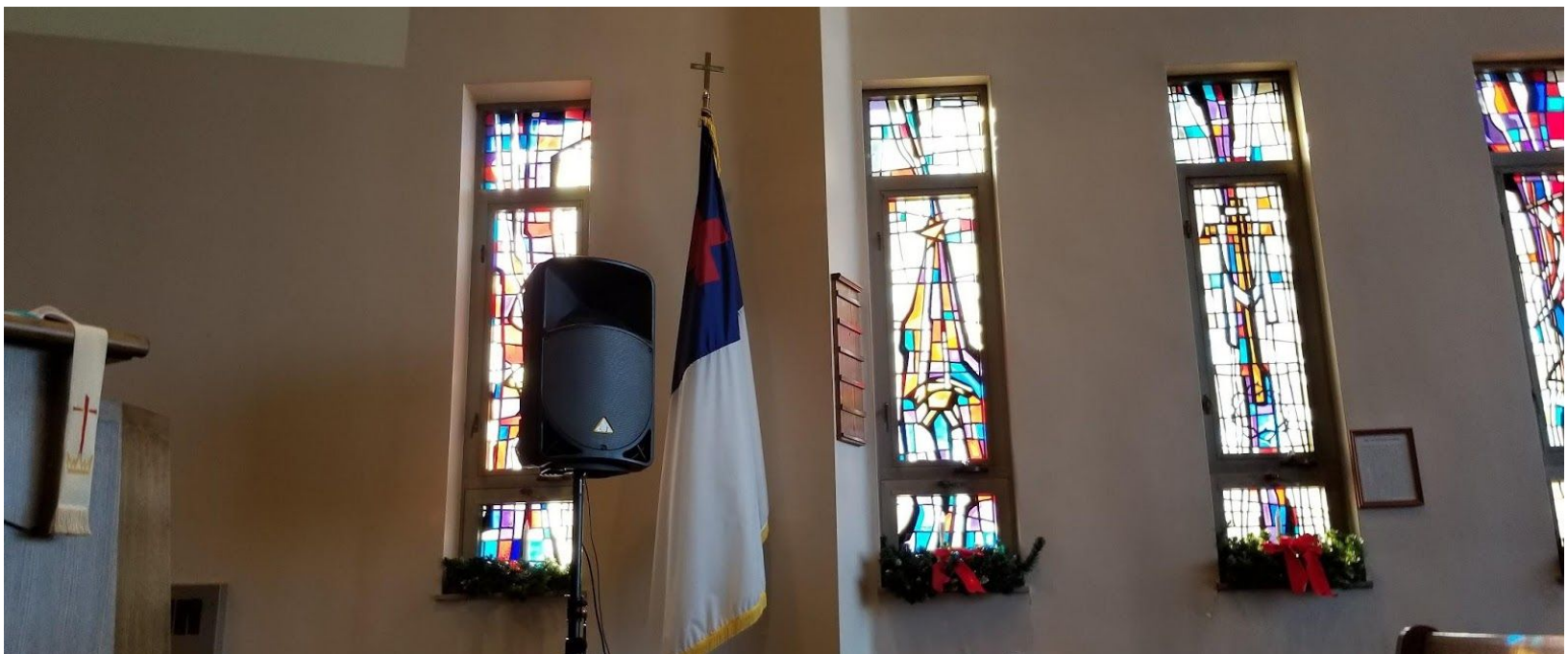


GREATER HOPE RESTORATION MINISTRIES MEMBERSHIP PACKET

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THE CHURCH

This lesson is designed to teach you the basic structure of GHRM, what is expected of you and what you can expect of GHRM its leaders and officers as well as some simple policies and procedures. At the Sunday Morning service following the course completion of the new members class, the new member will be given a certificate of course completion and will become an official member of GHRM with all the rights and privileges that come along with church membership. If a new

member is a candidate for baptism, he/she will become an official member of GHRM and the certificate will be presented to him/ her on the Sunday following their baptism at which time they will become an official member of GHRM with all the rights and privileges that come along with church membership.

