

# Pleasant Grove Church



## New Members Info Packet

Please Print Out pages 8-10 and return to Pastor Ron



**Pleasant  
Grove  
CHURCH**

*"Growing God's Family"*

*Ron Laney, Senior Pastor*

Dear Friend,

We are excited you are considering becoming a Covenant Family Member of Pleasant Grove Church. God is doing some mighty things among us. I trust you have and are continuing to experience the presence and power of Jesus Christ in your life.

Church Membership is an important step in your spiritual journey. As a follower of Jesus, it is important to be connected & committed to a local Church for relationship, teaching, accountability and reaching people for Christ. Every believer needs a Church to call home and a Pastor to help lead you into the things of Christ. We are grateful The LORD has crossed our paths.

Enclosed you will find some materials to help you in your decision.

- **Our Mission Statement**
- **Membership Sunday Ceremony**
- **We Believe Brochure**
- **Faith Building Resource Page**
- **Membership Covenant** (please sign & return to Pastor Ron)
- **Communication Card** (please complete & return to Pastor Ron)
- **Opportunities to Get Involved** (please complete & return to Pastor Ron)

If you prayerfully decide to become a Covenant Family Member, please sign and date the Membership Covenant, Communication Card & Opportunities to Get Involved form and return them to me.

Please refer to our Weekly Church Bulletin for next Membership Sunday.

Grace & Peace!

*Pastor Ron*

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**Weekly  
Services**

**Sunday**  
SS 9:30am  
Worship  
10:30am

**Wednesday**  
Meal 6pm  
Bible Study  
6:30pm

**Come  
&  
See  
What God  
Can Do  
Through  
Your  
Life!**



## *Our Mission Statement*

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### **OUR MISSION: Growing God's Family**

God has always wanted a family to share in His creation, blessing and life. We are here to help grow God's family in size and strength. The way into God's Family is through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

### **IT'S IN OUR NAME: Pleasant Grove**

(Affectionately known as "The Grove")

Grove (grohv) = a planting of fruit bearing trees (that's what we are to be!)

The LORD has planted us as His family in this community at this time in history. We are called to be a Chosen People who produce good fruit, eternal fruit. It's the fruit of the Spirit and the good works we see Jesus doing & teaching. Here's how we are going to be The Grove....

**Deeply Rooted**..... In Christ, In God's Word, In God's Family, In God's Work

**Growing Strong**..... In Faith, In Family, In Wisdom, In Witness

**Producing Fruit**..... Loving, Serving, Giving, Going





## **OUR CONVICTION**

### **Jesus, John 14:6**

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through Me."

### **Jesus, John 3:16**

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

## **OUR GREAT COMMANDMENTS**

### **Jesus, Mark 12:30-31**

"And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.  
There is no other commandment greater than these."

### **Jesus, John 13:34-35**

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

## **OUR GREAT COMMISSION**

### **Jesus, Matthew 28:18-20**

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.



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## **Membership Sunday Ceremony**

### **Charges & Blessing**

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On Membership Sunday there will be a brief ceremony during our worship service. Your family will be asked to stand. During this time you will be introduced and received into the family. Pastor Ron will welcome you and give charges to our existing family members and to all new members. The ceremony will end with a prayer of blessing.

### **The Charges are as follows:**

#### **New Members**

As your Pastor, I charge you:

- To live a life that exemplifies the character of Christ and the teachings of the Bible.
- To pray for & support the Leadership and mission of our family.
- To find your place of ministry in the Kingdom of God.
- I finally charge you, to keep & maintain a spirit of unity & peace in the family of Pleasant Grove Church.

***Do you accept this charge?***

#### **Prayer**

- Thanksgiving
- Release of your giftings, talents & abilities
- Greater bond between you & our Church Family
- Blessing on your life, home & family

#### **PGC Current Members**

As your Pastor, I charge you:

- To embrace these new members as a part of our family.
- To exemplify the character of Jesus Christ before them.
- To be faithful to minister to these, pray for them & fellowship with them as the Holy Spirit leads you.
- I finally charge you, to keep & maintain a spirit of unity & peace in our family.

***Do you accept this charge?***

## ***Our Conviction***

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## ***Our Mission***

**Growing God's Family**

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***We believe the impossible is possible with God.***

PGC is a Christ-centered, Bible-based, Spirit-led fellowship which recognizes the entire Body of Christ and is committed to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word & action.



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# **We Believe**



# What We Believe & Teach...

## The Gospel of Jesus Christ

- **The Bible:** Genesis to Revelation is the inspired Word of God given to mankind. (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Peter 1:23)
- **The Eternal Godhead:** The Trinity (the one true God, as revealed in Scripture) - the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22; 2 Corinthians 13:14)
- **The Fall of Mankind:** Through disobedience, humans fell from innocence and goodness and were separated from God. Because of this, sin & death entered the world. (Genesis 1:26-27, 2:17, 3:6; Romans 5:12-19)
- **God's Plan of Redemption:** Restore our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. (John 3:16-17; Romans 5:8, 6:23)
- **Repentance of sin & Acceptance** of Jesus as Savior are essential for salvation. (Romans 10:9-10; 1 John 1:9)
- **Salvation** is through God's grace alone. (Ephesians 2:8)
- The **New Birth** or being **Born-Again** is available to all through Jesus Christ. (John 3:1-21; 2 Cor 5:17; Galatians 2:20)

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

"Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures"

