

## **Membership at Grace Capital City - General Information**

### **What will a Member get to do that a regular attender won't?**

The major shift that comes with membership is the transition from an attender, or contributor, to what we would call a 'co-laborer'. We believe that the vision for GCC should be something carried by each member, that the life of a church is shared amongst it's participants and so entering into membership is entering into deeper ownership, contribution and participation in the church.

As such, members will have opportunities to speak into the future direction of GCC that non-members will not. Members will hold the right to cast votes at certain moments in the church; some of these moments will include the installation of members for the "GCC Leadership Counsel", the approval of yearly budgets, the future acquisition of property and the installation of senior leadership positions.

Only members are invited to vote on these matters, not because we don't value other's opinions or perspectives, but simply because members are the ones who have put their hand up and said they are willing to be 'co-laborers' in the ministry of GCC, and are actively living that out.

Members will also be invited to periodic 'members only' meetings. These will be times where specific future vision for the church will be shared, reports will be presented and opportunity for dialogue will be conducted.

### **What Expectations will Members be asked to commit to?**

As members take the step into being co-laborers at GCC, and voting rights are given, the bar of expectation is also raised.

Many of the same spiritual practices all GCC attenders are encouraged to practice, GCC members should consider themselves expected to practice. These include regular service to the church, generous and consistent financial partnership with the church, fervent prayer for the church and its ministries, and always seeking the unity and flourishing of the church.

Alongside these spiritual practices GCC members will be asked to affirm the doctrinal core beliefs of the church and make a commitment to, by the strength of the Holy Spirit, live according to a Biblical ethical standard.

### **What is the Process for Membership at GCC?**

It's very simple. Firstly, fill out the application form as best as you are able. Secondly, attend one of our 'Membership Sunday', classes, where you will be presented with a much deeper insight into the nature of membership and the core values and beliefs of GCC. Thirdly, complete and sign a 'Membership Commitment Form', indicating your willingness to commit to and live out the expectations of a GCC member.