

get**STARTED**

GUIDE

Print or download to use this Get Started guide throughout Steps One and Two to learn more about connecting with our church family and discovering your God-given talents!

If you have any questions along the way,
please call our office at **765-457-5880**



WELCOME TO *get*STARTED

STEP ONE

INTRODUCTION

WELCOME TO ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH

We're glad you want to know more about Abundant Life Church! Step One is a basic introduction to our church family. Since we have members from many different church backgrounds, this step was designed to clearly explain who we are and what we believe.

"...You are a member of God's very own family... and you belong in God's household with every other Christian." Ephesians 2:19 (LB)

THE GOALS OF Step One

*That you will commit yourself to **CHRIST** and to your Abundant Life Church **FAMILY**.*

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

"We will bring Life, Love & Value to everyone, everywhere, every day."

"The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance" John 10:10

OUR STORY

Pastor Charlie Riley's vision was simple: "To help you become a fully devoted disciple of Christ." In **September of 2001**, with a heart for the Kokomo community, he began a small Bible study at the Kokomo YWCA on Sunday

evenings. The first night there were only a handful of people that came out but it was enough to spur faith in his heart. After much prayer and the blessing of his pastor at Hillsdale United Methodist Church, Pastor Charlie launched Abundant Life Church on **January 1st, 2002** at 614 W Monroe in Kokomo. A year and a half later with about 60 people, the church was moved to 55 N. and US 31. Then in **February of 2007**, with about 200 people, the church moved to 2160 E. Markland Ave. The church remained in that location until September of 2011. With about 400 people attending on an average Sunday morning, the church relocated once again. On **September 18th, 2011** the church held its first service at 1025 County Road E 400 S Kokomo, IN 46902. On **August 2nd, 2020** we opened our Peru campus at 105 S Benton Street Peru, IN 46970. In **October 2021** we launched our Online Campus. In **March 2024** we launched our new Kokomo Campus Building, located at 865 E. 400 S Kokomo, IN 46902.

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In **March 2024** we launched the **Zoe Café**, located at 865 E. 400 S Kokomo, IN 46902. To get hours or order online, visit

In **March 2024** we rebranded our old church home into the Life Center. We use this building for Student Ministry during the weekend. During the week we use the Life Center for Young Adult Ministry, LifeGroups, Weddings, Funerals, and family parties/rental needs!

ACADEMICS

Pastor Charlie graduated from Indiana Christian University with a
Bachelor Degree in 2003
Master Degree in 2011
Doctorate Degree in 2012

CORE VALUES

THINK BIG: We will **GO BIG OR GO HOME**. We refuse to insult God with small thinking. We serve a big God who does big things.

EXCELLENCE: We will do all that we do with **EXCELLENCE**. Excellence honors God and inspires people.

GIVING: We will give God our **FIRST & OUR BEST**. We realize we are stewards of our time, talents, resources and God deserves the best of them all.

SACRIFICE: We will **SACRIFICE**. We will give up the things we love for the things that we love more. It's an honor to sacrifice for Christ and His church.

EVANGELISM: We will **WIN THE LOST**. We will do anything short of sin to reach people who don't know Christ.

WORK HARD: We will **WORK HARD & LAUGH HARDER**. Nothing is more fun than serving God with people you love.

INTEGRITY: We will honor Christ and His church with **INTEGRITY**. If we live with integrity, nothing else matters. If we don't live with integrity, nothing matters.

SERVING: We are spiritual **CONTRIBUTORS & NOT SPIRITUAL CONSUMERS**. The church does not exist for us. We are the church and we exist for the world.

CHANGE: We will **CHANGE**. The church must continually move with God! The message is the same, but the methods must progress with the culture.

LIFE TRANSFORMATION: We will have **LIFE TRANSFORMATION** not behavior modification.