- **Water Baptism & Holy Communion:** Holy ordinances of the Church. (Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 11:24-26)
- **The Baptism with the Holy Spirit:** A work of Christ that empowers the believer for greater service. It is evidenced with power to be a witness for Jesus - Acts 1:8. (Acts 1 & 2, 8:14-25, 9:10-20, 10:44-48, 19:1-7; Luke 11:13)
- Believers are called to live a **Spirit-filled, Spirit-led Life.** (Ephesians 4:30-32)
- The Holy Spirit imparts supernatural **Fruit & Gifts** to believers. Produce fruit & Pursue gifts. (1 Cor 12-14; Galatians 5:22-23)
- **Divine Healing:** God gives healing in our spirit, soul and body. We must pray for the sick & believe God to help them as He wills. (Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 16; James 5:14-16)
- **Sanctification:** This is a progressive work of God in a believer's life whereby they are made holy, living in the will and purpose of God. This is God's will for all believers. (Matthew 5:48; 1 Peter 1:15-16)
- **The Second Coming of Christ:** Our Blessed Hope when Jesus returns to set up His Kingdom on the earth. (Romans 8:23; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)
- **The Church** is the **Body of Christ** on the earth made up of all Christians.
- **The Local Church:** The expression of Christ's Kingdom to a particular region— a place to grow & build relationships for believers. All Christians should be a part of a local Church. (Acts 16:5; Hebrews 10:24-25)
- **The Last Judgment — Heaven:** The ultimate reward of God's mercy & grace for followers of Jesus. New Creation. (Rev 21-22)
- **Hell:** The ultimate punishment for sinners. (2 Corinthians 5:10; John 14:1-3; Revelation 7:15-17, 20:10, 15)
- **Evangelism:** Obeying Jesus' Great Commission. (Matthew 28:19-20; James 5:20)
- **Tithes, Offerings & Generosity:** God's plan of provision for the Church & blessing for believers. (Malachi 3:10; 1 Corinthians 9:7-14; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

This is a brief summary of what we believe & teach. Join us on this marvelous journey, as we continue to discover the many treasures contained in the Holy Scriptures.



# Faith Building Resources

For phone, tablet or computer



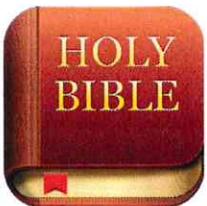
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Our Teachings are archived here. You can access Weekly Bulletin from Homepage. Plus lots of other content about our Church.



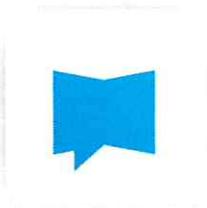
## Our Podcast: Good News from The Grove

Available on The Podbean App & Apple Podcasts. Sunday & Wednesday Messages added weekly. All free!



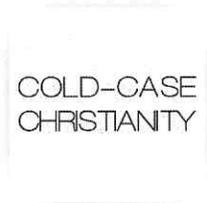
## YouVersion App

Great Bible reading app with several translations and audio Bibles. Also, has several Bible studies and Daily Devo options you can search out by topic. It's a great treasure chest of resources. All free!



## Bible Project App

Explainer videos on every book of the Bible and several on various teachings of the Bible. Several other resources available, too. Must have for every growing believer. All free!



## Cold Case Christianity Website— [www.ColdCaseChristianity.com](http://www.ColdCaseChristianity.com)

Great resource to help you get answers to questions about Christianity. Resources are from a former Detective who became a Christian. Free with option to purchase other resources!



## Logos: Deep Bible Study App

Crazy amount of Bible Study resources in this software. Free version has several Bible translations, Dictionaries and other resources. Other packages available to gain access to more commentaries and language studies (prices from \$50—to hundreds) Pastor Ron uses this software to study.



## Bible App for Kids

Explore the big stories of the Bible. Made by the folks from YouVersion. All Free!



## Superbook Kids Bible App

Videos, games, audio & more. All Free!

Whenever you study the Bible through a resource or another person, be sure and ask the Holy Spirit for discernment.

As someone once said, "Eat the meat and spit out the bones."



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## **Membership Covenant**

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As a family member of Pleasant Grove Church, I declare:

- **I am a born-again believer in Jesus Christ.**
- **I will do my best, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a life that exemplifies the character of Christ and the teachings of the Bible.**
- **I will support and pray for Pastor Ron & Sandy and the Leadership.**
- **I will support Pleasant Grove Church financially.**
- **I will help to maintain a spirit of unity and peace in our Church.**
- **I will do my best to find my place of ministry in the Kingdom of God.**
  
- **Have you been water baptized?    yes \_\_\_\_\_    no \_\_\_\_\_**

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

Spouse's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Ron Laney, Senior Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

**Please sign & return this Membership Covenant to Pastor Ron  
on or before Membership Sunday.**



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**Communication Card**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_



# Opportunities to Get Involved

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

*Please Check all the areas you would like to be a part of....Return to Pastor Ron*

- ◇ Nursery Ministry Team (ages 6 months—2yrs)
- ◇ Kid's Club Team (ages 3yrs-12yrs)
- ◇ Youth Ministry Team (13yrs-18yrs)
- ◇ Music Ministry Team (Musicians & Singers)
- ◇ Prayer Ministry Team (Text Notification of Prayer Needs, P.U.S.H.)
- ◇ Women's Ministry
- ◇ Men's Ministry
- ◇ Senior Saints Ministry
- ◇ Grounds & Maintenance Team (General Maintenance & Upkeep)
- ◇ Hospitality Team (Greeters, Parking Lot Crew)
- ◇ Audio & Video Team (help with Sound Booth, Video & Cameras)
- ◇ Security Team
- ◇ Meal Ministry Team (Meals for those in time of need)
- ◇ Outreach Ministry Team

Other Ideas for a Ministry:

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