

WELCOME!

Getting to Know You



GRACE
BIBLE CHURCH RUGBY

**Application for Membership
& Questionnaire**



PRE-APPLICATION CHECK-LIST

- ☐ **READ, HIGHLIGHT & RETURN** Your Copy of Statement of Faith & Church Rules

Watch 5 Sermons About The Church by Pastor MacArthur:

- ☐ Your Responsibility to the Church - Part 1 • <http://tiny.cc/JMac1>
- ☐ Your Responsibility to the Church - Part 2 • <http://tiny.cc/JMac2>
- ☐ Your Responsibility to the Church - Part 3 • <http://tiny.cc/JMac3>
- ☐ Your Responsibility to the Church - Part 4 • <http://tiny.cc/JMac4>
- ☐ Your Responsibility to the Church - Part 5 • <http://tiny.cc/JMac5>

Listen to 5 Sermons About The Church by Pastor McConnell:

- ☐ How Christ Pictures His Church • <http://tiny.cc/TMc1>
- ☐ Christ's Church - The Big Picture • <http://tiny.cc/TMc2>
- ☐ The Design of Christ's Church • <http://tiny.cc/TMc3>
- ☐ The Mission of Christ's Church • <http://tiny.cc/TMc4>
- ☐ The Discipline of Christ's Church • <http://tiny.cc/TMc5>

Welcome!

Dear Friend,

Grace Bible Church Rugby (GBCR) was started in February 2013 by a small group of devoted followers of Jesus Christ living in Rugby. These believers envisioned a church in Rugby that was more committed to the Bible than to the traditions of men. They desired to be part of a church that faithfully, yet humbly, listened to and applied the teaching and preaching of God's Word to their everyday lives. These believers continue to devote themselves to being doers of the Word and not merely hearers. With over 14 countries represented in our growing membership, GBCR is an ethnically diverse, international evangelical church. The greatest thing about us, by God's amazing grace, is that we know and love Jesus Christ as our Lord and only Saviour. **We are not a perfect church, but our unwavering commitment is to be a biblical church.**

At GBCR we value the accurate preaching of God's Word, the Bible. Each week that we gather together as a church, we intend to open the Bible, read the Bible, explain the Bible and apply the Bible to our lives. Our primary kind of preaching is called: **expository preaching**. This kind of preaching seeks to "expose" the meaning of the biblical text. Rather than using the Bible to promote man's clever ideas, expository preaching emphasizes God's ideas, values, expectations and commands for humanity, and especially for His church. Being transformed by the Word of God and The Holy Spirit of God is the goal of expository preaching. We believe that the Gospel that truly saves is the Gospel that also truly transforms a person from the inside out. All truly saved people are transformed. Love for and obedience to Jesus Christ increase throughout the life of a truly saved man, woman or young person. **As a potential member of GBCR, you need to know that this is the kind of church to which you are making application for membership!**

Before completing this **Application for Membership & Questionnaire**, there are 2 steps you need to complete: **First**, you should read, highlight & return to GBCR's Elders your highlighted copies of GBCR's Statement of Faith and GBCR's Church Rules. **Second**, you need to watch & listen to 10 carefully selected sermons about Christ's church. We have selected 5 video sermons for you to watch by our friend, Pastor John MacArthur. Also, we have chosen 5 audio sermons on "the church" from GBCR's audio library. Once these first two steps are complete, then we invite you to complete this **Application for Membership & Questionnaire**. This document you are now reading is part of the important process of getting to know one another. We hope this process will help you better get to know who we are, what we teach and how we function as a church. In addition to this, **GBCR's Membership Process** is meant to help us get to know you! We hope to learn more about you personally, your spiritual life, beliefs, life goals, spiritual gifts, teach-ability and your reasons for wanting to join GBCR.

May the Lord help you and bless you as you pursue becoming a member of Grace Bible Church Rugby.

In Christ,

Pastor Tom McConnell



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP & QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION 1

YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

1. TODAY'S DATE: _____ - _____ - _____
Day Month Year
2. Date of Birth: _____ - _____ - _____ Gender at Birth: ☐ Male ☐ Female
Day Month Year
3. Personal Title: ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Miss ☐ Dr. ☐ Other: _____
4. Name: _____
First Name Surname
5. Address: _____
6. Postcode: _____ E-Mail: _____
7. Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____
8. Your Occupation & Employer: _____
Your Occupation Your Employer
9. Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Widow / Widower

If you are **separated, divorced or widowed** please explain on page 11 in the "Additional Comments" section. **Thank you.**
If you are married and/or have children living at home, please complete #s 10-14 below. **If not applicable, write "N/A."**
10. Wedding Anniversary: _____ - _____ - _____
Day Month Year
11. Spouse's Name: _____
First Name Surname
12. Spouse's Occupation: _____
13. Spouse's Current Employer: _____

14. Children Living At Home

CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH <small>Day - Month - Year</small>	CURRENT AGE OF CHILD

If you have additional children living at home, please list them using the "Additional Comments" section on **Pages 11** in this document. **Thank you.**

SECTION 2

GETTING TO KNOW YOU & YOUR CHURCH BACKGROUND

In this section, please tell us about yourself & your church background.