OUR BELIEFS

"Watch your life and your doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers." 1 Timothy 4:16

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH: WHAT WE BELIEVE

1. In essential beliefs, we have UNITY.

"There is one body and one spirit...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of us." Ephesians 4:4-6

2. In non-essential beliefs, we have LIBERTY.

"Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters...Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls...So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God...So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God."
Romans 14:1, 4, 12, 22

3. In all our beliefs, we show LOVE.

"...If I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but the very secrets of God, and if I also have the absolute faith which can move mountains - but have no love, I amount to nothing at all." 1 Corinthians 13:2 (Ph)

FOUR ESSENTIAL TRUTHS

1. The BIBLE is the Word of God.

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right." 2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)

"And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it, not as the word of men, but actually as it is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe."

1 Thessalonians 2:13

God's Word is the only completely reliable and truthful authority and 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 and Bible study. The Bible is the basis for all we believe.

2. JESUS CHRIST is the Son of God.

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6

"For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, 'The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else! There is no other name in all of heaven for people to call on to save them." Acts 4:11-12 (NLT)

Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity, lived a sinless life on earth and voluntarily paid for our sin by dying on the cross as our substitute. This accomplished salvation for all who receive grace by trusting in Him alone. He rose from the dead and is the only mediator between God and us. He baptizes believers in the Holy Spirit and will return to earth to fulfill prophecy.

3. You must be BORN AGAIN.

"When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old passes away, a new life has begun." 2 Corinthians 5:17 (LB)

Jesus: *"If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for me, you will find true life."* Matthew 16:25 (NLT)

God created humans to have fellowship with Him, but they defied God by sinfully going their own way. As a result, we need God's saving grace to end our alienation from Him. Salvation comes only through God's grace - not human effort - and must be received personally by repentance and faith. At the end, everyone will experience bodily resurrection and the judgment. Only believers will enjoy eternal fellowship with God.

4. Believers can be SPIRIT-FILLED and SPIRIT-LED.

"...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you." Acts 1:8

"...be filled with the Spirit" Ephesians 5:18

"If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" Luke 11:13

We believe the only way possible to live the Christian life is by God's power within us. Every believer can be filled with the Holy Spirit by simply asking. We seek to practice a daily dependence on God's Spirit to enable us to do what is right.

OUR STRUCTURE

"For God is not a God of disorder; but of peace... But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way." 1 Corinthians 14:33, 40

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH GOVERNMENT

Believers who invest their hearts, time, families, and finances in the building of a local church deserve to have confidence in church leadership. People are looking for leaders who conduct themselves with integrity and respect when making decisions that affect their lives.

Guided by ELDERS.

The Elders refer to the pastoral team led by the Senior Pastor. This team oversees the day-to-day ministry needs of the church. These team members serve the congregation and are responsible for the development of the spiritual life of the church.

All elders are responsible for modeling a Godly lifestyle, providing a prayer shield for the members, defending and protecting the integrity of the church, praying for the sick, mediating disputes, counseling, and representing the church to the community.

Senior Pastors

Charlie & Michelle Riley

Staff

To learn more about our staff, visit

You have completed Step One!

STEP TWO

"...we hope that your faith will grow and that our work among you will be greatly enlarged" 2 Corinthians 10:15 (NLT)

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MEMBER

The difference between "attenders" and "members" can be summed up in one word: **COMMITMENT.**

An attender is a **CONSUMER.**

A member is a **CONTRIBUTOR.**

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

1. A Biblical Reason: Christ is committed to the church.

"...Christ loved the church, and he gave his life for it." Ephesians 5:25 (GN)

2. 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, 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

"...those that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish..." Psalm 92:13

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with the values and ideas presented during this Get Started class, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Abundant Life Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I will PROTECT the unity of my church:

By acting in love toward other members.

By refusing to gossip.

By following the leaders.

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together." Romans 14:19 (Ph)

"Live in complete harmony with each other - each with the attitude of Christ toward each other." Romans 15:5 (LB)

"Have a sincere love for other believers, love one another earnestly with all your heart." 1 Peter 1:22 (GN)

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

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

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.

"To the church...we always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers." 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2

"Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in, so that the house will be full." Luke 14:23 (LB)

"So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." Romans 15:7 (LB)

3. I will SUPPORT the testimony of my church:

By attending church and serving faithfully.

By living a godly life.

