

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.

09 Local Assembly Charter and Affiliation Agreement

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Parties and relationship

TGBC and the local assembly identified below enter this voluntary ecclesiastical agreement. It begins only when both parties have authorized and signed it. It governs doctrine, recognized ministry, use of the TGBC name, records, and withdrawal.

Local assembly name _____ City and state _____

Meeting location _____ Responsible bishop or elder _____

Contact _____ Recognition record and date _____

Relationship type: ☐ Ministry unit of TGBC ☐ Independently organized affiliated assembly

Civil or organizational owner of local funds and property _____

Attach the local organizing instrument or written description of the relationship, actual ownership, and authority. Do not leave the relationship type unresolved when recognition is issued.

Doctrinal agreement

The local assembly affirms the adopted TGBC Statement of Faith: KJB authority; the Gospel of Christ in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB; grace through faith apart from works; right division; Paul's ministry; the Mystery; Israel and the Body of Christ as distinct; and TGBC's stated positions on ordinances and offices. It receives current governing instruments and does not present contrary doctrine as TGBC's official teaching.

Local leadership and PRAECEPTORIUS

Recognized bishops and elders must meet the applicable qualification and credential requirements. Deacons serve under stated assignments and remain outside PRAECEPTORIUS. Local leadership or affiliation does not automatically admit a bishop or elder to the Circle; separate express admission is required.

The local assembly recognizes Wesley Ray as the unique Founding Bishop and his initial sole Circle membership. Succession follows the adopted procedure after his death, with no transfer or duplication of the founding title.

Ministry and civil responsibilities

The local assembly may arrange teaching, prayer, fellowship, care, and authorized service consistent with the instruments. It shall obtain actual permission to use facilities and address applicable safety, property, worker, and tax duties. Private or unincorporated identity does not create an exemption from every applicable civil requirement.

A separately organized assembly cannot bind TGBC to debt, leases, employment, contracts, or property obligations without express written authority. A TGBC ministry unit also operates only within its documented delegation. Actual legal liability is determined by applicable law and facts, not by this agreement's labels alone.

Property funds and identity

Affiliation alone transfers no property or funds. Ownership follows title, donor restrictions, and actual written instruments. Identify any assets placed in TGBC custody on an attached schedule and state whether ownership, a

loan, or permission to use is intended. The founder, local leaders, and their heirs do not obtain personal ownership by holding office.

Current recognition permits the agreed use of the TGBC name, approved logo, and truthful affiliation statement. It does not grant ownership of the name or authority to issue unauthorized credentials. A seal is ecclesiastical identification, not a governmental certification.

Records care and concerns

Maintain current local membership and leadership contacts, actual recognition decisions, financial records where funds are held, and appropriate safeguarding and privacy practices. Notify TGBC of material leadership changes, serious doctrinal disputes, misuse of its name, or matters requiring inter-assembly review. Share sensitive information only with appropriate responsibility and lawful authority.

Use the Discipline Code for correction and review. Good-faith reports to civil authorities need no approval from TGBC. TGBC may impose necessary temporary limits on affiliation representations while a substantial concern is examined.

Withdrawal suspension and termination

Either party may end voluntary affiliation by written notice. The local assembly may withdraw without penalty for leaving fellowship, subject to actual lawful commitments already undertaken. TGBC ordinarily provides notice, an opportunity to respond, and a reasoned decision before termination, with immediate protective suspension permitted where necessary.

On termination, discontinue current TGBC affiliation claims and unauthorized use of its identity. Truthful historical references may remain. Return property actually owned by TGBC and agreed records or controlled access; independently owned property is not forfeited merely because affiliation ends. Complete outstanding lawful commitments and record the effective date.

Changes and execution

TGBC shall provide material updated governing terms. A change to actual property ownership, debts, or other civil commitments requires express agreement or applicable legal authority; it is not accomplished by publishing a new ecclesiastical form.

Local representative name and authority _____

Signature _____ Date _____

TGBC authorized representative and office _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Effective date _____ Attached schedules _____ Permanent record _____