To become a member means that you have met the requirements to become part of the church. You are then eligible to participate in all activities of the church, and to receive all the benefits of church membership. It also means that you have accepted certain responsibilities as a church member. When you become a member you become accountable to maintain specific standards of Christian conduct. You will also be accountable to be faithful in attending and supporting the church. Your name will be written in the official church membership roll to remain there for the rest of your life, or until Jesus comes.

Vision Statement

To become an effective church, continually relevant to our members and the communities that we serve. To become a viable source for hope, information and resources in the community for salvation, information and physical and spiritual well-being.

Our mission

Greater Hope Restoration Ministries is a center for worship, for knowledge, for helping people to find their purpose. We exist to train, to equip, and to send out those who are prepared to represent the kingdom and fulfill their life's mission to the maximum. We minister to the social, physical and spiritual needs of our members and the community and empower people to succeed in this life all the while preparing them for the life to come.

What We Believe

The Bible is God's unique revelation to people. It is the inspired, infallible Word of God, and the supreme and final authority on all matters upon which it teaches. No other writings are vested with such divine authority.

We believe in the Father, The Son (Jesus Christ) and the Holy Spirit who is the one true, holy God, eternally existing in three persons each equally possessing all the attributes of deity and personality characteristics.

We believe in the divinity of Jesus, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His death as substitutionary atonement, His bodily resurrection, His ascension and His personal and visible return to earth.

We believe in the indwelling and baptism of the third person in the trinity, the Holy Spirit who is active and at work in the life of the believer and who seals us unto the day of redemption.

The local church is a congregation of believers who gather for worship, prayer, instruction, encouragement, mutual accountability, and community with each other. Through it, believers invest time, energy, and resources to fulfill the Great Commission — reaching lost people and growing them into fully devoted followers of Christ.

Greater Hope Restoration Ministries strives to serve the communities in which we are centered around through providing impactful worship experiences, community outreach programs geared towards families and youth services.

We believe in feeding the poor, clothing the naked and visiting those who are imprisoned as the word of God commands.

Why We Believe

- We have witnessed the effects of the power of God through His word in the lives of those who have not only believed God's word, but have applied it to their hearts and throughout their everyday lives.
- We have watched the transformation that a renewed mind brings about as people's lives have evolved from hopelessness to purpose and meaning.

- We have seen the healing power of Jesus the Christ in people who were healed of physical, mental and emotional afflictions and shared their testimonies of healing in a public forum.
- We have experienced the power of devils being cast out by the authority and power of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- We have learned that God really does answer prayers as we have prayed for ways to help our communities and watched resources pour in as a response to the Lord hearing our cries for those in need.
- We have walked in the favor of God through open doors that have helped us to do meaningful ministry and not religious services.
- We have been influenced by the love of God as we have found His love to be real and alive and well at GHRM.
- And we have realized that it really is possible to have unity within the bonds of peace as we have worked together to become a family that is not perfect, but one that cares for the needs of one another.

What are the benefits of being a member of GHRM?

- To provide you with a spiritual family to support and encourage you in your walk with Christ (Gal.6:1-2; Heb.10:24-25)
- To give you a place to discover and use your gifts in ministry (1 Cor12:4-27)
- To place you under the spiritual protection of Godly leaders (Heb.13:17; Acts 20:28-29)
- To give you the accountability that you need to Grow (Eph.5:21)

What can you expect as a member of GHRM?