By giving regularly.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

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

"But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the Gospel of Christ." Philippians 1:27 (Ph)

"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." 1 Corinthians 16:2

"A tenth of all you produce is the Lord's, and it is holy." Leviticus 27:30

CHURCH FINANCES

"A tithe of everything you produce belongs to the lord; it is holy to the lord" Leviticus 27:30

At Abundant Life Church 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.

Many people love to give to God, but need to have confidence in the methods and purposes used by organizations to which they give. Therefore, there are a great number of people willing to give if they are able to see honesty, integrity, and genuine spiritual values reflected in the lifestyles of their church leaders.

The giving of tithes and offerings is worship to Jesus Christ and is an expression of the relationship between the individual giver and the Lord. Funds are not "income only," they are worship, and must not be considered as a business transaction, but as an expression of gratitude toward God.

Heart for the House

Abundant Life Church's building fund supports our building renovations, purchasing future campuses, and other building repairs. We hold a meeting once a year for those who give \$300 or more within the year. During the meeting, we cover where all the money goes throughout the year and any future plans.

4. 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.

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you."

1 Peter 4:10 (Ph)

"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."

Ephesians 4:11-12

"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 Christ Jesus...by taking on the very nature of a servant." Philippians 2:4-5, 7

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Thank you for watching the Step Two Video!

To complete Step Two fill out forms online labeled: DISC Test & Step Two Card!
After completing this Step, you can sign up for Step Three!

We look forward to seeing you at Step Three for our in-person Get Started lunch!

**We hope you enjoy how easy these forms are to fill out online and after filling them out please disregard the rest of our Get Started guide!

***If you'd like to use paper print out the following forms, fill each out, and bring them to New Here Start Here!

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Three Questions of Membership:

Have you committed your life to Jesus Christ and trusted Him for salvation?

Yes

When _____

Where _____

Have you been baptized in water since you committed your life to Christ?

Yes

When _____

Where _____

I want to be baptized at Abundant Life Church

Do you desire to abide by the Abundant Life Church Membership Covenant?

Yes, I do!

_____ I am younger than 18y
Please print your name

_____ ____/____/____
Please sign your name Today's Date

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DISC PERSONALITY TEST

Welcome to our Family!

Please turn in at New Here Start Here. Use the following pages to fill out your DISC Personality test. There are 4 words for each number. Mark which of those 4 words best describes you. At the end, add up each column and write your total.

1.

- Adventurous
- Animated
- Adaptable
- Analytical

2.

- Persuasive
- Playful
- Peaceful
- Persistent

3.

- Strong-willed
- Sociable
- Submissive
- Self-sacrificing

4.

- Competitive
- Convincing
- Controlled
- Considerate

5.

- Resourceful
- Refreshing
- Reserved
- Respectful

6.

- Self-reliant
- Spirited
- Satisfied
- Sensitive

7.

- Positive
- Promoter
- Patient
- Planner

8.

- Sure
- Spontaneous
- Shy
- Scheduled

9.

- Outspoken
- Optimistic
- Obliging
- Orderly

10.

- Forceful
- Funny
- Friendly
- Faithful

11.

- Daring
- Delightful
- Diplomatic
- Detailed

12.

- Confident
- Cheerful
- Consistent
- Cultured

13.

- Independent
- Inspiring
- Inoffensive
- Idealistic

14.

- Decisive
- Demonstrative
- Dry Humor
- Deep

15.

- Mover
- Mixes Easily
- Mediator
- Musical

16.

- Tenacious
- Talker
- Tolerant
- Thoughtful

17.

- Leaders
- Lively
- Listener
- Loyal

18.

- Chief
- Cute
- Contented
- Chartmaker

19.

- Productive
- Popular
- Pleasant
- Perfectionist

20.

- Bold
- Bouncy
- Balanced
- Behaved

21.

- Bossy
- Brassy
- Blank
- Bashful

22.

- Unsympathetic
- Undisciplined
- Unenthusiastic
- Unforgiving

23.

- Resistant
- Repetitious
- Reticent
- Resentful

24.

- Frank
- Forgetful
- Fearful
- Fussy

25.

- Impatient
- Interrupts
- Indecisive
- Insecure

26.

- Unaffectionate
- Unpredictable
- Uninvolved
- Unpopular

27.

- Headstrong
- Haphazard
- Hesitant
- Hard to please

28.

