

THIS GRACE BIBLE CHURCHES

Identity and House to House Assembly

Statement dated October 11, 2026

Our identity

This Grace Bible Churches, the Circle of the Elders (the Order, the Praeceptorium), and Church in Thy House are not a denomination, are not part of a denomination, are not a religion, and are not part of Christianity. They are not Jewish and are not Catholic. They are not corruptors of the Word of God.

Our assembly and practice

We are not part of the "corporate" American Christian Church setup. We have no religious buildings, statues, baptistries, altars, or pastors, and none of the trappings of the religion known as Christianity.

Saved believers gathering house to house

This Grace Bible Churches consists of true saved believers who rightly divide the word of truth and meet house to house. Church in Thy House is the mode by which This Grace Bible Churches gathers together. The Gospel of Christ that saves today is found in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB. Our standard for rightly dividing the word of truth is 2 Timothy 2:15 KJB.

King James Bible only

We use only King James Bibles: the 1769 edition of the 1611, Pure Cambridge Text. The King James Bible is our final written authority. We do not change, supposedly correct, or corrupt the Word of God.

The Order and the Bishop title

The Circle of the Elders, the Order, and the Praeceptorium name the same internal teaching and oversight body within This Grace Bible Churches. Praeceptorius is the Bishop title within that body. Bishop Wesley Ray is the original and sole Praeceptorius; admission to the Circle does not confer that title. Within This Grace Bible Churches, Bishop Wesley Ray is known as the Founding Bishop.

Document terminology

This statement supplies the identity, assembly practice, Bible standard, and title definitions for the accompanying documents. In earlier text, a collective reference to "Praeceptorius" means the Praeceptorium; a personal reference to Bishop Wesley Ray as Praeceptorius retains its personal meaning. These definitions do not create an additional ordained office or confer the founder's exclusive title upon another person. Governing amendments remain subject to the adoption procedures of each instrument.



Circle of the Elders

This Grace Bible Churches

Local Assembly Charter and Affiliation Agreement

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THIS GRACE BIBLE CHURCHES

PAULINE DISPENSATIONAL ASSEMBLY

LOCAL ASSEMBLY CHARTER & AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

Established under the Constitution and Governing Documents of This Grace Bible Churches

King James Bible (KJB) - Final Written Authority

Founding Bishop Wesley Scott Ray

Principal Office: Tyler, Texas

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PREAMBLE

This Grace Bible Churches ("TGBC") may establish, recognize, fellowship with, or provide spiritual oversight to local assemblies that voluntarily identify with the doctrine and governing principles of TGBC. This Local Assembly Charter and Affiliation Agreement establishes the terms by which a local assembly may be recognized as affiliated with This Grace Bible Churches.

Affiliation is ecclesiastical and voluntary. It is intended to preserve sound doctrine, orderly fellowship, local ministry, continuity, accountability, and proper use of the This Grace Bible Churches name while recognizing the lawful and practical responsibilities of each local assembly.

ARTICLE I

NAME AND IDENTIFICATION OF LOCAL ASSEMBLY

The local assembly seeking recognition shall be identified as follows:

Local Assembly Name: _____

City / State: _____

Meeting Location: _____

Primary Bishop / Responsible Leader: _____

Telephone / Email: _____

Upon formal recognition, the assembly may identify itself as a local assembly affiliated with This Grace Bible Churches, subject to this Agreement and the governing documents of TGBC.

ARTICLE II

SCRIPTURAL AND DOCTRINAL AUTHORITY

The local assembly shall recognize the King James Bible, Authorized Version of 1611 received in its standardized 1769 textual tradition and Pure Cambridge Edition text form, as the official Bible and final written authority for faith, doctrine, conduct, assembly order, teaching, preaching, and ministry within the TGBC fellowship.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 KJB

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

2 Timothy 2:15 KJB

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

ARTICLE III

FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINAL AGREEMENT

Every affiliated local assembly shall affirm and preserve the foundational doctrine of TGBC, including:

1. The Gospel of Christ for salvation today as declared by the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.
2. Salvation by the grace of God through faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ, apart from human works as a means of obtaining salvation.
3. The principle of rightly dividing the Word of Truth.
4. The distinctive apostleship and ministry of the Apostle Paul to the Gentiles.
5. The revelation of the Mystery and the present Dispensation of the Grace of God.
6. The distinction between Israel's prophetic program and the Church, the Body of Christ.
7. The Pauline identity of the Body of Christ as one Body, one new man, and new creature.
8. The position that the Body of Christ is not a continuation, restoration, replacement, or institutional extension of Israel's prophetic Kingdom program.
9. The position that water baptism is not a required ordinance for salvation, membership in the Body of Christ, or participation in TGBC fellowship.
10. The position that observance of the Lord's Supper is not a required ordinance imposed upon the Body of Christ.
11. The biblical ecclesiastical offices recognized by TGBC: Bishop and Deacon.

