

CONNECTING TO

**ANDICE
BAPTIST
CHURCH**



**HELPING EVERYONE TO KNOW AND
GROW IN THE LOVE OF JESUS**

SESSION ONE

Who We Are

“So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.” Philippians 2:1-7

OUR HISTORY

The Reverend Freeman Smalley, one of the first Baptists in Texas, began preaching in the area in 1850. Our church was organized as a result of this in 1851 with Reverend Josiah Andrews from Arkansas becoming the first pastor of the Baptist congregation. During 1851, Joshua Stapp bought 369 acres for \$184.00, and in 1854 he built a log school house that served both as a school and church. This was located about 300 yards north of the present Andice Cemetery. The church was known as Stapp School Baptist Church. The pulpit used by Reverend Andrews was an oak tree stump hewn out for a “stand” as it was referred to in early times. On the side of the “stand” was a wooden peg to hold his six-shooter while he preached. Indians still lived in this area and raids by warlike tribes were feared by the early settlers. In 1876 the Christians of several faiths meeting at the Stapp School began to search for separate places to worship. The Baptists chose the new White House School. It was named White House because it was the first painted structures in the community. By 1894 the Baptists has a vision to build a place of worship of its own. Land was given about a mile west of present day Andice and the new church was named Pilot Knob for the nearby landmark. The church was built of planks and painted white. On the 6th of October, 1908, a severe storm completely destroyed the Pilot Knob Church. The following week the members met under the Live Oak trees on the church grounds and after a season of prayer, voted unanimously to rebuild.

In 1854 our community was known as the village of Lone Star. Later it was called Berry’s Creek and after that Graysonville after a Dr. Grayson. In 1899, Isaac Newton sent the name of his son, Audice, as the name for the new Post Office. The Post Office Department mistook the “u” for and “n” and consequently the name of Andice was born.

In 1936 the Pilot Knob Church membership voted to tear down the old church and rebuild in Andice. C.M. Stapp, great grandson of Joshua Stapp, deeded the church 1.76 acres of the original Stapp tract, near the site where the church was originally organized. The new church became Andice Baptist Church. The Church was built of materials salvaged from the Pilot Knob Church. The depression was still hurting all of the people, so very few materials were purchased for the church. The men did the construction work mostly in the winter, when no work was needed in the fields.

The new building was occupied on Easter Sunday, in April of 1937. Every phase of the church began to grow and in 1938 a large building that had been used as a grocery store and chicken hatchery was bought and moved to the church. This building was added behind the sanctuary and used for classrooms.

On February 16, 1976 the church applied for a Texas Historical Marker and this was approved on March 19, 1976. This marker is still on the church grounds. On November 28, 1976, the church celebrated the renovation of the sanctuary at a cost of \$14,000.00. Also, at this time the first baptistry was added and the first baptismal service was held on Sunday, March 7, 1976.

More space was needed for Sunday School so on July 28, 1980, ground was broken for an educational building combined with a kitchen and dining area to be known as the Bell Tower because it would have a tower with a bell in it. The bell had been a dinner bell, a bell for Andice High School, and now a church bell. The building was paid off ahead of schedule. Because of the leadership of the Lord and generous gifts from its members, the church has been able to make improvements and additions to the church plant while remaining debt free.

Later the church recognized the need for regular worship services on Sunday and at the same time realized it would be difficult to pay an adequate salary for a pastor to reside on the field full time, therefore they adopted a plan to seek ministerial students as pastors. The students arrived on Friday or Saturday and lived in a new mobile home through Sunday before returning to school. Andice Baptist Church has provided many young pastors an opportunity for in-service training. The need for a nice home for the pastor was recognized and ground was broken on September 20, 1987 with completion and open house on November 15, 1987. The note was paid off before its due date.

Church attendance began to grow again in 1993. Gifts, savings and \$5,000.00 from the State Missions Commission allowed for renovation of the buildings, which included new windows, doors, floor and carpet and the building being bricked. Work began on June 21, 1993, and by September 24, 1993 the work was finished.

Generous gifts enabled the church to place new pews in the sanctuary in 1995 and begin construction on a 50 foot by 100 foot fellowship hall. This building contained space for a kitchen with custom made Birch cabinets, corian counter tops, new appliances, two restrooms and two classrooms. Work began on January 1996 and was dedicated in February of 1997. Upon completion of this building, the Bell Tower was converted into five classrooms and nursery space.

In May of 2002, a bad hailstorm damaged the roofs on all church property, and they were replaced with metal roofing. By the fall of 2002 there was a great need for more space to accommodate the children in Sunday School with four large classrooms and an assembly room that was built adjoining the fellowship hall.

In 2005, members of Andice Baptist Church voted to build new and improved facilities. About the same time the church was able to purchase 15 acres adjoining the church grounds. The church entered into a building program called Bridge to Tomorrow. Families in the church were asked to make commitments for 3 years, in addition to their tithe, paid in weekly or monthly payments. This would allow the church to pay for the building in 3 years instead of having a long-term mortgage. Commitments began to be paid on December 1, 2005.

On February 1, 2009, a dedication celebration was held for the new facility. This included a large worship center, pre-school wing with four rooms, library, church offices, 7 classrooms, large restrooms, a wing containing baptismal changing rooms, a music room, and additional restrooms connected to the refurbished fellowship hall.

Several items from the old building have been included in the new building. A wooden cross on the back wall of the worship center came out of the baptistry in the old building. The etched glass doors that were at the entrance of the old building were used as the window in the library. The bell from the Bell Tower hangs from the rafters of the porte-cochere at the entrance of the new building.

Mary-Louise Wade, Andice Baptist Church Member

OUR MINISTRIES

Andice Baptist Church (ABC) has many different ministries to support the mission, vision, and purpose of our church. We have broad ministries to reach all of our members and the community, including:

- *Prayer ministry*
- *Men's ministry*
- *Women's ministry*
- *Student ministry (6th-12th grades)*
- *Children's ministry (birth through 5th grade)*
- *Worship/AV/Tech ministry*
- *ERT-Emergency Response Team*
- *Kitchen ministry*
- *ABC Peloton*

We also have many specialized ministries such as:

- *AWANA*
- *Member care/Benevolence*
- *Vacation Bible School (VBS) Ministry*
- *Communion and Baptism*
- *Greeters and Ushers*
- *Community Outreach (seasonal)*

In addition, we have numerous Bible Studies that meet on Sunday and during the week:

Sunday-

- *Nursery, pre-k, & children 9:45 am*
- *Preteen and student classes for grades 6th-12th 9:45 am*
- *Women led by Jeannie Wright 9:45 am*
- *Adults led by Harold Chapman 9:45 am*
- *Adults led by Steve Stripling 9:45 am*

- *Periodic Sunday Evening Short Term Studies*

Wednesday -

- *Awana (3yr - 6th grade) 6:30 pm*
- *Awana YM (7th -12th grade) 6:30 pm*
- *Adults prayer time and Bible study 6:45*