- Proud
- Permissive
- Plain
- Pessimistic

29.

- Argumentative
- Angered easily
- Aimless
- Alienated

30.

- Nervy
- Naïve
- Nonchalant
- Negative attitude

31.

- Workaholic
- Wants credit
- Worrier
- Withdrawn

32.

- Tactless
- Talkative
- Timid
- Too sensitive

33.

- Domineering
- Disorganized
- Doubtful
- Depressed

34.

- Intolerant
- Inconsistent
- Indifferent
- Introvert

35.

- Manipulative
- Messy
- Mumbles
- Moody

36.

- Stubborn
- Show-off
- Slow
- Skeptical

37.

- Lord over others
- Loud
- Lazy
- Loner

38.

- Short-tempered
- Scatterbrained
- Sluggish
- Suspicious

39.

- Rash
- Restless
- Revengeful
- Reluctant

40.

- Crafty
- Changeable
- Critical
- Compromising

Congratulations! You've completed the DISC test!

Each question's answers are listed in this order in the example below:

1.

____ D

____ I

____ S

____ C

Fill each letter with your totals and take the two highest numbers.
Those are your DISC results!

For example, if you have the following results:

D: 17

I: 3

S: 12

C: 8

Your result is a D/S

Continue to the next page to understand your personality type!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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Discovering Your Personality Type Definitions

D

D's are direct and decisive, they are risk-takers and problem-solvers. They are more concerned with completing tasks and winning than gaining approval from people. Though the internal drive tends to make them insensitive to those around them, "D's" are not afraid to challenge the status quo, and they thrive when it comes to developing new things. They need disciples to excel, and they respond to direct confrontation. The greatest fear of a "D" is to be taken advantage of, and even despite their possible weaknesses including an aversion to routine, a tendency to overstep authority, an argumentative nature, and a habit of taking on too much-- they place a high value on time and use their innovative thinking to accomplish difficult tasks and conquer challenges.

D / I

"D/I"s are curious concludes who place emphasis on the bottom line and work hard to reach their goals. They are more determined than they are inspirational, yet their high expectations and standards for themselves and those around them typically cause them to make quite an impact, motivating others to follow them. They have an array of interests and can become distracted by taking on too many projects. They often need to focus, prioritize, and simply slow down. Because "D/I"s thrive on activity and forward motion, they like to accomplish tasks through a large number of people.

D / S

"D/S"s are attainers and achievers with an ability to persevere. They are more active than passive, but they possess a kind of calm sensitivity and steadiness that makes them good leaders. They seem to be people-oriented but can easily be dominant and decisive when it comes to tasks and project planning. They strive to accomplish goals with fierce determination that comes from strong internal drive, but they could benefit from contemplative and conservative thinking as well as spending more time focusing on relationships.

D / C

"D/C"s are challengers and can either be determined students or defiant critics. Being in charge is important to them, yet they care little about what others think as long as they get the job done. They have a great deal of foresight and examine every avenue to find the best solution; they prefer to work alone. Though they fear failure and the lack of influence, they are motivated by challenges and can often be excellent administrators. They can benefit from learning to relax and paying more attention to people.

I

"I"s are inspiring and impressive. Enthusiastic, optimistic, impulsive, and emotional--they tend to be creative problem solvers and excellent encouragers. They often have a large number of friends, but they can become more concerned with approval and popularity than with getting results. An "I"s greatest fear is rejection, but they thrive when it comes to motivating others. Their positive sense of humor helps them negotiate conflicts. Though they can be inattentive to details and poor listeners, they can be great peacemakers and effective teammates when they control their feelings and minimize their urge to entertain and be the center of attention. They value lots of human touch and connections.

I / D

"I/D"s are persuaded who are outgoing and energetic. They enjoy large groups and use their power of influence to attain respect and convince people to follow their lead. Sometimes they can be viewed as fidgety and nervous, but it comes from their need to be a part of challenges that have variety, freedom, and mobility. "I/D"s could benefit from learning to look before they leap and spending more time being studious and still. They make inspiring leaders and know how to get results from and through people.