ARTICLE IV

GOSPEL OF CHRIST

The local assembly shall faithfully proclaim the Gospel of Christ as declared in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 and shall not substitute a ceremonial, institutional, works-based, or contrary message for the saving work of Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 KJB

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how 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:"

ARTICLE V

RELATIONSHIP TO TGBC GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

The local assembly agrees that its affiliation with TGBC is governed by the duly adopted Constitution and Articles of Association, Bylaws, Statement of Faith and Doctrine, Governing Document Hierarchy, Circle of the Elders Charter, applicable ordination and credentialing documents, official doctrinal position papers, and other duly adopted TGBC governing instruments.

This Local Assembly Charter is subordinate to superior TGBC governing documents. If a provision of this Agreement conflicts with a superior governing document, the superior governing document shall control.

ARTICLE VI

LOCAL ASSEMBLY GOVERNANCE

A recognized local assembly may conduct its ordinary local ministry, meetings, teaching, benevolence, administration, and practical affairs consistent with Scripture and TGBC governing documents.

Local authority does not include authority to redefine TGBC foundational doctrine, create ecclesiastical offices contrary to TGBC doctrine, alter the historical office of Founding Bishop, or bind TGBC generally to contracts, debts, liabilities, property obligations, employment arrangements, or other commitments without express written authorization.

ARTICLE VII

BISHOPS, DEACONS, AND LOCAL LEADERSHIP

The recognized ecclesiastical offices of TGBC are Bishop and Deacon. Men serving in those offices within an affiliated assembly shall satisfy the applicable Pauline qualifications and the credentialing or recognition requirements established by TGBC.

Participation in the Circle of the Elders is governed separately by TGBC governing documents and does not automatically arise from leadership of a local assembly.

ARTICLE VIII

FOUNDING BISHOP AND ECCLESIASTICAL OVERSIGHT

Wesley Scott Ray is recognized as the one and only Founding Bishop of This Grace Bible Churches and serves in that historical office for the duration of his natural life according to the Constitution and governing documents of TGBC.

No affiliated assembly may appoint another Founding Bishop, transfer that title, recognize a co-Founding Bishop, or use its local authority to contradict the constitutional provisions governing the Founding Bishop.

Following the natural death of the Founding Bishop, ecclesiastical succession shall proceed under the TGBC Constitution, Circle of the Elders Charter, Bylaws, and Founding Bishop and Succession Declaration.

ARTICLE IX

USE OF THE TGBC NAME AND IDENTITY

Recognition permits the local assembly to use the This Grace Bible Churches or TGBC name only while the assembly remains in recognized affiliation and good standing.

The TGBC name, logos, doctrinal identity, publications, credentials, and official designations shall not be used in a manner that falsely implies authority, ownership, endorsement, or continuing affiliation after recognition has ended.

ARTICLE X

PROPERTY, FUNDS, AND LOCAL OBLIGATIONS

Recognition as a TGBC local assembly does not by itself transfer ownership of locally held real or personal property to This Grace Bible Churches. Any transfer of ownership must be made by a separate written instrument.

Unless expressly agreed in writing, each local assembly remains responsible for its own local expenses, obligations, contracts, leases, accounts, and property. No local assembly may incur debt or contractual liability in the name of TGBC without express written authority.

Funds represented as belonging to TGBC shall be handled according to applicable TGBC financial policies and used in furtherance of its religious, charitable, and educational purposes.

ARTICLE XI

RECORDS AND COMMUNICATION

Each affiliated assembly shall maintain reasonable records appropriate to its ministry and shall provide TGBC with current information concerning its recognized leadership and primary contact information.

Official recognition, leadership changes, credentialing actions, serious disciplinary determinations, withdrawal, and termination of affiliation should be documented and retained in the appropriate permanent ecclesiastical records.

ARTICLE XII

DOCTRINAL ACCOUNTABILITY

An affiliated assembly shall not knowingly teach or officially adopt doctrine contrary to the foundational doctrine of TGBC while continuing to represent itself as a TGBC assembly.