Other times during the week - check with leadership regarding short-term studies that happen at various times

OUR LEADERSHIP AND SERVANTS

Pastors and Staff

Derrick Norris—Senior Pastor

Derrick Norris was born and raised in Louisiana, where he learned to love the outdoors, crawfish and boxing. At the age of 17 Derrick joined the military where he met his lovely wife Rebecca who have now been married for over 45 years. In 1988 Derrick accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. He then started his calling to become a senior pastor by receiving two Masters Degrees. Derrick received his second Master's Degree from Liberty University. He has faithfully been serving Christ for over 35 years. Derrick has served churches in Texas, Ohio, Michigan, California and Hawaii sharing his love of Christ. Through all of his travels he picked up a love for cycling, swimming and running. Since becoming Senior Pastor of Andice Baptist Church in August of 2017, we have seen God grow Andice into the loving, caring, and serving family it is today. His passions are sharing God's Word, teaching, and building lifelong relationships. He strives to be a living example of a loving God to a world that is watching derrick@andicebc.org



Matthew Koehler—Associate Pastor of Students and Families

Matt is a blessed man! He is so thankful for the grace of God and the power of the Gospel that has transformed his life. He definitely "married up" to the love of his life, Ruthy, and they are blessed with three wonderful children. He is passionate about influencing others through the message of the Gospel, mentoring and modeling the life of a follower of Jesus. He is currently pursuing a MDiv, working on his golf game and spending time with family and friends! He loves serving Andice Baptist Church through being a pastor and elder, partnering with parents to disciple teens and anything else that the church needs him to do! matthew@andicebc.org



Briana Chapman—Minister of Worship and Creative Arts

Briana Chapman has loved music and Jesus since she was a little girl. She got her degree in music ministry and vocal performance from Concordia University in 2014. Briana is married to Trey Chapman, and she and her husband have two young children. She has been blessed to serve on staff at Andice Baptist Church since 2012. Briana is the Minister of Worship while Trey is a deacon, the Awana director, and is actively involved in the Men's Ministry and the programs that support the other ministries in the Church.
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Cindy Armstrong—Admin Assistant

Cindy Armstrong joined our staff in the Summer of 2017. Cindy grew up in Cypress, Texas, where she graduated from Cy-Fair High School. After high school, she attended Texas School of Business, graduating with a degree in Medical Administrative Assisting. She lives in Liberty Hill, Texas, with Stephen, her wonderful husband of twenty-plus years, and they are blessed to have two sons: Max Jonathan who both currently serve in the U.S. Army. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends doing various outdoor activities like camping, hiking, kayaking, and disc golf. On the days which she cannot get outdoors, she likes to try new recipes, watch Football, and play cards.
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Stephen Armstrong

Wade Barefield

J Tamplen

Trey Chapman

Clint Carter

Roger Henderson

Garret Ware

THE BASICS

Since we have members from many different church backgrounds, this class was designed to clearly explain who and what our church is.

The Basics For This Class

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.” Eph. 2:19

Key Truths:

1. The church is a **FAMILY**
2. God expects you to be a **MEMBER** of a church family.
3. A Christian without a church family is an **ORPHAN**

The Goal Of This Class:

...That I will commit myself to **CHRIST** and to the **CHURCH FAMILY**

What Makes Andice Baptist Church a Family?

- Our Salvation (What God has done for us)
- Our Statement (How we exist as a church)
- Our Beliefs (How we connect to Jesus Christ)
- Our Strategy (How we fulfill our purpose)
- Our Structure (When and where we fulfill our purpose)

SESSION TWO

Our Salvation

“For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”
Galatians 3:26-28

What Does It Mean To Be A Christian?

Most people live their entire lives without ever knowing “*WHY?*” They exist year after year with no idea of why they live or God’s purpose for their lives. The most basic question a person can ask is, “*What is the meaning of life?*”

Everyone wants to be happy. People try many ways:

- ...Some look for happiness by **acquiring possessions**.
- ...Some look for happiness by **experiencing pleasure**.
- ...Some look for happiness by **gaining prestige & power**.

But real happiness comes from understanding my **PURPOSE IN LIFE**

I. WHY AM I HERE?

1. God made me to **LOVE** me!

God says, “*I have loved you with an everlasting love!*” Jer. 31:3

“Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him, in love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, Eph. 1:4-5

2. We were created to **ENJOY** a personal relationship with God and to **MANAGE** all of the rest of God’s creation! This makes us special!

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” Gen. 1:27-28

“As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.” 1 Tim. 6:17

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” John 10:10

3. When we know and love God, and live in harmony with His purpose for our lives, it produces tremendous benefits in our lives:

Clear Conscience

Rom. 8:1

Life & Peace

Rom. 8:6

Help with Weakness

Rom. 8:26

Purpose

Rom. 8:28

Confidence

Rom. 8:31

Security

Rom. 8:39

Power & Strength

Phil. 4:13

Fulfillment

Phil. 4:19

Freedom

John 8:32,36

II. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

Man has a natural desire to **BE THE BOSS** and to ignore God's principles for living.

"Look out for #1. Do your own thing."

"If it feels good, do it - regardless of what God says about it."

"It's my life and I'll do what I please!"

The Bible calls this attitude: SIN

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." 1 John 1:8

Sin breaks our close relationship with God. It causes us to fear God and try to live our lives outside of His will.

"But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear." Isaiah 59:2

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

When our relationship to God is not right, it causes PROBLEMS in every area of our lives — marriage, career, relationships, finances, etc.

WHEN PEOPLE HAVE PROBLEMS, THEY OFTEN TRY MANY DIFFERENT WAYS OF COPING BEFORE TURNING TO GOD.

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death." Proverbs 16:25

Even when we know that our deepest need is God, we often try wrong ways of getting to know Him:

- "My mother was a Christian so..."
- "It doesn't matter what you believe, just be sincere."
- "I'll give up all my bad habits."
- "I'll work real hard and earn it."
- "I'll be religious and go to church."

“Jesus said to him, “I AM THE WAY, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except THROUGH ME.” John 14:6

III. WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?

God Himself came to earth as a human being to bring us back to Himself. If any other way would have worked, Jesus Christ would not have had to come. The Way is a Person!

JESUS HAS ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF YOUR SIN PROBLEM!

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord Rom. 6:23

IV. WHAT’S THE SOLUTION?

God did this for us because He loves us and wants us to know Him.

“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Rom. 5:8

“For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” 1 Tim. 2:5

God has already done His part to restore our relationship to Him. He took the initiative. Now He waits for each of us to individually accept what He has done for us.

1. **ADMIT** that God has not been first place in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins.

*“If we **confess** our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9*

2. **BELIEVE** that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that he rose again on Easter, and is alive today.