I / S

"I/S"s are influential counselors who love people, and it's no surprise that people love them. They live to please and serve, and they tend to be good listeners. Looking good and encouraging others is important to them, as is following through and being obedient. They often lack in the area of organization and can be more concerned with the people involved than they are with the task at hand. However, they can be center stage or behind the scenes with equal effectiveness, and they shine when it comes to influencing and helping others.

I / C

"I/C"s are inspiring yet cautious assessors who are excellent communicators through the combination of concerned awareness and appreciation of people. They excel in determining ways to improve production. They tend to be impatient and critical, and they can also be overly persuasive and too consumed by the desire to win. "I/C"s like to work inside the box, and they could benefit from trying new things and caring less about what others think. This personality type often possesses a gift for teaching; they are generally dependable when it comes to paying attention to details and getting the job done.

S

"S"s are steady and more reserved. Because they are stable and predictable, they do not like change, and they thrive in secure, non-threatening environments. They are often friendly and understanding as well as good listeners and loyal workers who are happy doing the same job consistently. With an incredible ability to forgive, reliable and dependable "S"s tend to make the best friends. Their greatest fear, however, is loss of security, and their possible weaknesses naturally include not only resistance to change but also difficulty adjusting to it. They can also be too sensitive to criticism and unable to establish priorities. In order to avoid being taken advantage of, "S"s need to be stronger and learn how to say "no." They also like to avoid the limelight, but when given the opportunity to genuinely help others, they will gladly rise to the occasion. They feel most valued when they have truly helped someone.

S / D

"S/D"s are quiet leaders who can be counted on to get the job done. They perform better in small groups and do not enjoy speaking in front of crowds. Though they can be soft and hard-hearted at the same time, they enjoy close relationships with people, being careful not to dominate them. Challenges motivate them, especially ones that allow them to take a systematic approach. Because this personality style tends to be determined, persevering through time and struggles, they benefit from encouragement and positive relationships.

S/I

"S/I"s are inspirational counselors who exhibit warmth and sensitivity. Tolerant and forgiving, they have many friends because they accept and represent others well. Their social nature and desire to be likable and flexible make them inclined to be overly tolerant and non-confrontational. "S/I"s will benefit from being more task-oriented and paying more attention to detail. Kind and considerate, they include others and inspire them to follow. Words of affirmation go a long way with this personality type, and with the right motivation, they can be excellent team players.

S/C

"S/C"s are diplomatic and steady, as well as detail-oriented. Stable and contemplative, they like to weigh the evidence and discover the facts to come to a logical conclusion. More deliberately they prefer to take their time, especially when the decision involves others. Possible weaknesses include being highly sensitive and unable to handle criticism, and they also need to be aware of the way they treat others. Operating best in precise and cause-worthy projects, the "S/C" can be a peacemaker; this makes them a loyal team member and friend.

C

"C"s are compliant and analytical, careful and logical lines of thinking drive them forward, and accuracy is a top priority. They hold high standards and value systematic approaches to problem-solving. Though they thrive when given opportunities to find solutions, they tend to ignore the feelings of others and can often be critical and downright crabby. Verbalizing feelings is difficult for them, but when they are not bogged down in details and have clear-cut boundaries, they can be big assets to the team by providing calculated "reality checks." The "C"s biggest fear is criticism, and their need for perfectionism is often a weakness, as in their tendency to give in when in the midst of an argument. However, they are thorough in all activities and can be a conscientious, even-tempered element to the team that will provide solid grounding. They value being correct the most.

C / D

"C/D"s are cautious and determined designers who are consistently task-oriented and very aware of problems. Sometimes viewed as insensitive, they do care about what individual people do but have a difficult time showing it. They often feel they are the only ones who can do the job the way it needs to be done, but because of their administrative skills, they are able to bring plans for change and improvements to fruition. "C/D"s have a tendency to be serious and could benefit from being more optimistic and enthusiastic. Despite their natural drive to achieve, they should concentrate on developing healthy relationships and simply loving people.

C / I

"C/I"s pay attention to the details. They tend to impress others by doing things right and stabilizing situations. Not considered aggressive or pushy, they enjoy both large and small crowds. Though they work well with people, they are sometimes too sensitive to what others think about them and their work. They could benefit from being more assertive and self-motivated. Often excellent judges of character, they easily trust those who meet their standards. They are moved by genuine and enthusiastic approval as well as concise and logical explanations.

