to. Our hope and intentions are that we will be able to develop those who might not know Christ yet and those who do, into becoming disciples who partake in the work and extension of the Kingdom of God and their place in His church.

As disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we are part of His Church. We take an active role in participation with the many opportunities that are presented throughout the year to serve Him and one another for His Glory. We grow in relationship with Him and with one another as we place our resources into His mighty hands so that we can see His Kingdom grow.

What does it mean to be a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ? A disciple is one who has trusted in Jesus for the repentance of their sins, placed their faith in Him and been obedient to scripture by being immersed baptized. A disciple strives to become more like Jesus by keeping His commandments, much the same as an apprentice seeks to become like his or her master.

Many people hear the word disciple and think it means only “follower.” But genuine discipleship is a state of being. This suggests more than studying and applying a list of individual attributes. Disciples live so that the characteristics of Christ are woven into the fiber of their beings.

## **History of GCC**

At present, the congregation numbers about 250 members with over 300 people revolving through the doors and occupies a debt-free multi-use facility. The current sanctuary stands on the same spot as the original church building, and has been actively serving the people of North Central Idaho for 120 years.

Grangeville Christian Church is a Bible-based, Non-Denominational, elder-led body connected with the historic Stone-Campbell Restoration movement of the early 19th century. Our purpose is to carry out the Great Commission as stated by Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20, which involves the proclamation of the saving Gospel, providing opportunities for the spiritual growth of believers, giving pastoral care to members, and blessing the community as a whole.

Grangeville Christian Church came into being in August of 1901 as a result of a Gospel Tent Meeting led by evangelists from Oakland, Oregon. The original building stood on the corner of State and North 3rd Street. (Most old timers know this original location as the lumber yard for the Madison Lumber Company.)

The original building was moved in 1908 to our current location at the corner of South First and Idaho. From 1937 through 1957 several remodeling projects were completed to add a kitchen, fellowship hall, and Sunday School rooms. During this time a full basement was dug, mostly by hand, that housed Sunday school rooms and the nursery. The original fellowship hall faced Idaho Street and the school property.

The congregation continued to plan, pray, and build for the future. We broke ground for the new fellowship hall and education wing in 1992. These were located to the west of the original building in additional lots that were purchased in the 50s and 60s. The last phase of construction started in the 2000s. During this phase, as the original building was torn down and the basement filled in, the congregation utilized the fellowship hall for our worship

services and fellowship times. The new sanctuary was completed in 2011 and connected to the fellowship hall.



*Original building circa 1930s. The old Grangeville School building for 1st-12th grades stands in background.*

## **Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement**

GCC is a Nondenominational Church. Our church is comprised of members with many different evangelist denominations but our roots come from the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement. *The name comes from the primary founders of this branch of Christianity. In Kentucky, Barton Warren Stone (1772-1844) was a Presbyterian minister who, along with others, called for a return to simple New Testament Christianity. In fact, Stone believed that followers of Christ should go by no other name than "Christian." In Pennsylvania and what is now West Virginia, father and son Thomas Campbell (1763-1854) and Alexander Campbell (1788-1866) championed the idea of "one Church of Christ upon earth." They, too, believed that followers of Christ should not be identified by sectarian names and asked that only "Disciples" be used.*<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.discipleshistory.org/history/brief-history-stone-campbell-tradition>

## **Restoration Movement Quotes**

- “Where the scriptures speak, we speak; and where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent.”
- “In essentials, unity; in non-essentials (opinions), freedom; in all things, (charity) love.”
- “We are Christians only, but not the only Christians.”
- “No Creed but Christ”
- “No book but the Bible”

## **Doctrine**

### **Who are we?**

Grangeville Christian Church is a non-denominational fellowship of Christians. We do not claim to be the “Only Christians,” but our desire is to be “Christians Only.”