*“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and **believe in your heart** that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9*

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

3. **ACCEPT** God’s free gift of salvation. Don’t try to earn it.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” Eph. 2:8-9

Our relationship to God is not restored by anything we do, but on the basis of what Jesus already did for us!

4. **INVITE** Jesus Christ to come into your life and be the director (“Lord”) of your life.

*"But to all who did **receive** him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:12-13*

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." Rev. 3:20

You can take these steps by praying a simple prayer of commitment to God: *"Dear Jesus, thank you for making me and loving me, even when I've ignored you and gone my own way. I realize I need you in my life and I'm sorry for my sins. I ask you to forgive me. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. Please help me to understand it more. As much as I know how, I want to follow you from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept your gift of salvation. Please help me to grow now as a Christian."*

"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING BAPTIZED

I. WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

1. To follow the example set by **JESUS**

"In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan." Mark 1:9

2. Because Christ **COMMANDS** it.

*"Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them** to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matt. 28:19-20*

3. It demonstrates that I really am a **BELIEVER.**

*"...and many of the Corinthians hearing Paul **believed** and were **baptized.**" Acts 18:8*

*"And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we **keep** his commandments." 1 John 2:3*

II. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BAPTISM?

1. It illustrates Christ's **BURIAL** and **RESURRECTION**

"Christ died for our sins..... he was buried..... he was raised on the third day..." 1 Cor. 15:3-4

*"Having been **buried** with him in **baptism**, in which you were also **raised** with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead." Col. 2:12*

2. It illustrates my **NEW LIFE** as a Christian.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” 2 Cor. 5:17

*“We were **buried** therefore with him by **baptism** into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might **walk in newness of life.**” Rom. 6:4*

Baptism doesn’t make you a believer — it shows that **you already believe**. Baptism does not “save” you, only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring — it’s the outward symbol of the commitment you made in your heart.

*“For by grace you have been saved **through faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” Eph. 2:8-9*

III. WHY BE BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION?

1. Because **JESUS** was baptized that way.

“And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water.” Matt. 3:16

2. Every baptism in the **BIBLE** was by immersion.

(Example) *“.....they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water.....” Acts 8:38-39*

3. The word “Baptize” means to **DIP UNDER** water”.

The Greek word *baptizo* means, “To immerse or dip under water”.

It best symbolizes a burial and resurrection!

The founders of denominations agree:

Martin Luther... (Lutherans) “I would have those who are to be baptized to be entirely immersed, as the word imports and the mystery signifies.”

John Calvin... (Presbyterians) “The word ‘baptize’ signifies to immerse. It is certain that immersion was the practice of the ancient church.”

John Wesley... (Methodists) “Buried with Him, alludes to baptizing by immersion according to the custom of the first church.”

IV. WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

Every person who has **BELIEVED** in Christ.

*“So those who **received his word** were **baptized**” Acts 2:41*

*“Even Simon himself **believed**, and after being **baptized** he continued with Philip.” Acts 8:13*

*“But **when they believed** Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, **they were baptized**, both men and women.” Acts 8:12*

At ABC, we wait until our children are old enough to **believe** and understand the true meaning of baptism before we baptize them. The purpose is to publicly confess your personal commitment to Christ.

At ABC, it is a membership requirement that every member must have been baptized the way Jesus demonstrated, even though many of us were “confirmed” as children.

V. WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

As soon as you have believed!

*“So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added **that day** about three thousand souls.” Acts 2:41*

“Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”^[a] And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.” Acts 8:35-38

There is no reason to delay. As soon as you have decided to receive Christ into your life, you can and should be baptized. If you wait until you are “perfect”, you’ll never feel “good enough!”

Can my family be baptized together?

Yes! If each family member understands fully the meaning of baptism, and each one has personally placed his/her trust in Christ for salvation, we encourage families to be baptized at the same time. It is a wonderful expression of commitment.

However, it is important to remember that baptism is a *personal* statement of faith, not a family tradition. It is usually not wise to delay your baptism while waiting on other family members to accept Christ, particularly children. This puts an undue pressure on them, and delays *your* obedience.

What should I wear when I am baptized?

Women should wear shorts and a top. Nothing white that you can see through when wet. Men may wear a swimsuit, shorts and shirt. Bring a change of clothes, a towel, and a plastic bag for your wet clothes. There are changing rooms where we do our baptismal services.

Will I have to say anything?

Yes! You will wait at the edge of the baptistery for your turn to be baptized. One of the Pastors will introduce you, and ask you if you have accepted Christ as your personal Savior. You will respond, “Yes, I have”, he will then lower you just under the water, and bring you back up. A family member may also give testimony of the change in your life and the commitment you have made. Your baptism certificate will be given to you. We encourage you to invite all your relatives and friends to attend your baptism as a testimony to them of your salvation.

THE MEANING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Jesus never asked His disciples to remember His birth. But He did instruct them to remember His death and resurrection. He gave the church two visible symbols (called “ordinances”) as reminders of His death. These two ordinances are: Baptism and The Lord’s Supper. The Lord’s Supper is an object lesson that represents a great spiritual truth for believers.

I. WHAT IS THE LORD’S SUPPER? (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

1. IT IS A **SIMPLE ACT**

*“...that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed **took bread**.....” (vs. 23)*

2. It is a **REMINDER**

“...and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” (vs. 24)

3. It is a **SYMBOL**

*“In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “**This cup** is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” (vs. 25)*

4. It is a **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

*“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, **you proclaim the Lord's death** until he comes.” (vs. 26)*

II. WHO SHOULD TAKE THE LORD’S SUPPER?

Only those who are already **BELIEVERS** (Mark 14:22-26)

“For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.” 2 Cor. 11:29

III. HOW DO I PREPARE MYSELF FOR THE LORD’S SUPPER?

“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” 1 Cor. 11:27-28

I prepare myself by...

1. Self-Examination

1 Cor. 11:27

2. Confessing My Sins

1 John 1:9

3. Recommitment

Rom. 12:1

4. Restoring Relationships

Matt. 5:23-24

IV. WHEN AND HOW OFTEN SHOULD WE OBSERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER?

Jesus never said when or how often believers should observe the Lord's Supper. He instituted it on a Thursday night. At ABC, we celebrate it during Sunday morning worship time quarterly, and occasionally at other times when it seems appropriate.

