

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.

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Purpose and supreme written authority

This hierarchy prevents a form, resolution, policy, or isolated sentence from silently changing TGBC's doctrine or government. The King James Bible remains the supreme written authority for ecclesiastical faith, doctrine, conduct, and order. Civil obligations are evaluated under applicable law; the internal hierarchy does not invalidate a civil duty.

Order of human instruments

The Constitution and Articles of Association are the principal human organizing instrument. Next are the Bylaws, followed by the Statement of Faith and Foundational Doctrine. The PRAECEPTORIUS Charter and Founding Bishop and Succession Declaration implement those instruments. The Credentialing Manual and Discipline Code follow. Local assembly agreements, financial and conflict policies, and supplementary ministry policies implement their assigned subjects. Doctrinal position papers explain adopted doctrine. Resolutions, forms, certificates, minutes, and registers document authorized actions at the administrative level.

A doctrinal question must be examined by Scripture and the adopted confession, not resolved merely by ranking documents. An administrative policy cannot redefine foundational doctrine because it appears newer or more specific.

Conflicts and amendments

Read related instruments together where possible. If a lower instrument conflicts with a higher one, the higher one controls and the incompatible lower provision must be corrected through its proper amendment procedure. An amendment resolution changes a higher document only if it expressly identifies that document and satisfies its own amendment requirements.

Every adopted instrument shall have its title, edition, adoption and effective dates, approving authority, and register entry. Preserve superseded versions. Templates remain templates until an actual action is completed and signed; a printed certificate does not establish ordination or membership.

Titles and consistent interpretation

PRAECEPTORIUS means the internal Circle of bishops and elders. The Founding Bishop is its sole initial member. A deacon does not enter the Circle through ordination, committee service, delegated administration, or a certificate heading identifying the issuing body.

Founding Bishop is a lifetime unique historical office. Acting Ecclesiastical Overseer is temporary. Overseeing Bishop is the successor oversight title after the founder's death. No administrative record shall blur these distinctions.

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