Questions of substantial doctrinal disagreement should first be addressed through Scripture, right division, the Statement of Faith and Doctrine, adopted doctrinal position papers, and the ecclesiastical processes established by TGBC.

ARTICLE XIII

DISCIPLINE, CORRECTION, AND RESTORATION

When serious doctrinal departure, misuse of authority, misuse of the TGBC name, serious misconduct, or another substantial matter threatens the integrity of the affiliation, TGBC may examine the matter according to its governing documents.

Where biblically and practically appropriate, correction and restoration should be sought before termination. Nothing in this provision requires TGBC to continue recognition where immediate separation is reasonably necessary to protect doctrine, people, property, records, or the religious identity of TGBC.

ARTICLE XIV

VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL

A local assembly may voluntarily withdraw from affiliation by providing written notice to TGBC. Withdrawal does not transfer local property to TGBC unless a separate written property instrument provides otherwise.

Upon withdrawal, the assembly shall cease representing itself as an affiliated TGBC assembly and shall discontinue official use of the TGBC name and identity except for truthful historical reference.

ARTICLE XV

SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF RECOGNITION

TGBC may suspend or terminate recognition of a local assembly for substantial cause, including abandonment of foundational doctrine, persistent refusal to comply with governing requirements, unauthorized use of the TGBC name, serious misconduct, misrepresentation of affiliation, misuse of property or funds, or other substantial cause recognized under TGBC governing documents.

A termination of affiliation ends the assembly's authority to represent itself as a currently recognized local assembly of This Grace Bible Churches.

ARTICLE XVI

LOCAL PROPERTY AFTER WITHDRAWAL OR TERMINATION

Property owned independently by a local assembly remains subject to the lawful ownership of that local assembly or other record owner. Affiliation alone does not create a TGBC ownership interest.

Property specifically titled to, donated to, or legally owned by This Grace Bible Churches remains TGBC property and shall be handled according to applicable governing documents and law.

ARTICLE XVII

NO DENOMINATIONAL CONTROL CREATED

This affiliation is intended as an ecclesiastical relationship based upon shared doctrine, fellowship, recognition, and voluntary accountability. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create denominational ownership of local property or contractual liability for local obligations where no such ownership or liability has been expressly undertaken in writing.

ARTICLE XVIII

AMENDMENT

TGBC may amend the standard form of this Local Assembly Charter and Affiliation Agreement according to its governing documents. No amendment may contradict the Constitution, replace the King James Bible as TGBC's final written authority, alter the foundational Gospel, abandon right division, or create another Founding Bishop.

An existing affiliated assembly should be provided the current governing version applicable to its continuing recognition.

ARTICLE XIX

TERM AND CONTINUING AFFILIATION

Affiliation begins upon formal approval and execution of this Agreement and continues until voluntary withdrawal, termination, or other action under TGBC governing documents.

Continued use of the TGBC name requires continued adherence to the foundational doctrinal and ecclesiastical requirements of TGBC.

ARTICLE XX

AFFIRMATION OF THE LOCAL ASSEMBLY

By signing below, the local assembly affirms that it:

1. has received and reviewed this Local Assembly Charter and Affiliation Agreement;
2. voluntarily seeks recognition or continued recognition as a local assembly affiliated with This Grace Bible Churches;
3. affirms the King James Bible as stated herein;
4. affirms the foundational doctrine and Pauline Dispensational identity of TGBC;
5. agrees not to represent contrary doctrine as the official doctrine of TGBC;
6. accepts the applicable TGBC governing-document hierarchy and ecclesiastical processes; and
7. understands that affiliation may be withdrawn or terminated according to this Agreement and other TGBC governing documents.

LOCAL ASSEMBLY AFFILIATION RECORD

Local Assembly Name: _____

Physical / Meeting Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

LOCAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE

Printed Name: _____

Office / Responsibility: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

THIS GRACE BIBLE CHURCHES

Wesley Scott Ray

Founding Bishop of This Grace Bible Churches

Signature: _____

Date Approved: _____

CIRCLE OF THE ELDERS / AUTHORIZED WITNESS

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Local Assembly Charter and Affiliation Agreement is adopted and executed as an ecclesiastical instrument of This Grace Bible Churches. Upon approval, the local assembly identified above shall be recognized according to the terms of this Agreement and the superior governing documents of TGBC.

A fully executed copy should be retained by This Grace Bible Churches and by the affiliated local assembly as part of their respective permanent records.