SESSION THREE

Our Statements and Beliefs

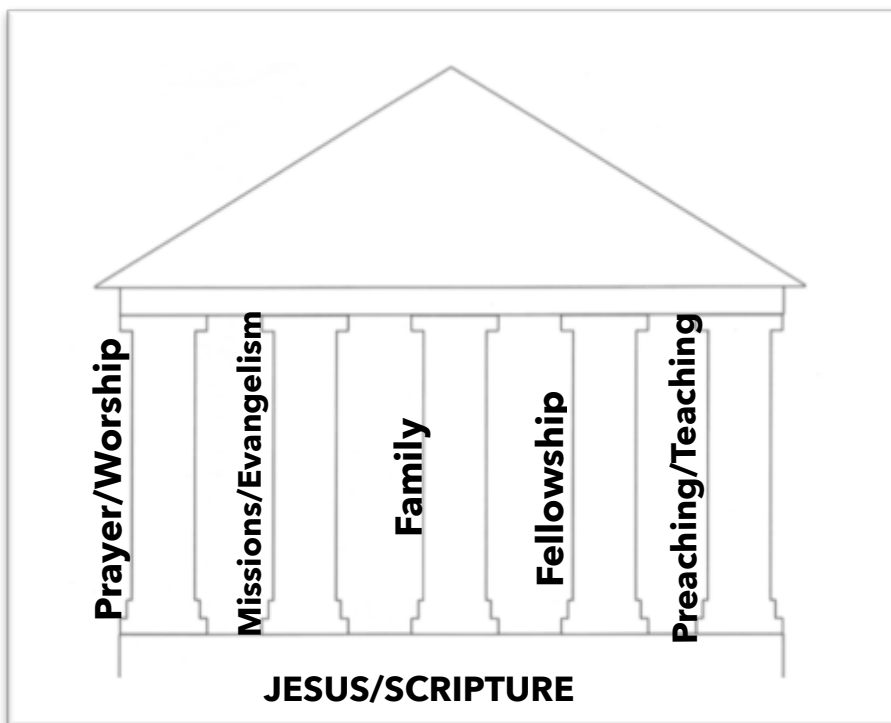
"Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, 'I believed, and so I spoke,' we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God." 2 Cor. 4:13-15

Our Mission and Vision

Our mission and vision is to **HELP EVERYONE KNOW AND GROW IN THE LOVE OF JESUS**

Our Values

1. Christlike behavior
2. Being Bible-centered
3. Biblical leadership
4. Doctrinal integrity
5. Operational integrity



Our Purpose: Make Disciples

1. Lead people to Jesus, help them love Him more and more, and teach them to grow dependent on Him through discipleship and service.
2. Actively and intentionally disciple members, staff, and attenders to become servants, evangelists, ministers, and disciple makers, and to equip them to assume leadership roles in fulfilling the church's ministry.
3. Help families become generational disciple makers, teaching them to disciple their children, live in covenant marriage relationships, and evangelize their kin.
4. Become so incredibly vital and visible to our community that the community would mourn and civic leaders would protest if we were to close our doors.
5. Seriously, and with conviction, pursue fulfilling the Great Commission in our homes, in our community, in our country, and across the globe to deliver the good news of Christ's victory over death and His promise of forgiveness, redemption, and salvation that is secured only by God's grace through the sacrifice, resurrection, and promised return of His Son, Jesus Christ.

WHY WE EXIST AS A CHURCH

The purpose of our church is **to lead people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ**. This is based on two key scriptures.

"We believe a great commitment to the great COMMANDMENT and the great COMMISSION will grow a great church!"

The Great Commandment: *"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall **love the Lord** your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall **love your neighbor** as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."* Matt. 22:36-40

The Great Commission: *"Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them** to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* Matt. 28:19-20

- To "Love the Lord your God with all your heart" is **"WORSHIP"**.
- To "Love your neighbor as yourself" is **"MINISTRY"**.
- To "Go...make disciples" is **"EVANGELISM"**.
- To "Baptizing them" is to **"INCORPORATE INTO FELLOWSHIP"**.
- To "Teaching them" is **"DISCIPLESHIP"**.

As a Staff We Commit To You The Following:

We commit to equip, train, model and walk alongside you as you embark on this lifelong journey called discipleship of becoming more like Christ. It is a journey that will be marked with progress, not perfection. We are all growing!

Andice Baptist Church Exists:

1. To **CELEBRATE** God's Presence (Worship)
2. To **COMMUNICATE** God's Word (Evangelism)
3. To **EDUCATE** God's People (Discipleship)
4. To **DEMONSTRATE** God's Love (Ministry)

I. WE EXIST TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE

WORSHIP IS: **EXPRESSING MY LOVE TO GOD**

"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve." Matt. 4:10

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:23-24

Expressions of Worship

- **Singing** (Eph. 5:19)
- **Commitment** (Rom. 12:1-2)
- **Praying** (Psalm 95:6)
- **Hearing the Word** (John 17:17)
- **Giving** (1 Cor. 16:1-2)
- **Baptism** (Rom. 6:3-4)
- **Meditating** (Hab. 2:20)
- **Lord's Supper** (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

ABC Worship Style

"Celebration"

Psalm 122:1

"Inspiration"

Isaiah 40:31

"Preparation"

Eph. 4:11-12

II. WE EXIST TO COMMUNICATE GOD'S WORD

Evangelism is: **SHARING THE GOOD NEWS WITH OTHERS**

"...so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places." Eph. 3:10

"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?" Rom. 10:13-14

Why Our Church Must Never Stop Growing

1. Because **GOD LOVES PEOPLE**

*"The Lordis patient toward you, **not wishing that any should perish**, but that all should reach repentance." 2 Pet. 3:9, 2 Cor. 5:14, Luke 15:3-10, Matt. 9:12-13*

2. Because God **COMMANDS US TO REACH OUT**

*"Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, **that my house may be filled.**" Luke 14:23*

"...you will be my witnesses..." Acts 1:8

3. Because **GROWTH IS GOD'S WILL**

*"....the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with **a growth that is from God.**" Col. 2:19*

"(Jesus) I will build my church." Matt. 16:18

Unbiblical Excuses For Not Growing:

- "God isn't interested in numbers."
- "Our church wants quality not quantity."
- "Large churches are impersonal"

We believe our church must grow **LARGER** and **SMALLER** at the same time.

*"And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and **then** the end will come." Matt. 24:14*

III. WE EXIST TO EDUCATE GOD'S PEOPLE

Discipleship is: **BECOMING SPIRITUALLY MATURE**

*"Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ **and go on to maturity....**" Heb. 6:1*

"But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Eph. 4:11-13

IV. WE EXIST TO DEMONSTRATE GOD'S LOVE

Ministry is: **MEETING NEEDS WITH LOVE**

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
John 13:35, 1 John 3:16-17, Matt. 25:34-40, Heb. 13:16, Rom. 12:13

The heartbeat of ABC is our **DISCIPLESHIP**

Every member needs to be continually sharing, teaching and growing like Christ. This can be done best by being a part of a small group of people you can live life with.

Discipleship involves saving people from themselves and eternal oblivion, permitting the transforming power of God to change them from the inside out. **All** is the Great Commission's key word – *all* authority, *all* sacrifice, *all* our effort, *all* the time, for *all* people. How could anything else the church thinks up be nearly as important?