### **GCC’s life verse:**

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do ...so that in every way we will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.” ~Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:10b

### **GCC’s Vision:**

#### **To Know Him and To Make Him Known by:**

1. Being United in Christ.
2. Being One in Spirit.
3. Worshipping Together.
4. Actively Learning God’s Word Together.
5. Encouraging One Another.
6. Loving One Another as Christ Has Loved Us.
7. Serving One Another in the Love of God.
8. Reaching Out to Those Who do not Know the Salvation of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **What do we believe?**

1. That God is the Sovereign Creator of the Universe. He personally cares for us as our Heavenly Father. (Colossians 1:16-17)
2. That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and the Savior of all who trust in Him as Lord. He taught us how to live through His sinless life, was crucified for our sins, rose bodily from the dead, and ascended to Glory. (John 3:16 & 1 Corinthians 3-5)
3. That the Holy Spirit dwells within the Christian, giving power for a meaningful life, and promises us eternal life. (Ephesians 1:13-14)
4. That people, because of their personal sin, need to be made whole and restored to fellowship with God through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. (1 John 1:5-8)
5. That any person can become a Christian by God's grace as they trust Jesus as their Savior and Lord, validating that trust in repentance, public confession of faith, and baptism. (Romans 6:4)
6. The Bible is God's Word and is the Divinely authoritative standard by which Christians live. (2 Timothy 3:16)
7. That the Church is the Body of Christ, composed of believers in Christ around the World. It is locally identified by ministering congregations of Christians. The Church is waiting for Christ's return and His promise of eternal life in Heaven with Him. (1 Corinthians 12:12-31)

## **Our Beliefs**

1. What does a Confession of Faith Look like to become a believer/disciple of Jesus?
  - a. Accepting that all have sinned, including oneself. Understanding that the wage or consequence of sin is eternal death. Understanding that Jesus and His perfect sacrifice where He died on the cross and rose 3 days later, is the only thing that can save us from our sin, therefore giving us eternal life.
2. What does it look like to be a part of God's Church?
  - a. Being a part of God's church is to be part of the family of God. Remember, the Church is not a building but it is the people that are called to be His

## **Our Beliefs: Continued**

Church. We are Jesus' hands and feet in this world. We are to love, give, and serve, one another and our neighbor as if we would do it unto Jesus Himself.

3. What does the Lordship of Jesus Christ look like?
  - a. Calling Jesus, one's Lord is no simple task. It requires complete submission and surrender to His will and way. This is the journey of sanctification one takes as our carnal (Earthly) nature becomes more conformed to the nature of Jesus Christ.
  - b. See Navigator's Wheel Handout
4. What does Stewardship look like in giving in the areas of Time, Talent, and Tender.
  - a. Time: Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. – Ephesians 5:15-17
  - b. Talent: There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. – 1 Corinthians 12 4-6
  - c. Tithing: Our Biblical model of tithing comes from the idea of giving your first fruit to The Lord. This happened when Abel offered his best to The Lord. Abraham was the first to offer a Tenth of his wealth to King Melchizedek and Jacob also does the same offering of a Tenth to the Lord in Genesis 28.
5. What does it look like to be a Family of God?
  - a. Just like any family, relationships are the key in which bonds are strengthened. The family of God has the foundation of Jesus Christ which is the common thread that ties us together. We are brothers and sisters in Christ and therefore we love one another as Christ exemplified. We are to serve one another, acknowledge and support one another's need, and look out for each other. This could be in various forms depending on the need of

## **Our Beliefs Continued:**

our brother and sister. Whether a shoulder to cry on, needing food, shelter or clothing, and prayer etc.

### **6. How should we handle conflict in the Family of God?**

a. As all human beings have found out, there will always be differences that might not be agreed upon. When these occur, we need to remember who we are and what the Biblical approach to conflict should be. Matthew 18:15-21 lay out steps that should be taken with prayer and discernment interweaved.