C / S

"C/S"s are systematic and stable. They tend to do one thing at a time--and do it right. Reserved and cautious, they would rather work behind the scenes to stay on track; however, they seldom take risks or try new things and naturally dislike sudden changes in their environments. Precisionist to the letter, they painstakingly require accuracy and fear criticism, which they equate to failure. Diligent workers, their motivation comes from serving others.

LIFE TEAM OPPORTUNITIES

Please check the areas in which you are interested:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeters | <input type="checkbox"/> Cards/Computer/Admin work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone calls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Here, Start Here | <input type="checkbox"/> Help set up and tear down décor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Lot/Golf Cart | <input type="checkbox"/> Kingdom Kids mailers, crafts, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Café | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meal Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Kids Ministry (6mth-5th grade) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Get Started setup/tear down | <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. High (6th-8th grade) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar (prayer) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sr. High (9th-12th grade) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities
(<i>"Handy Man"/Construction</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Group |
| <i>Specialty?</i> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Online team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Production/Tech | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Worship/Band | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Visits |

Other Area(s) of Interest: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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AREAS OF MINISTRY AT ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH

Next Generation

Kingdom Kids: If you love a fast-paced environment full of fun, snacks, potty breaks, crayons, Bible stories, praise and worship, dancing, creativity, and loving on little ones then this is the ministry that you want to be a part of! We value teaching the love of God to the next generation.

Student Ministry: Our goal is for teens to build relationships with each other and with Christ. We believe that creating a fun and relevant environment helps them mature and become all that God has called them to be. Student Ministry is for 6th through 12th graders.

Young Adults

Our Young Adult ministry is for people ages 19-39 years of age. We want to provide a unique experience where young adults can come together to connect and grow with one another. Childcare will be provided as an added ministry for parents for kids ages 6 months to 5th grade.

Hospitality

Greeters: We enjoy being a warm, friendly face to those that walk through the doors of ALC. We love smiling, helping, and connecting with people. Every person matters to us because every person matters to God!

Ushers: We are a great group of men and women that help facilitate the church services by welcoming guests into the Worship Center, helping find seating, and making sure the Worship Center is a comfortable environment. We love serving the body of Christ!

Prayer: Our goal is to pray for the needs of our church, our communities, and our families, both at the services and during the week. We believe that prayer changes things!

Parking Lot: We help maintain traffic order, safety, and flow for our families and guests that attend each weekend. Knowing that we make the first and last impressions, we give warm welcomes and fond farewells to our ALC family.

Café: If you love preparing, cooking, cleaning, and serving people then this is the ministry for you! We value the behind-the-scenes work that blesses others. Come be a part of our café family!

New Here, Start Here: We enjoy welcoming all guests with a warm, friendly face. We love smiling, helping and connecting with others by giving tours, giving resources, answering questions about ALC and helping families feel comfortable and welcome!

Family Care

The family care team helps care and love on all those who come to ALC and work very closely with our Campus Pastors, Campus Administrators, and our Volunteer Coordinators. They have a team of volunteers to help them care and love on people. If you have a heart to make sure people's needs are met, pray for people, send cards, and much more, this is the team for you!

Worship and Production

Worship: Our heart is to empower our ALC family to encounter God through singing, instruments, and worshiping together. We love to have fun, build relationships, and develop our musical talents to serve Christ and His people.

Production: We believe that the message here at ALC stays the same, but the methods must progress with the culture. We value enhancing each service with sound, lights, and technology to create a meaningful worship experience that glorifies God.

Marketing and Photography

Design/Decorating: If you have a designer's eye and are able to design images or love to help decorate backdrops or other special service elements, we would love your help!

Photography: If you are an experienced photographer and would love to take photos during weekend services and events, this is the team for you!

Facilities

Facility/Construction: If you consider yourself a "handyman" and enjoy putting office equipment together, helping paint, drywall, or have a skilled trade, we would love to call you when a need arises!