*"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;... Now **you are** the body of Christ and individually members of it." 1 Cor. 12:4-5, 27*

At Andice Baptist Church...

- Every member is a: **MINISTER**
- Every task is: **IMPORTANT**
- Every member is a "10" in: **SOME AREA**

OUR STATEMENT OF BELIEFS

- **In essential beliefs — we have unity.**

"There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." Eph. 4:4-6

- **In non-essential beliefs — we have liberty.**

"As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions." Rom. 14:1
"Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls." Rom 14:4

"So then each of us will give an account of himself to God." Rom. 14:12

"The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God." Rom. 14:22

- **In all our beliefs — we show charity.**

*"And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have **not love**, I am nothing." 1 Cor. 13:2*

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man.

I. THE SCRIPTURES

It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 17:19; Joshua 8:34; Psalms 19:7-10; 119:11,89,105,140; Isaiah 34:16; 40:8; Jeremiah 15:16; 36:1-32; Matthew 5:17-18; 22:29; Luke 21:33; 24:44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16ff.; 17:11; Romans 15:4; 16:25-26; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

II. GOD

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

A. God the Father

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

Genesis 1:1; 2:7; Exodus 3:14; 6:2-3; 15:11ff.; 20:1ff.; Leviticus 22:2; Deuteronomy 6:4; 32:6; 1 Chronicles 29:10; Psalm 19:1-3; Isaiah 43:3,15; 64:8; Jeremiah 10:10; 17:13; Matthew 6:9ff.; 7:11; 23:9; 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24; 5:26; 14:6-13; 17:1-8; Acts 1:7; Romans 8:14-15; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 4:6; Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 11:6; 12:9; 1 Peter 1:17; 1 John 5:7.

B. God the Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

Genesis 18:1ff.; Psalms 2:7ff.; 110:1ff.; Isaiah 7:14; 53; Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 11:27; 14:33; 16:16,27; 17:5; 27; 28:1-6,19; Mark 1:1; 3:11; Luke 1:35; 4:41; 22:70; 24:46; John 1:1-18,29; 10:30,38; 11:25-27; 12:44-50; 14:7-11; 16:15-16,28; 17:1-5, 21-22; 20:1-20,28; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; 9:4-5,20; Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 5:6-21; 8:1-3,34; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2:2; 8:6; 15:1-8,24-28; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; 8:9; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:20; 3:11; 4:7-10; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:13-22; 2:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16; Titus

2:13-14; Hebrews 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 7:14-28; 9:12-15,24-28; 12:2; 13:8; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 3:22; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:2; 4:14-15; 5:9; 2 John 7-9; Revelation 1:13-16; 5:9-14; 12:10-11; 13:8; 19:16.

C. God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls men to the Savior, and effects regeneration. At the moment of regeneration He baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the guarantee that God will bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

Genesis 1:2; Judges 14:6; Job 26:13; Psalms 51:11; 139:7ff.; Isaiah 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Matthew 1:18; 3:16; 4:1; 12:28-32; 28:19; Mark 1:10,12; Luke 1:35; 4:1,18-19; 11:13; 12:12; 24:49; John 4:24; 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4,38; 4:31; 5:3; 6:3; 7:55; 8:17,39; 10:44; 13:2; 15:28; 16:6; 19:1-6; Romans 8:9-11,14-16,26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14; 3:16; 12:3-11,13; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; 1 Timothy 3:16; 4:1; 2 Timothy 1:14; 3:16; Hebrews 9:8,14; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 John 4:13; 5:6-7; Revelation 1:10; 22:17

III. MAN

Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. In the beginning, man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice, man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan, man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence whereby the human race inherits nature inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Genesis 1:26-30; 2:5,7,18-22; 3; 9:6; Psalms 1; 8:3-6; 32:1-5; 51:5; Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 17:5; Matthew 16:26; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18,23; 5:6,12,19; 6:6; 7:14-25; 8:14-18,29; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; 15:19,21-22; Ephesians 2:1-22; Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11.

IV. SALVATION

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

A. Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace.

Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Savior.

B. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.

C. Sanctification is the ongoing experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Sanctification should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.

D. Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

Genesis 3:15; Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff.; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1ff.; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12:8,14; James 2:14-26; 1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5.

V. GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is the glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. Salvation is offered universally to all who will accept it by faith. Belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is the biblical requirement of salvation. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.

All true believers endure to the end. God regenerates all who freely come to Christ in repentance and faith, and sanctifies them by His Holy Spirit. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, and bring reproach on the cause of Christ and temporal judgments on themselves. Yet true believers are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-8; 1 Samuel 8:4-7,19-22; Isaiah 5:1-7; Jeremiah 31:31ff.; Matthew 16:18-19; 21:28-45; 24:22,31; 25:34; Luke 1:68-79; 2:29-32; 19:41-44; 24:44-48; John 1:12-14; 3:16; 5:24; 6:44-45,65; 10:27-29; 15:16; 17:6,12,17-18; Acts 20:32; Romans 5:9-10; 8:28-39; 10:12-15; 11:5-7,26-36; 1 Corinthians 1:1-2; 15:24-28; Ephesians 1:4-23; 2:1-10; 3:1-11; Colossians 1:12-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 2 Timothy 1:12; 2:10,19; Hebrews 11:39-12:2; James 1:12; 1 Peter 1:2-5,13; 2:4-10; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:19; 3:2.

VI. THE CHURCH

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word. The mission of the congregation is to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth, and to teach all believers that which Christ taught his disciples and God reveals through his holy Scripture. Each congregation operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic processes. In such a congregation, each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. Its scriptural officers are pastors, elders, and deacons.

The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ, which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.

Matthew 16:15-19; 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-42,47; 5:11-14; 6:3-6; 13:1-3; 14:23,27; 15:1-30; 16:5; 20:28; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 3:16; 5:4-5; 7:17; 9:13-14; 12; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 3:8-11,21; 5:22-32; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 2:9-14; 3:1-15; 4:14; Hebrews 11:39-40; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Revelation 2-3; 21:2-3.

VII. BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

Matthew 3:13-17; 26:26-30; 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11; 14:22-26; Luke 3:21-22; 22:19-20; John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42; 8:35-39; 16:30-33; 20:7; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 10:16,21; 11:23-29; Colossians 2:12.

VIII. THE LORD'S DAY

The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should include exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private. Activities on the Lord's Day should be commensurate with the Christian's conscience under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Exodus 20:8-11; Matthew 12:1-12; 28:1ff.; Mark 2:27-28; 16:1-7; Luke 24:1-3,33-36; John 4:21-24; 20:1,19-28; Acts 20:7; Romans 14:5-10; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Colossians 2:16; 3:16; Revelation 1:10.