If you **do not** have any church background, simply answer as best you can or write "N/A" = "Not Applicable"

1. Did you grow up in a Christian family? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Did you or your family regularly attend church as you grew up? ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. What kinds of churches (denominationally) have you attended in your life? _____

4. On average, how frequently did you attend church before coming to GBCR? _____

5. What are your **Top 5** priorities in life? **List Below in order of importance:**
A. _____
B. _____
C. _____
D. _____
E. _____
6. What are **the Top 5 things you want** from the church you attend? **List Below in order of importance:**
A. _____
B. _____
C. _____
D. _____
E. _____
7. How would you describe the kind of preaching you have heard at your previous church? _____

8. What kind of pastoral care have you received at your previous church? _____

9. Have you ever had a bad experience with a church or someone in a church? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes," briefly explain: _____

10. As a potential church member, what do you think are **the Pastor's** primary responsibilities to you and to the rest of the church membership? _____

11. As a potential church member, what do you think are **your** primary responsibilities to the Pastor and to the rest of the church membership? _____

12. In your understanding, what are the main differences between Pastors, Elders & Deacons?

13. As a potential church member, are you committed to resolving conflicts biblically? ☐ Yes ☐ No

14. Do you know the biblical commands for resolving conflicts among believers? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," list the Scripture & biblical steps for resolving conflict among believers in a local church?

15. Do you believe that the local church should practice "church discipline"? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please explain your answer from Scripture: _____

16. Are you currently "**a member in good standing**" at another church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," please tell us about the church:

Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Church Phone: _____

How long have you been at this church? **From** _____ **To** _____

17. Have you **ever been** under church discipline by another church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," please provide the following information:

Church Name: _____

Church Location: _____

Phone Number of Pastor, Elder or Leader: _____

18. Are you **presently** under church discipline from another church?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If “Yes,” please provide the following information:

Church Name: _____

Church Location: _____

Phone # of Pastor, Elder or Leader: _____

19. Why did you leave your previous church? _____

20. How long have you been attending **GBCR**? _____

21. Why did you start attending **GBCR**? _____

22. Why do you want to join **Grace Bible Church Rugby**? _____

23. In what ways have you **previously** served the Lord in a local church? Please list them

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

E. _____

24. **GBCR** has a “blended” style of worship in music. By “blended” we mean that we worship the Lord using traditional Christian hymns & biblically sound contemporary Christian songs.

What style of worship music best describes your preference? _____

25. Do you have any musical abilities that might be used to worship the Lord at **GBCR**? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If “Yes,” please tick the boxes that best describe you:

☐ Vocalist ☐ Beginner-Intermediate Musician ☐ Self-Taught Musician

☐ Chord-Based Only Musician ☐ Classically Trained Musician ☐ I can read music

If “Yes,” please tell us what instrument(s) you can play: _____

26. If admitted into membership, please indicate all the areas in which you might like to serve at **GBCR**:

☐ Bible Teaching ☐ Preaching (*Men Only*)

☐ Hospitality ☐ Helps Team - Includes Set-Up, Pack-Up, Sound Desk, Powerpoint, Video, etc.

☐ Creche (*Women Only*)

☐ Sunday School Teacher ☐ Sunday School Teaching Assistant

☐ Worship Team - Includes instrumentalists, vocalists and administrative assistance with music

☐ Creative Design-Team ☐ Website Management ☐ Social Media Technician

☐ "OTHER AREA" #1 - _____

☐ "OTHER AREA" #2 - _____

SECTION 3

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

1. Who is Jesus Christ? _____

2. How would you explain the Gospel from Scripture? _____

3. What does Jesus mean when he says, "***You must be born again***"? (*Leave blank if you're unsure*)

4. What do you believe about **the doctrine of Regeneration**? (Leave blank if you're unsure)

5. What are the differences between **Repentance & Penance**? (Leave blank if you're unsure)

6. What is the difference between **saving faith & non-saving faith** (cf. Matt. 7:21-23 & James 2:19b)?
(Leave blank if you're unsure) _____

7. What are "**The Doctrines of Grace**"? How would you define them? Do you believe they are biblical?
(Leave blank if you're unsure) _____

8. Do you think a genuinely saved person can ever lose their salvation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Explain your answer from Scripture: _____

9. How do you regularly cultivate your relationship with God? _____

10. On average, how often do read the Bible? ☐ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Hardly Ever

11. Aside from meal-time, how often do you pray? ☐ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Hardly Ever

12. On average, how often do you share the Gospel? ☐ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Hardly Ever

YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY

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3. How has your life changed since Jesus saved you? _____

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4. Have you repented of your sins and confessed Jesus Christ as your Lord and only Saviour?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

If "Yes," approximately when did you repent?