1. Approach the person in a one-on-one conversation to express what offense may have taken place. Keep in mind to speak calmly and remember that peace is what we are after.
2. If you've attempted to speak to them multiple times and it is not progressing toward peace, consider inviting a neutral person into the conversation to help sort out the matter.
3. If this does not work and you're dealing with a believer, seek the Pastor's/Elders for assistance as they could speak to both parties from the Biblical perspective.
4. If all of these steps were followed in order and with a sincere heart in prayer, and it remains the same, consider giving the relationship space and step away from it.

## **GCC Values:**

### **1. The Pursuit of God:**

We value passionately pursuing an intimate walk with God, inviting Jesus into every aspect of home, work, and daily life.

### **2. Relational Life Groups:**

We value becoming a caring, Christ-centered family, gathering in small groups throughout the week, with the intent to actively learn God's word. We will carry each other's burdens and do life together.

### **3. Multi-Generational Church:**

We value family ministry, where every generation gets to be actively involved in the Lord's work. By God's grace, even children and youth will be active participants in church life and ministry.

### **4. Leadership Development:**

We value encouraging each member of the church to actively seek a ministry within the Body of Christ. We value team-oriented leadership training and mentoring based on gifting and calling.

### **5. Mutual Respect:**

We value every person and acknowledge that each of us have been made in God's image and are equally valued children of God. We will treat others with mutual respect, even in the face of disagreements and interpersonal conflicts.

### **6. Jesus-Style Neighboring:**

We value loving and serving others much like our Lord Jesus, who showed Compassion and brought hope for messy, sinful broken people.

## **GCC Values Continued:**

### **7. Local Kingdom Partnerships:**

We value partnering with local pastors, church, and organizations to help advance God's Kingdom in our community.

### **8. Globally Minded Community:**

We value partnering with other like-minded churches and organizations to become a globally minded people, caring for, praying for, and financially aiding other nations as God leads.

## **Ministries In Which You Can Help Serve**

- **Worship Team** (Instruments or Vocals)
- **Production Team** (Video/Sound)
- **Communion Team** (Setup/Clean Up)
- **Cookie Ministry** (Provide Cookies for Sunday Fellowship)
- **Sunday Greeters** (Be The Cheerful Faces People See On Sunday)
- **Guest Services** (Great and Guide our Guests on Sunday Mornings)
- **Children's Church** (Teaching Grade School Kids)
- **Nursery** (Provide Loving Care for Our Littles)
- **Missions** (Be On the Committee That Allocates to Missions)
- **Prayer Chain** (Telephone Calls To Pray For Needs of Church)
- **Intercessory Prayer** (Prayer Time for the Needs of Others)
- **Visitation Team** (Visiting Our Shut-Ins and Those Who Are In Need)
- **Decorating Team** (Beautify the Building with Seasonal Décor)
- **Safety Team** (Secure Premise and Church Family)
- **Librarian** (Maintains GCC Library Located Downstairs)

### **Ministries in Which You Can Help Serve: Continued**

- **Historian** (Keeps Record of Church/Building)
- **Fellowship Meal Team** (Helping set/up, serve, clean/up for potlucks)
- **Helping Hands Team** (Ministry that is hands on meeting the needs of those who need help in anyway)
- **Snow Removal Team** (Clearing Church entrance for people to have safe access to building)

### **Opportunities To Study and Fellowship With Our Church Family**

- **MUG** – Men's Bible Study 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday's of every month.
- **Widowed Sisters In Christ** – Women's Group 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday's of the month.
- **Intercessory Prayer Group** – Meets Every Tuesday
- **Going Like 60** – Seniors Life Group with Bible Study Wednesday Afternoons.
- **Warrior Women**- Women's Bible Study Every Wednesday Morning.
- **Women's Bible Study** – Every Wednesday Night.
- **Walking In Truth** – Women's Bible Study Every Thursday Morning.
- **Chat and Chew** – Men's Fellowship Group Every Thursday Morning.
- **Jr/Sr High School Bible Study** – Every Sunday Morning.
- **CREW** – Jr. /Sr. High School Group Every Wednesday Night.
- **Kingdom Kids** – K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade The First Wednesday Night of the Month.