IX. THE KINGDOM

The Kingdom of God includes both His general sovereignty over the universe and His particular kingship over men who willfully acknowledge Him as King. Particularly the Kingdom is the realm of salvation into which men enter by trustful, childlike commitment to Jesus Christ. Christians ought to pray and to labor that the Kingdom may come and God's will be done on earth. The full consummation of the Kingdom awaits the return of Jesus Christ and the end of this age.

Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 9:6-7; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Matthew 3:2; 4:8-10,23; 12:25-28; 13:1-52; 25:31-46; 26:29; Mark 1:14-15; 9:1; Luke 4:43; 8:1; 9:2; 12:31-32; 17:20-21; 23:42; John 3:3; 18:36; Acts 1:6-7; 17:22-31; Romans 5:17; 8:19; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28; Colossians 1:13; Hebrews 11:10,16; 12:28; 1 Peter 2:4-10; 4:13; Revelation 1:6,9; 5:10; 11:15; 21-22.

X. LAST THINGS

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

Isaiah 2:4; 11:9; Matthew 16:27; 18:8-9; 19:28; 24:27,30,36,44; 25:31-46; 26:64; Mark 8:38; 9:43-48; Luke 12:40,48; 16:19-26; 17:22-37; 21:27-28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; 17:31; Romans 14:10; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 15:24-28,35-58; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Philippians 3:20-21; Colossians 1:5; 3:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 5:1ff.; 2 Thessalonians 1:7ff.; 2; 1 Timothy 6:14; 2 Timothy 4:1,8; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 9:27-28; James 5:8; 2 Peter 3:7ff.; 1 John 2:28; 3:2; Jude 14; Revelation 1:18; 3:11; 20:1-22:13.

XI. EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-6; Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 9:37-38; 10:5-15; 13:18-30, 37-43; 16:19; 22:9-10; 24:14; 28:18-20; Luke 10:1-18; 24:46-53; John 14:11-12; 15:7-8,16; 17:15; 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2; 8:26-40; 10:42-48; 13:2-3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 3:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:8; 2 Timothy 4:5; Hebrews 2:1-3; 11:39-12:2; 1 Peter 2:4-10; Revelation 22:17.

XII. EDUCATION

Christianity is the faith of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ abide all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All sound learning is, therefore, a part of our Christian heritage. New birth opens all human faculties and creates a thirst for knowledge. Education of the body is an instruction directly from our Lord to the leaders of the church. The cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is necessary for the causes of missions and general benevolence, sanctification of the believer, and as such should receive liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian education is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people.

In Christian education there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. The freedom of a teacher in a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

Education should have as its core goal the characteristics, which Paul exemplified to reach the lost with the message of Christ and to provide an environment that promotes the spiritual maturity of every believer.

Deuteronomy 4:1,5,9,14; 6:1-10; 31:12-13; Nehemiah 8:1-8; Job 28:28; Psalms 19:7ff.; 119:11; Proverbs 3:13ff.; 4:1-10; 8:1-7,11; 15:14; Ecclesiastes 7:19; Matthew 5:2; 7:24ff.; 28:19-20; Luke 2:40; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Ephesians 4:11-16; Philippians 4:8; Colossians 2:3,8-9; 1 Timothy 1:3-7; 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:14-17; Hebrews 5:12-6:3; James 1:5; 3:17.

XIII. STEWARDSHIP

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions and should recognize all these as

entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others. According to the Scriptures, Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause on earth.

Genesis 14:20; Leviticus 27:30-32; Deuteronomy 8:18; Malachi 3:8-12; Matthew 6:1-4, 19-21; 19:21; 23:23; 25:14-29; Luke 12:16-21, 42; 16:1-13; Acts 2:44-47; 5:1-11; 17:24-25; 20:35; Romans 6:6-22; 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; 6:19-20; 12; 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 12:15; Philippians 4:10-19; 1 Peter 1:18-19.

XIV. THE CHRISTIAN AND THE SOCIAL ORDER

All Christians are under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in our own lives and in human society. Means and methods used for the improvement of society and the establishment of righteousness among men can be truly and permanently helpful only when they are rooted in the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ. In the spirit of Christ, Christians should oppose racism, every form of greed, selfishness, and vice, and all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography. We should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the abused, the aged, the helpless, and the sick. We should speak on behalf of the unborn and contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love through the propagation of the gospel. As the Lord changes lives, society changes. In order to promote these ends, Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause, always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and His truth.

Exodus 20:3-17; Leviticus 6:2-5; Deuteronomy 10:12; 27:17; Psalm 101:5; Micah 6:8; Zechariah 8:16; Matthew 5:13-16, 43-48; 22:36-40; 25:35; Mark 1:29-34; 2:3ff.; 10:21; Luke 4:18-21; 10:27-37; 20:25; John 15:12; 17:15; Romans 12-14; 1 Corinthians 5:9-10; 6:1-7; 7:20-24; 10:23-11:1; Galatians 3:26-28; Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:12-17; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; Philemon; James 1:27; 2:8.

XV. THE FAMILY

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.

Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is the expressed and deliberate design of God for humanity, which also foreshadows the relationship between Christ and His church. The gift of marriage provides the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race.

The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve alongside him in managing the household and attending to the needs of the entire family.

Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents.

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-25; 3:1-20; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 24:15; 1 Samuel 1:26-28; Psalms 51:5; 78:1-8; 127; 128; 139:13-16; Proverbs 1:8; 5:15-20; 6:20-22; 12:4; 13:24; 14:1; 17:6; 18:22; 22:6, 15; 23:13-14; 24:3;

29:15,17; 31:10-31; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 9:9; Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 5:31-32; 18:2-5; 19:3-9; Mark 10:6-12; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Timothy 5:8,14; 2 Timothy 1:3-5; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7.

OUR LIFESTYLE STATEMENT

What We Practice

Beliefs are not worth much unless they are translated into actions. Based on what the Bible teaches, we feel very strongly about the following seven practices:

BIBLE AS OUR SOLE AUTHORITY

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
2 Tim. 3:16-17

Since God’s Word is the only completely reliable and truthful authority, we accept the Bible as our manual for living. Our first question when faced with a decision is “What does the Bible say?” We practice daily Bible reading, Bible study, and Bible memorization. The Bible is the basis for all we believe.

AUTONOMY OF EACH LOCAL CHURCH

“And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead....” Col. 1:18

Christ is the recognized head of our church, not any person, group, or religious organization. While recognizing the value of associating and cooperating with other groups of Christians, we believe every local church should be self-governing and independent from any denominational control. In relating to our “daughter churches” that we sponsor, we encourage each congregation to determine its own strategy, structure, and style.

PRIESTHOOD OF EVERY BELIEVER

“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father...” Rev. 1:5-6

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” 1 Pet. 2:9

The Bible teaches that every Christian is called to “full time” Christian service, regardless of his or her vocation. We practice the truth that every believer is a minister by encouraging every member to find a place of service and ministry. Every believer has direct access to God through prayer Bible reading.

