

Application for Membership at GFCC

Name \_\_\_\_\_

The Constitution of Grizzly Flats Community Church (Article IV section I) shows four things required in the person who wishes to become a member. This application will ask the person who is applying to give written testimony of these things.

1. The first requirement is the applicant must “**professes personal faith in Christ for his eternal salvation.**” Use this space to give written testimony to this. If you need ideas to get started, explain why you will go to Heaven, compare your life before salvation to after, or tell why you claim to be a Christian.

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2. The second requirement is the applicant must have “**signified this by water baptism after conversion.**” Choose the response(s) that best describe your personal experience.

- I was baptized as an infant/baby. Place \_\_\_\_\_
- I was baptized as a believer. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_
- I have not yet been baptized.

Please give a short statement describing why you were baptized in water or describe your water baptism experience.

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3. The third requirement is the applicant must show “**evidence of having a new life in Christ.**” Use this space to show how you are growing in your faith and maturing in your new life in Christ. This section is important because the the benefits of membership as listed in the same section include getting to “**be under the shepherding care of the elders and a recipient of the brotherly commitment of the whole membership for his personal growth and well being.**” Explaining how you are developing in your Christian life will better allow the elders to pray for, care for and shepherd you.

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4. The fourth requirement is the applicant must “**be in agreement with the doctrinal position of the church as described in Article III.**” Article III is copied on the back of this form. Please read and initial each point of doctrine signifying that you agree with that doctrine. Address concerns before initialing agreement.

I have prayerfully filled out this application with true answers and wish for my name and this information to be presented to the elders for membership upon completion of the membership class.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## ARTICLE III: DOCTRINAL POSITION

Grizzly Flats Community Church is committed to the following essential beliefs:

\_\_\_\_\_ All Scripture is self-attesting and being Truth, requires our unreserved submission in all areas of life. The infallible Word of God, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is a complete and unified witness to God's redemptive acts culminating in the incarnation of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, without error in the original manuscripts, is the supreme and final authority on all matters on which it speaks ( 2 Timothy 3:14-17, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Hebrews 1:1-2).

### **On this sure foundation we affirm these additional essentials of our faith:**

\_\_\_\_\_ We believe in one God, the sovereign Creator and sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. To Him be all honor, glory and praise forever (Matthew 3:16-17, John 1:1-4, Philippians 2:5-11).

\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ, the living Word, became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. He who is true God became true man united in one Person forever. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. On the third day He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High Priest and Mediator (Matthew 1:20-23, John 14:6, Ephesians 1:7-12).

\_\_\_\_\_ The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior. Indwelling our hearts, He gives new life to us, empowers and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth, and seals us for the day of redemption, (John 14:15-17, 16:5-15, Ephesians 1:7-12).

\_\_\_\_\_ Mankind was created by God, in His image, but through Adam's use of his free will to rebel against God all mankind became sinners in both nature and actions. Mankind is now under condemnation; each life headed for damnation ( Genesis 1:26-27, 3:6, 17-19, Romans 5:12).

\_\_\_\_\_ Being estranged from God and condemned by our sinfulness, our salvation is wholly dependent upon the work of God's free grace. God credits His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, thereby justifying them in His sight. Only such as are born of the Holy Spirit and receive Jesus Christ become children of God and heirs of eternal life with Christ in glory ( John 1:12-13, 3:3-8, 1 Peter 1:23).

\_\_\_\_\_ The true Church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit are united together in the body of Christ. The Church finds her visible, yet imperfect, expression in local congregations where the Word of God is preached in its purity and the ordinances are practiced in their integrity, where scriptural discipline is practiced, and where loving fellowship is maintained. For her perfecting, she awaits the return of her Lord ( Matthew 16:16-19, Ephesians 4:11-16, Titus 2:1-10, Matthew 18 ).

\_\_\_\_\_ The redeemed life in Christ is a daily walk of faith carrying over outside the Church into all of one's life. Only the redeemed can live life as God intended with the purpose and potential of a child of God (Romans 6:4, 2 John 1:6, Ephesians 4:22-24).

\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ will come again to the earth--personally, visibly, and bodily--to judge the living and the dead, and to consummate history and the eternal plan of God. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (John 14:1-3, Acts 1:9-11, Revelation 22:20).