

# **Membership at Grand Centre Alliance**

## ***Installing Dashboard Indicators in Your Life***

Membership at Grand Centre Alliance Church is all about joining our team as we strive to be light in a dark community and participate in God's mission to make disciples both here in Cold Lake and beyond. You will notice in the following pages a number of dashboard indicators that are meant to gauge your relationship with Jesus. It is our desire to see our people install these dashboard indicators in their lives as a tool that can help them on their journey to become more like Jesus. Our dashboard indicators are not a checklist that qualifies you for membership or a list of religious rules you must follow, but rather indicators that help you evaluate where your heart is. After all, it is the condition of your heart that we care about most as it is your heart that determines your behaviour.

## ***Becoming 3 Dimensional Christians***

Being a member at Grand Centre Alliance Church is about becoming a 3 Dimensional Christian. It is our desire to see our members grow and move toward Jesus by committing themselves to on-going *discovery* of Jesus, *demonstrating* the life of Jesus and *duplicating* your faith in Jesus in others. This 3D approach to discipleship is our church's process to fulfill the mission that God has given to the Church in Matt 28.

## ***United Life Purpose & Practice***

Membership at Grand Centre Alliance Church is about being united in purpose and practice. We believe that the purpose of the Christian life is to be conformed into the image of Christ (Romans 8:29), and we desire to see our people embrace this purpose and strive to put it into practice in their lives. Our dashboard indicators are simply gauges that help us on this journey to evaluate how we are doing as we practice our faith. By implementing these gauges into your life, you will have some clear direction and goals to strive for as you pursue Jesus and grow in your faith. When we are low on one of our gauges, we do not need to feel guilty or try harder, but rather pursue gateways to help us continue to grow in each area of our walk with Jesus. It is important to understand that this process of sanctification (being conformed into the image of Christ) is a life-long process and that we will never fully arrive in any area this side of heaven. We also fully understand that it is ultimately God who does this transforming work and produces fruit in us (i.e. Fruit of the Spirit). However, it is to our benefit to know what our part is in the whole process. This is why we believe that implementing these gauges in your life will be of great value to you as you strive to do your part in this journey of faith and delve into the deeper life that Jesus desires for us.

## ***Joining the Team***

Finally, membership at Grand Centre Alliance Church is about joining a team. More than anything else, it is evidence of your support and participation in the mission for God's Church in this particular local body of believers. Our community desperately needs Jesus, and joining together as a team to get the message of Jesus out is far more effective than trying to do it by yourself. Being part of a team also has many benefits as it provides you with a community of believers to grow with, accountability to help keep your life on track, support in tough times, and a sense of belonging to something bigger than yourself. However, being part of our membership team is ultimately not about what benefits you, but rather what benefits Jesus and his bride, the church. Membership is something you give to your fellow believers, not something you get or take. This is the most misunderstood aspect of membership as our culture has drilled into us that joining anything is really about your own benefit as we are taught to be consumers. Not so at Grand Centre Alliance Church! Becoming a member is an act of unselfish kindness and support for your local church family and it is primarily for the benefit of others, not yourself!

## ***Take the Plunge!***

We are committed to seeing people become 3 dimensional Christians, and consequently, we will walk along side you and partner with you as we help one another to center our lives around Jesus and the gospel.



## ***Discover Jesus – “Come and see...”***



One of the primary avenues of discovering Jesus is through committing yourself to corporate worship and making it a priority in your life. Regularly attending Sunday services is a great indicator of your desire to grow in your faith and put God first in your life.



Getting into the word is a huge benefit to the believer's quest to continually grow in one's faith and discover Jesus. Making the word a priority in your life by regularly delving into the scriptures is a key indicator of your desire for God.



Posture is everything. If it is your desire to grow in your faith, it begins with a humble, open and teachable attitude. You can attend church and read your Bible religiously, but if your posture is not right, you will only grow a hard heart.



Prayer is one of the starting points for discovering Jesus and it is an essential aspect of your continuing desire for on-going discovery in your journey of faith. At its core it is a conversation with God and a massive indicator of how your relationship with Jesus is doing.

## ***Demonstrate the life of Jesus – “Walk as Jesus walked...”***



Jesus said, "if you love me, you will obey my commands" – a very unpopular statement for independent autonomous people. Obedience begins with baptism and continues as we strive to be Spirit-filled disciples who follow Jesus' example by aligning our discovery with our practice.



Jesus lived in community and gave us the church so that we too could live in community with other believers. The practice of authentic community brings accountability and stability to our walk with Christ while keeping us from the pitfalls of trying to live the Christian life on our own.



Jesus said he came to serve not be served; consequently, a believer who is committed to demonstrating the life of Christ will also desire to be a servant. Our church offers many opportunities to serve and practice becoming a servant. If you do not serve, you will not grow.



Our God is generous and he desires his people to demonstrate generosity. Jesus said that where your treasure is there your heart is also. Generosity with time, money, energy and attitude, in regards to investing and supporting the mission of our local church, is an indicator of your heart.

## ***Duplicate your faith – “Go, make disciples...”***



Jesus' mission for the church is to go make disciples, baptize them and teach them to obey Jesus. Our mission is the same – we call it our 3 Dimensional disciple-making process. It is our intention to make disciples who reproduce or duplicate their faith in others.



Once a believer is committed to on-going discovery and demonstrating the life of Jesus, duplicating Jesus' heart is the natural outcome. We desire our hearts to reflect the heart of Christ – to care about the things God cares about and to be conformed into the image of Christ.



Our goal as believers is to orient our lives around the message of Christ which is the power of God for those who are being saved. This means that the gospel needs to invade every aspect of our lives, both in living the gospel and sharing it with others.



We are called to be a thankful people as thankfulness is an indicator of whether the believer understands the gospel and recognizes what God has graciously given. An unthankful heart is an indicator that Jesus is not enough for you and that you need more.

# Grand Centre Alliance Church 3 Year Membership Covenant

## Discover - Dashboard Indicators



## Demonstrate - Dashboard Indicators



## Duplicate - Dashboard Indicators



By signing this covenant you are acknowledging that you are a believer, you have had a believer's baptism, you desire membership with us and you are giving your leaders permission to ask you the hard questions leading to honest conversation about your dashboard indicators.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# How Am I Doing?



Church \_\_\_\_\_

Bible \_\_\_\_\_

Posture \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

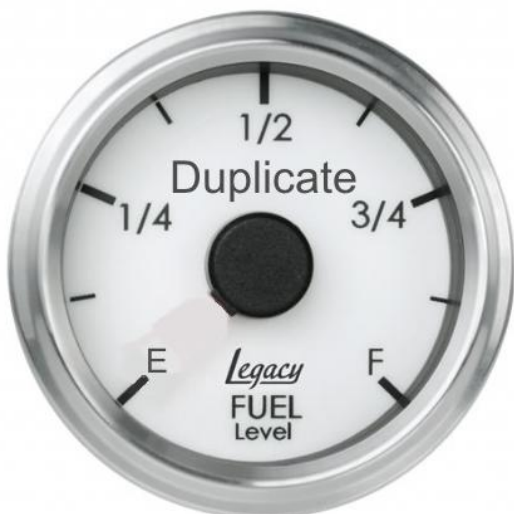


Obedience \_\_\_\_\_

Community \_\_\_\_\_

Serving \_\_\_\_\_

Generosity \_\_\_\_\_



Mission \_\_\_\_\_

Heart \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel \_\_\_\_\_

Gratitude \_\_\_\_\_