- **Worship** - Regular worship meetings that will help you to focus on God. Our meetings are designed to prepare you spiritually and emotionally for the week ahead. Feel free to review the GHRM's weekly calendar which can be found on the church website for worship meeting times.
- **Fellowship** - Fellowshiping with other members helps you face life's problems by providing the support and encouragement of other Christians. GHRM provides opportunities for weekly fellowships, including outreach programs, youth events, women's and men's fellowships, and fun filled activities.
- **Discipleship** - We will continue to disciple you throughout your walk with Christ to in order to fortify your faith by learning the truth of God's word and applying those principles to your lifestyle.
- **Ministry** - The many ministries that we offer will help you find and develop your talents and use them in serving others. Once you become a full member of GHRM, you will be free to work within any GHRM ministry. We ask that you would be an active participant and worker in the ministry in order to help fulfill the missions, visions and goals of GHRM. Leadership rolls within a particular ministry will be determined by GHRM leadership.
- **Evangelism and Outreach** - Evangelism and Outreach helps you fulfill your mission of reaching your friends and family for Christ and it helps GHRM fulfill its mission in reaching the lost and helping the poor. Our Evangelism and Outreach programs need dedicated people who will help us to carry out the work.

What we expect from our members?

- **Worship.** We expect regular and active worship attendance. We understand that attendance is voluntary, however regular attendance is necessary in order for you to grow and mature in the Lord.
- **Discipleship.** We expect all members to be in regular bible study classes, and be enrolled and in attendance in an age appropriate Sunday School Class.
- **Fellowship.** We expect our members to get to know another and be supportive of each other as we fulfill the vision and goals of the ministry together.
- **Ministry.** We expect our members to be become involved in the ministries of the Church. **Find something for your hands to do.** If you are unsure of your "fit" or purpose or calling, speak to someone in leadership who is equipped to help direct you to a fruitful and purposed filled life.
- **Evangelism.** We expect our members to talk to their family and friends firstly about salvation through Jesus Christ and after that membership at GHRM. We understand the "great commission" and the urgency to preach and teach the gospel to all nations. We also realize that church membership is a personal choice, however we do understand the importance of the unity that occurs within families when they pray, worship and serve the Lord together.

DRESS

At GHRM suits, ties and dresses are optional. You may dress so that you feel comfortable. However we ask that you avoid sweat pants and sweatshirts, jeans with holes in them, T-shirts with inappropriate messages written on them and short shorts and short skirts during weekly worship services. It is important that you be mindful to dress in a manner that is non-offensive and one that reflects the character and nature of Christ. Always remember "someone is watching you" and we don't want to give another a reason to sin because of our appearance.

Electronic Devices

We ask that you refrain from the use of cell phones during our worship services. We ask that you turn your ringer volume off or on vibrate and refrain from talking on your phone until service is over. If you must use your phone please quietly exit to the lobby area so as not to disturb others. You may use your phones or other devices to take notes and follow along with scriptures used during service times. However, if there is noticeable disruption and blatant disrespect of this policy, you may be asked to surrender your device to an usher until the end of the service.

GIVING

Giving is an important and necessary component of your salvation and your membership in GHRM. We expect our members to tithe 10% of their earnings and give regular offerings as the Lord leads. Even though tithing and offerings are requirements at GHRM, your giving will be voluntary and private. No one will force you to give if it is not in your heart to do so and public announcements or public reports will not be made concerning what you have personally given to the ministry. Because your gifts are tax deductible, you will receive a statement of your giving for the past year from the finance committee at the beginning of each new year.

LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

We expect our members to have a basic knowledge of serving in GHRM leader roles and to get an understanding of the basic duties of these roles. GHRM leadership and staff are here to assist you in your walk and guide you as you serve the Lord through this ministry.

General church information

Church address: **1700 Bower Hill Road Pittsburgh, Pa. 15243**

Telephone: **(216) 200-6347**

GHRM holds regular Sunday Morning Services beginning promptly at 12:00 p.m. It is required that anyone serving in a leadership capacity as well as those who hold a ministry position arrive at GHRM on Sunday Mornings no later than 11:00 a.m..

We believe in preparing our hearts, minds, souls and the work of the ministry for a unified and joyful worship experience. This can only be achieved, when we as a body, agree to follow all the standards, visions and goals of this ministry that have been formulated by our staff in order to provide a decorum of effective service and ministry to our families and the communities that we serve.