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# The Balanced Christian Life



Navigator  
Discipleship  
Tool

## THE WHEEL

The Wheel diagram, created by Navigator founder Dawson Trotman in the 1930s, is a simple, effective way to visually explain the structure of a God-glorifying life. Sharing it can be as simple as drawing it on a napkin or notepad. The diagram challenges us to think deeply about how to be an obedient follower of Christ as each part represents a crucial component of a vibrant Christian life.



*How you relate to yourself.*

### THE VOLITIONAL DIMENSION

- **The Hub**—Christ the Center: Total surrender to Christ's authority and lordship is not always a decision made right at conversion, but is a necessary act of will. For the believer, the "old life" has gone and the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17), and Christ dwells through us instead (Galatians 2:20). God creates within us the desire to do what He wants us to do in order to express His lordship in our lives.
- **The Rim**—Obedience to Christ: Some acts of obedience to God are internal, such as attitudes, habits, motives, values and day-to-day thoughts. But even these eventually surface outwardly in our relationships with other people. Keeping His commandments in obedience is our outward indication of inward health and love for Christ—our worship (John 14:21, Romans 12:1).



*How you relate to God.*

### THE VERTICAL DIMENSION

- **The Word Spoke**: The Word of God is His direct voice showing us not only who He is, but how to live and interact with everyone around us (2 Timothy 3:16). This means an earnest personal intake of God's Word is essential for health and growth (Joshua 1:8). As God speaks to us through the Scriptures, we can see His principles for life and ministry, learn how to obey Him and become acquainted with the Christ who is worthy of our steadfast allegiance.
- **The Prayer Spoke**: Prayer is the natural response to God as we hear Him speak through His Word. It is sharing our heart with the One who longs for our companionship and who cares about our concerns. Prayer not only trains our hearts and minds to know the power and glory of God, but also turns His ear towards action in our lives and of those who we pray for (John 15:7, Philippians 4:6-7).



*How you relate to others.*

### THE HORIZONTAL DIMENSION

- **The Fellowship Spoke**: God has directed Christians to build each other up through inter-dependence and loving relationships with each other (Hebrews 10:24-25). Gathering together as the Body of Christ draws God close around us as we praise Him and encourage one another (Matthew 18:20).
- **The Witnessing Spoke**: God has given believers the joy and responsibility of telling the world about the Good News of Christ's work on earth (Matthew 4:19). In fact, sharing this spectacular news with others should be the natural overflow of a rich, vibrant life in Christ (Romans 1:16).



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# Member Covenant

At Grangeville Christian Church our desire and commitment are to cultivate the highest quality of Christlike Character in and among our people. This Covenant serves as a guide for all our people. It also serves as a guardrail for the spiritual and moral health of our church family.

**As a servant of Christ and a member of Grangeville Christian Church, I will endeavor to:**

**1. Love the Lord with wholehearted devotion.**

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, He asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" *"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength'."* **Mark 12:28-30**

**2. To grow as an authentic and Spirit-led disciple that makes consistent choices to stay connected to God, His Word, and His People.**

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."* **John 15:5-10**

**3. To live a life before God and others that is above reproach.**

This includes abstaining from sexual misconduct, the practice of the occult, cults, divination or sorcery, the use of illegal substances, the abuse of addictive substances, addictive behaviors, criminal misconduct, domestic abuse, and financial mismanagement etc.

*"The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition,*

*dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.” Galatians 5:19-26*

- 4. To Guard the peace and unity of the Church. This includes abstaining from gossip, lying, unresolved conflict within the body, and the teaching of false doctrine.**

*“As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” Ephesians 4: 1-6*

- 5. To Honor the leadership of the Church.**

*“Now we as you, brother, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.” 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13*

- 6. To serve God and The Church with my time, talent, and tender to the Glory of God.**

*“Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves full to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_