

# Grace Baptist Church

## Missions Philosophy / Statement

The Grace Baptist Church of Middletown, Ohio states in her constitution:

We believe the command to give the Gospel to the world is clear and unmistakable, and this commission was given to the churches.

- **Matt. 28:18-20**, *“And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”*
- **Mark 16:15**, *“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.”*
- **John 2:21**, *“...as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.”*
- **Acts. 1:8**, *“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”*
- **Romans 10: 13-15**, *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”*

Furthermore, of the Church:

We believe that the church, with Christ as its head, is a congregation of baptized believers associated by a covenant of faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; exercising the gifts, rights and privileges in them by His Word; that its offices are Pastors (Elders, Bishops) and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are clearly defined in the Scriptures; we believe the true mission of the church is found in the Great Commission: first, to make individual disciples; second to build up the church; third, to teach and instruct as He has commanded. We do not believe in the reversal of this order. We hold that the local church has the absolute right of self government, free from the interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organizations; that the one and only superintendent is Christ through the Holy Spirit; that it is scriptural for true churches to cooperate with each other in contending for the faith and for the furtherance of the Gospel; that every church is the sole and only judge of the measure and method of its cooperation. On all matters of membership, of polity, of government, of discipline, of benevolence, the will of the local church is final.

*Acts 2:41,42; I Cor. 11:2; Eph. 1:22,23; Eph. 1:22, 23; Eph. 4:11; I Cor. 12:4; 8-11; Acts 14:23; Acts 6:5, 6; Acts 15:23; Acts 20:17-28; I Tim. 3:8-13; Matt. 28: 19, 20; Col. 1:18; Eph. 5:23, 24; I Pet. 5:1-4; Acts 15:22; Jude 3, 4; II Cor. 8:23-24; I Cor. 16:1; Mal. 3:10; Lev. 27:32; I Cor. 16:2; I Cor. 6:1-3; I Cor. 5:11-13*

Our desire is that Grace Baptist Church first train leaders to train leaders. In addition, we believe that a missionary should establish a strategy that would aid them in effectively training nationals to train their own people.