Custodians: If you love a clean environment and enjoy being busy with trash removal, restocking items, and cleaning up spills and messes, this is a perfect team for you!

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH STATEMENTS OF FAITH

HOLY BIBLE

The Holy Bible, and only the Bible, is the authoritative Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining all doctrinal truths. In its original writing, it is inspired, infallible and inerrant (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5; Romans 16:25-26).

TRINITY

There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and co-eternal (I John 5:7; Genesis 1:26; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 3:7-11).

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is God the Son, the second person of the Trinity. On earth, Jesus was 100% God and 100% man. He is the only man ever to have lived a sinless life. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, died on the cross for mankind and thus, atoned for our sins through the shedding of His blood. He rose from the dead on the third day according to the Scriptures, ascended to the right hand of the Father, and will return again in power and glory. (John 1:1,14, 20:28; I Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 9:6; Philippians 2:5-6; 1 Timothy 2:5).

VIRGIN BIRTH

Jesus Christ was conceived by God the Father, through the Holy Spirit (the third person of the Trinity) in the virgin Mary's womb; therefore, He is the Son of God (Matthew 1:18, 25; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:27-35).

REDEMPTION

Man was created good and upright, but by voluntary transgression he fell; his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Gen. 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21).

REGENERATION

For anyone to know God, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential (John 6:44, 65; Matthew 19:28; Titus 3:5).

SALVATION

We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ; His death, burial, and resurrection. Salvation is a gift from God, not a result of our good works or of any human efforts (Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16, 3:8; Titus 3:5; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 9:22).

REPENTANCE

Repentance is the commitment to turn away from sin in every area of our lives and to follow Christ, which allows us to receive His redemption and to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Thus, through repentance we receive forgiveness of sins and appropriate salvation (Acts 2:21, 3:19; I John 1:9).

SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification is the ongoing process of yielding to God's Word and His Spirit in order to complete the development of Christ's character in us. It is through the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life (I Thessalonians 4:3, 5:23; II Corinthians 3:18, 6:14-18, II Thessalonians 2:1-3, Romans 8:29, 12:1-2, Hebrews 2:11).

JESUS' BLOOD

The Blood that Jesus Christ shed on the Cross of Calvary was sinless and is 100% sufficient to cleanse mankind of all sin. Jesus allowed Himself to be punished for both our sinfulness and our sins, enabling all those who believe to be free from the penalty of sin, which is death (I John 1:7; Revelation 1:5, 5:9; Colossians 1:20; Romans 3:10-12, 23, 5:9; John 1:29).

JESUS CHRIST INDWELLS ALL BELIEVERS

Christians are people who have invited the Lord Jesus Christ to come and live inside them by His Holy Spirit. They relinquish the authority of their lives over to Him thus making Jesus the Lord of their life as well as Savior. They put their trust in what Jesus accomplished for them when He died, was buried, and rose again from the dead (John 1:12; John 14:17, 23; John 15:4; Romans 8:11; Revelation 3:20).

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Given at Pentecost, it is the promise of the Father, sent by Jesus after His Ascension, to empower the Church to preach the Gospel throughout the whole earth (Joel 2:28-29; Matthew 3:11; Mark 16:17; Acts 1:5, 2:1-4, 17, 38-39, 8:14-17, 10:38, 44-47, 11:15-17, 19:1-6).

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is manifested through a variety of spiritual gifts to build and sanctify the church, demonstrate the validity of the resurrection, and confirm the power of the Gospel. The Bible lists of these gifts are not necessarily exhaustive, and the gifts may occur in various combinations. All believers are commanded to earnestly desire the manifestation of the gifts in their lives. These gifts always operate in harmony with the Scriptures and should never be used in violation of Biblical parameters. (Hebrews 2:4; Romans 1:11, 12:4-8; Ephesians 4:16; I Timothy 4:14; II Timothy 1:6-7; I Corinthians 12:1-31, 14:1-40; I Peter 4:10).

THE CHURCH

The church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of Jesus' Great Commission. Every person who is born of the Spirit is an integral part of the church as a member of the body of believers. There is a spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23; John 17:11, 20-23).

TWO SACRAMENTS:

WATER BAPTISM

Following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the new convert is commanded by the Word of God to be baptized in water in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12, 36-38; 10:47-48).