TITHING

*“Every **tithe** of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord.” Lev. 27:30*

At ABC we practice tithing for the support of Christ's body, the church, as God commands. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard of giving. (see Addendum A.)

IMMERSION

We practice baptism by immersion under water — the way Jesus was baptized, and the way the Bible commands.

“...having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him....” Col. 2:12

SPIRIT-LED LIVING

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

We believe the only way possible to live the Christian life is by God's power within us. So we seek to practice a daily dependence on God's Spirit to enable us to do what is right (Phil. 2:13, Eph. 5:18).

TELLING OTHERS ABOUT CHRIST

“.....always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.....” 1 Peter 3:15

It is the responsibility of every Christian to share the Good News with those with whom God brings us into contact. We practice personal sharing about Christ and inviting friends to church.

SESSION FOUR

Our Strategy and Structure

“For God is not a God of confusion but of peace....” 1 Cor. 14:33

“But all things should be done decently and in order.” 1 Cor. 14:40

“Jesus answered them, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.’” Luke 5:31

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10

Our goal is to reach people who do not know Christ.

WHO ARE WE TRYING TO REACH?

(Paul) “To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.” 1 Cor. 9:22-23

We are a growing community within 10 miles of Florence, Liberty Hill, Sun City, and Briggs, and is a half hour drive from Leander, Cedar Park, and Georgetown.

5 CIRCLES OF COMMITMENT



Community - Those who have not yet attended ABC

Crowd - Those who have attended one to two times

Congregation - Those who regularly attend ABC

Committed - Those who serve, give, and participate in Bible studies

Core - Those who are considered high capacity volunteers, leaders of ministries and paid staff of ABC

ABC's objective is to keep moving people toward the center by encouraging personal spiritual commitments. Specifically, we call people to four basic commitments: membership, maturity, ministry, & missions. As a member of Andice Baptist Church we covenant together in these ways to remain united in reaching our community and world for Christ.

MEMBERSHIP

Is a commitment to **CHRIST** and the **CHURCH FAMILY**

"....but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God...."
Eph. 2:19

"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." Rom. 12:4-5

MATURITY

Is a commitment to the **ESTABLISHED HABITS** necessary for spiritual growth?

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity." 2 Peter 3:18

"Take the time and trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit." 1 Timothy 4:7 (Ph)

MINISTRY

Is a commitment to discovering and using my God-given gifts and abilities in **SERVING** God and others.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Pet. 4:10

“....and there are varieties of service...” 1 Cor. 12:5

“There are different kinds of service to God ... together you form the Body of Christ and each one of you is a necessary part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:5,27 (LB)

HOW OUR CHURCH IS STRUCTURED

I. THE CHURCH IS A **FELLOWSHIP**

...And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship...” Acts 2:42

A top priority in a fellowship is **HARMONY** and **UNITY**

“....eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” Eph. 4:3

“So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.” Rom. 14:19

ANY attitude that causes disunity is sin.

Col. 3:15, 1 Cor. 1:10, 2 Tim. 2:14, Pr. 17:14, 2 Cor. 13:11,
Phil. 1:27, 2:1-3, Col. 2:2, Phil. 4:2, 1 Peter 3:8, 1 Cor. 14:33,
John 13:34-35, 2 Tim. 2:23, Rom. 15:5-6, Rom. 12:16-18,
Col. 3:13-14, Ps. 133:1

Implication: A good structure promotes unity and downplays **DIFFERENCES**

II. THE CHURCH IS **FAMILY**

“Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.” 1 Peter 3:8, Gal. 6:10, Heb. 2:10-12, 1 Peter 4:17

So we operate on the basis of **RELATIONSHIPS** not **RULES**

“Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters...” 1 Tim. 5:1-2

III. THE CHURCH IS A **BODY**

We are a body — not a business!
We are an organism — not an organization!

Therefore, we function on the basis of **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us.” Rom. 12:4-6

In an organization, “maintenance” becomes the focus. But in an organism, “ministry” is the focus.

At ABC we have a simple structure so we can maximize **MINISTRY** and minimize **MAINTENANCE**

*“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers to equip the saints for the **work of ministry**, for building up the body of Christ.” Eph. 4:11-12*

Our Structure

- The people are the “**MINISTERS**”.
- The pastors are the “**SHEPHERDS**”.

IV. THE CHURCH IS A **FLOCK**

(Jesus’ favorite description of the church)
John 10:1-30, Matt. 26:31, Matt. 25:33

Therefore, it is cared for and led by **SHEPHERDS**

“He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” John 21:16

Three different terms are used in the New Testament to refer to the *same* church leaders:

- “POIMEN”
- “PRESBUTEROS”
- “EPISCOPOS”

*“So I exhort the **elders** among you... **shepherd** the flock of God that is among you, exercising **oversight**...” 1 Peter 5:1-2*

*“...he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them...pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God...”
Acts 20:17-18, 28*

OUR AFFILIATION

Andice Baptist Church associates with the following:

- The Williamson Baptist Association
- The Southern Baptist of Texas Convention
- The Texas Baptist Convention
- The Southern Baptist Convention

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MEMBER

The difference between “attenders” and “members” can be summed up in one word:

COMMITMENT

At ABC we recognize the need for a formal membership. We ask you to commit to membership for four reasons:

I. A BIBLICAL REASON: Christ is committed to the church

“...Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.” Eph. 5:25

II. A CULTURAL REASON: It is an antidote to our society

We live in an age where very few want to be committed to anything—a job, a marriage, or our country. This attitude has even produced a generation of “church shoppers and hoppers.” Membership swims against the current of America’s “consumer religion.” It is an unselfish decision. Commitment always builds character.

III. A PRACTICAL REASON: It defines who can be counted on

Every team must have a roster. Every school must have an enrollment. Every business has a payroll. Every army has an enlistment. Even our country takes a census and requires voter registration. Membership identifies our family.

IV. A PERSONAL REASON: It produces spiritual growth

The New Testament places a major emphasis on the need for Christians to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth. You cannot be accountable when you’re not committed to any specific church family.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME AS A MEMBER?

At ABC we never ask our members to do more than the Bible clearly teaches. We only expect our members to do what the Bible expects every Christian to do. These responsibilities are spelled out in the Membership Covenant. **(see Addendum B.)**

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with ABC’s statements, strategy and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Andice Baptist Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

I. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By acting in love toward other members
- ...By refusing to gossip
- ...By following the leaders

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus." Rom 15:5

"Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart." 1 Peter 1:22

"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear." Eph. 4:29

"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you." Heb. 13:17

II. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By praying for its growth
- ...By inviting the un-churched to attend
- ...By warmly welcoming those who visit

"We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers." 1 Thess. 1:2

"Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled." Luke 14:23

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Rom. 15:7

III. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By discovering my gifts and talents
- ...By being equipped to serve by my pastors
- ...By developing a servant's heart

(See Addendum C.)