5. Are you trusting in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of your sins? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

6. Have you been baptized by immersion AFTER you professed faith in Jesus Christ? ☐ Yes ☐ No

A. If "Yes," provide approx. date, church name & location of the baptism _____

B. If “No,” please answer the following questions:

1) Do you have any physical disabilities preventing you from being baptized by immersion?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2) Why have you not been baptized by immersion after you professed faith in Jesus Christ?

SECTION 5

UNDERSTANDING GRACE BIBLE CHURCH RUGBY (GBCR)

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. Have you thoroughly **read & highlighted** GBCR's **Statement of Faith**? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Have you **returned your highlighted copy** of GBCR's **Statement of Faith** to the elders? ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Are you **in FULL agreement** with GBCR's **Statement of Faith**? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

CHURCH RULES

4. Have you thoroughly **read & highlighted** GBCR's **Church Rules**? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Have you **returned your highlighted copy** of GBCR's **Church Rules** to the elders? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. Are you **in FULL agreement** with GBCR'S **Church Rules**? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure
7. If admitted into membership,
do you agree to submit to GBCR's **Statement of Faith & Church Rules**? ☐ Yes ☐ No

AFFIRMATION OF GBCR'S ELDERS RESPONSIBILITES & LEADERSHIP

8. In your own words, please explain your understanding of Hebrews 13:17: _____

9. If admitted into membership,
do you agree to welcome the elders' loving spiritual leadership in your life? ☐ Yes ☐ No
10. If admitted into membership,
do you agree to meet with, pray for and submit to GBCR's Elders? ☐ Yes ☐ No
11. If admitted into membership,
do you agree to receive the Elders' teaching & instruction concerning church-related matters
such as is found in GBCR's Statement of Faith & Church Rules? ☐ Yes ☐ No

SECTION 6

QUESTIONS FOR GBCR's "RIGHT-HAND OF FELLOWSHIP" CEREMONY

1. Will you take seriously your relationship to others in the body of Christ, striving to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Will you seek to encourage others to grow in their love for & obedience to Christ in the Scriptures? ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Will you teach biblical truth to your family and acquaintances as God gives you opportunity, with a desire to see them come to trust Jesus Christ and be saved? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Will you seek to identify & faithfully exercise your spiritual gifts throughout this fellowship? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Will you consistently contribute, as good stewards of God's blessings, such time, talent and money, in the measure that God prospers you, so that GBCR's ministry of spreading the gospel may continue locally and internationally? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. Will you always be willing to both give and receive admonition and instruction with meekness and in love? ☐ Yes ☐ No
7. Will you commit to praying for the ministry here in this church, praying for your brothers and sisters in Christ, and praying for the lost who need the Savior? ☐ Yes ☐ No

****GDPR CONSENT:** UK Law requires your permission to receive & store your personal details. By signing and submitting this Application for Membership & Questionnaire you are giving permission to Grace Bible Church Rugby to store your details for church purposes.

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____
First Name *Surname*

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____
Signature

DATE: ____ - ____ - ____
Day *Month* *Year*

* If this form has been completed "digitally,"

please email it to: gracebiblechurchrugby@gmail.com

* If this form has been completed via handwriting,

please return it to one of the GBCR Elders at church on Sunday.

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NAMES OF THE TWO INDIVIDUALS CONDUCTING THE INTERVIEW:

1.

2.

DATE OF INTERVIEW: _____

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: _____

INTERVIEWERS' COMMENTS: _____

INTERVIEWERS' RECOMMENDATIONS to the Elders: _____

SIGNATURE of Interviewer #1

SIGNATURE of Interviewer #2

COMPLETION DATE OF NEW MEMBER'S CLASS: _____

DATE SCHEDULED FOR BAPTISM CLASS (If Applicable): _____

DATE FOR “RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP” CEREMONY:

We Are **GRACE BIBLE CHURCH RUGBY!**



* These 15 flags represent the 15 nationalities that combine to make up GBCR's ethnically diverse membership at the time of this printing.

Though we are from many different nations, we all know and love the Lord Jesus Christ, and as such we are truly brothers and sisters "in Christ."

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