THE LORD'S SUPPER

A unique time of communion in the presence of God when the elements of bread and grape juice (the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ) are taken in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross (Matthew 26:26-29; I Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-25).

HEALING OF THE SICK

Healing of the sick is illustrated in the life and ministry of Jesus, and included in the commission of Jesus to His disciples. It is given as a sign, which is to follow believers. It is also a part of Jesus' work on the Cross and one of the gifts of the Spirit. (Psalm 103:2-3; Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 16:17-18; Acts 8:6-7; James 5:14-16; I Corinthians 12:9, 28; Romans 11:29).

GOD'S WILL FOR PROVISION

It is the Father's will for believers to become whole, healthy and successful in all areas of life. But because of the fall, many may not receive the full benefits of God's will while on Earth. That fact, though, should never prevent all believers from seeking the full benefits of Christ's provision in order to better serve others.

Spiritual

(John 3:3-11; II Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 10:9-10).

Mental and Emotional

(II Timothy 1:7, 2:11; Philippians 4:7-8; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3).

Physical

(Isaiah 53:4 & 5; Matthew 8:17; I Peter 2:24).

Financial

(Joshua 1:8; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; II Corinthians 9:6-10; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Psalm 34:10, 84:11; Philippians 4:19).

RESURRECTION

Jesus Christ was physically resurrected from the dead in a glorified body three days after His death on the cross. In addition, both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; they that are saved to the resurrection of life and they that are lost to the resurrection of eternal damnation (Luke 24:16, 36, 39; John 2:19-21, 20:26-28, 21:4; Acts 24:15; I Corinthians 15:42, 44; Philippians 1:21-23, 3:21).

HEAVEN

Heaven is the eternal dwelling place for all believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Matthew 5:3, 12, 20, 6:20, 19:21, 25:34; John 17:24; II Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 11:16; I Peter 1:4).

HELL

After living one life on earth, the unbelievers will be judged by God and sent to Hell where they will be eternally tormented with the Devil and the Fallen Angels (Matthew 25:41; Mark 9:43-48; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 14:9-11, 20:12-15, 21:8).

SECOND COMING

Jesus Christ will physically and visibly return to earth for the second time to establish His Kingdom. This will occur at a date undisclosed by the Scriptures (Matthew 24:30, 26:63-64; Acts 1:9-11; I Thessalonians 4:15-17; II Thessalonians 1:7-8; Revelation 1:7).

QUESTIONS ABOUT TITHING

What is tithing?

"Tithe" means "a tenth part."

What is the difference between a tithe and an offering?

A "tithe" is giving the first tenth of my income.

An "offering" is anything I give in addition to my tithe.

Why should I tithe?

You should tithe because God commands it.

"A tenth of all you produce is the Lord's." Leviticus 27:30

You should tithe because Jesus commended it.

"Yes, you should tithe, and you shouldn't leave the more important things undone either." Matthew 23:23

Tithing demonstrates that God has first place in my life.

"The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God in first place in your lives." Deuteronomy 14:23 (LB)

Tithing reminds me that everything I have was given to me by God.

"Always remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you the ability to produce wealth." Deuteronomy 8:18

Tithing expresses my love to the Lord.

"Each of you should bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you." Deuteronomy 16:17

God says that refusing to tithe is stealing from Him.

"God says 'Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me!' But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' God says 'In tithes and offerings ... Bring your whole tithe to My house.'" Malachi 3:8-9

Tithing gives God a chance to prove He exists and wants to bless you!
"Bring your whole tithe to My storehouse. Test me in this" says the Lord, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you won't have room enough for it!" Malachi 3:10

What should I tithe?

The tithe should come from the first part of what I earn.

"Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income." Proverbs 3:9-10

Where should I give my tithe?

The tithe should be given where I worship.

"Bring your whole tithe to My Storehouse (Temple)." Malachi 3:10

When should I tithe?

The tithe should be given weekly.

"On the first day of every week, set aside some of what you have earned and give it as an offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn." 1 Corinthians 16:2 (LB)

ALMS?

"Above an offering in secret." Matt. 6:1

Great job, you have completed Step Two!



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