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another..." 1 Peter 4:10

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ..." Eph. 4:11-12

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others..... Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men." Phil. 2:3- 7

IV. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

...By attending faithfully
...By living a godly life
...By giving regularly

"....not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another...."
Heb. 10:25

"Only let your manner of life be worthy^d of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel." Phil. 1:27

"On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper...." 1 Cor. 16:2

"Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord." Lev. 27:30

ADDENDUM A. TITHING

At Andice Baptist Church, we recommend that each believer, as a starting place of faith, commit to bringing the full tithe (10%) to the Lord! However, we also recognize that sometimes life choices and poor financial choices do not always permit that step all at once. Therefore, we have created the following tool to help you make concrete steps toward the full tithe.

1. Calculate your weekly tithe by dividing your gross annual income by 52 weeks. Multiply by .1 for your full weekly tithe amount.

2. Write the full 10% tithing goal on line A _____ (line A)

3. Write current giving on line B _____ (line B, call this month 1)

4. Calculate the difference between line A & B and record on line C _____ (line C)

5. Divide line C by 4 and record on line D _____ (line D)

6. Add line B current gift to line D and record on line E. _____ (line E) by month 2

7. Add line D to line E and record on line F. _____ (line F) by month 5

8. Add line D to line F and record to line G _____ (line G) by month 8

9. Add line D to line G and record on line H. _____ (line H) by month 12

If you follow these simple steps, you will be giving God your **FULL TITHE** in just one year!

When we obey God's word, we are so blessed and we can minister in more ways when all of God's people are doing what He has called us to do.

Think about this if you just watched for a week or so the money you spend on yourself.

Starbucks \$4.50 per drink x 5 in a week = \$22.50

Lunch \$8.50 x 5 in a week = \$42.50

Movie Night with snacks for one person \$17.00 per week = \$17.00

Just looking at these few items it adds up to \$82.00

Pray about what you give to God and remember God loves a cheerful GIVER!

ADDENDUM B.

Membership Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior, I commit myself to God and to the Body of Christ here at Andice to do the following:

1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

- By acting in Love toward the Body of Christ
- By refusing to gossip
- By following the leaders

Romans 15:19: "So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together."

1 Peter 1:22 "Have a sincere love for your fellow believers, love one another earnestly with all your hearts."

Ephesians 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs."

Hebrews 13:17 "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give and account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you."

2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

- By praying for its growth
- By inviting the unchurched to attend
- By warmly welcoming those who visit

1 Thessalonians 1:22 "To the church...we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly."

Luke 14:23 "The Master said to the servant, "God out to the roads and country lanes, and urge the people there to come so my house will be full."

Romans 15:17 "So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified."

3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

- By discovering my gifts and talents
- By being equipped to serve by my pastors
- By developing a servant's heart

1 Peter 4:10 "Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given you."

Ephesians 4:11-12 "God gave...some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up."

Philippians 2:3-4,7 "Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ... who took on the very nature of a servant."

4. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

- By attending faithfully
- By living a godly life
- By giving regularly

Hebrews 10:25 “Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another.”

Philippians 1:27 “But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ.”

1 Corinthians 16:2 “Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering.”

Leviticus 27:30 “A Tenth of all your produce is the Lord’s, and it is holy.”

This covenant is between you God and your church family.

ADDENDUM C.

How Can We Get to Know You Better?

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Sex _____ (M/F) Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced

My occupation is _____

I have the following expertise _____

I have been active in the following churches in the past:

<u>Name of Church</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>(Y/N)</u>
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How would you describe your relationship to Christ?

- ☐ Seeker/curious
- ☐ Agnostic
- ☐ I'm not sure what I believe
- ☐ New Christian
- ☐ Committed Christian
- ☐ I've been a Christian for a while, but I need to grow closer

Information of Family Members

Spouse's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

Does your spouse attend ABC? _____

Children living at home:

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth

NOTE: Please circle the number which describes your connection to Andice Baptist Church!

1. Join by letter (From another Baptist Church)
2. Join by baptism (Never been Baptized by immersion)
3. Join by statement (Have accepted Christ, and been baptized by immersion)

WHERE HAVE YOU SERVED BEFORE OR BE WILLING TO SERVE NOW?

THE FOLLOWING OPPORTUNITIES MAY BE AVAILABLE NOW OR COULD BE STARTED WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN PLACE USING THEIR GIFTS AT ABC!

ABC Peloton: Work setting up Bike ministry, working bike events to minister to our cyclist in our community.

_____ Served _____ Willing to serve

Audio/Video technicians: a team that monitors the sound and audio Equipment

_____ Served _____ Willing to serve

Children's Ministry Volunteer: Work with the Children to provide age appropriate bible study and AWANA

_____ Served _____ Willing to serve

Singles Ministry: Lead a small group in Bible study and assist in planning special events.

_____ Served _____ Willing to serve

Communion Preparer: Prepare the elements for communion services, set up before and clean up afterward.

_____ Served _____ Willing to serve

Drama Ministry: Presents creative plays and skits to illustrate important Biblical truths and to stimulate thinking.

_____ Served _____ Willing to serve

Greeter Ministry: Greet guests at the Home Life Center on Sunday mornings and special events.

_____ Served _____ Willing to serve

Homebound Ministry: Call and visit the homebound members to encourage and help.

_____ Served _____ Willing to serve

Hospitality Ministry: Provide food for member during time of need and special events, coffee bar, funerals, receptions.

_____ Served _____ Willing to serve

Kitchen Ministry: Helps prepare breakfast, Wednesday night meals, or meals for other occasions

_____ Served _____ Willing to serve

Men's Ministry: Helping men to have a closer walk with the Lord, and encouraging others to be obedient disciples of Christ.

_____ Served _____ Willing to serve

Missions Outreach: Short-term missions teams who participate in projects around the world that are designed to introduce various aspects of international missions and missionaries to team members.

_____ Served _____ Willing to serve

Children's Ministry Volunteer: Caring for children, newborn to 4 years old, on Sunday's, Wednesdays and/or for special events.

_____ Served _____ Willing to serve

Praise Band/Praise Team: Musicians who assist in leading the congregation in worship and praise through instruments and singing.

_____ Served _____ Willing to serve

Student Ministries: Help with planning, organizing and supervising regular activities and special events for the middle and high school students.

_____ Served _____ Willing to serve

Sunday School Teachers/Assistants: Teach or assist teaches in the area of Bible Study on Sunday mornings. (Preschool to adult)

_____ Served _____ Willing to serve

Women's Ministry: Helping women to have a closer walk with the Lord, and encouraging others to be obedient disciples of Christ.

_____ Served _____ Willing to serve

Facilities Ministry: This committee assists the church in matters related to properties administration. its work includes such areas as maintenance personnel, assigning responsibility to appropriate personnel for supervision and assisting the church in planning for future needs.

_____ Served _____ Willing to serve

