

Grace Baptist Church

Pastoral Apprenticeship Application

Mail completed application c/o Pastor Robert Flack, 2901 Dickens Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502 or send electronically as an attachment to bflack@gracechurch.org. We will activate the official evaluation of an application upon receipt of all requested materials.

Personal Information:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Current Church Membership: _____

Church Address:

Attended Grace _____ to _____. Member (circle one)? Yes No

Date available for apprenticeship: _____

Date of application: _____

Marital Status (circle one): Single Married Divorced Remarried

If applicable:

Spouse's Name: _____

Children's Names/Ages:

Signature agreeing to disclaimers (see attached): _____

Signature is not necessary for electronic submissions. We will accept your cover email as validation and secure a physical signature if that becomes necessary.

Ministry Perspective

As concisely as possible, respond to each of the following sets of questions.

1. In what ministry did/do you invest at Grace? If residing away from Manhattan: What has been your relationship with your local church since departing Grace? In what ways have you cultivated a relationship with Grace while away?
2. What is the story of your becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ and then recognizing a call to pastoral ministry? What is the current condition of your call? How has the body of Christ affirmed you in this call?
3. Refer to the fourteen articles of the Grace Baptist Statement of Faith (available on our website) and indicate to what degree you agree with each. What would you add or subtract from them? If you were to begin from scratch to develop such a statement for a church, what would you include? If you have already committed yourself to a doctrinal statement because of joining another fellowship, what is that statement and how would you characterize the differences between that statement and Grace's?
4. What do you hope to gain from a pastoral apprenticeship at Grace Baptist? What special projects would you like to work on if selected for the program? What would constitute a successful apprenticeship?
5. What is your plan to eliminate and/or avoid personal financial debt?
6. Are you ordained? What was the process by which this occurred? If not ordained would you seek ordination as a part of this apprenticeship?
7. What question would you ask a prospective pastoral apprentice at Grace? What is your answer to that question?

Additional Materials

Please provide the following:

1. Your current resume.
2. A transcript or other official document substantiating any ministry training that you have completed.
3. Two letters of reference sent separately (which you have not seen). One of these should be from someone who has supervised you in ministry.
4. A video or audio recording of you leading in some aspect of pastoral ministry.
5. A position paper on a controversial issue which represents your personal convictions.

Disclaimers (signature on front page of the application represents acceptance of the following unless noted)

I authorize references to give you any and all information concerning my previous employment and pertinent information they may have, personal and otherwise, and release all parties from any liability for any damage that may result from furnishing the same to you (circle one). Yes No

Have you ever been arrested for /convicted of / or pled *no lo contendere* to any crime (circle one) ?

Yes No

If yes, explain fully:

How many traffic citations have you received in the last five years?

The information that I have provided may be verified by contacting persons or organizations that may have information concerning me. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability any person or organization that provides information and this release may be sent to any reference. I also agree to hold harmless Grace Baptist Church, and the officers, employees, and volunteers thereof from any use of this application or information. I waive any right that I have to inspect references provided on my behalf.

I authorize a credit check and a criminal background check.

I certify that the information I have provided in any part of this application is true and correct; if it is found that the answers given are untrue, I understand it may be cause for dismissal.