

**INVITATION FROM THE DESK OF
OUR PASTOR**

If you have love for others, a desire to help others, and are concerned about the Kingdom and the Ministries of God, you should want to serve. A saved heart is one that wants to serve.

The Bible says in the b-portion of Eph. 2:10 TEV, "In our union with Christ Jesus he has created us for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for us to do." These "good deeds" are our service to the Ministries of God and the world. Whenever we serve others in any way, we are actually serving God and fulfilling one of our purposes.

We are going to give our life for something. What will it be — a career, a sport, a hobby, fame, wealth? None of these will have lasting significance. Service is the pathway to real significance. It is through ministry that we discover the meaning of our lives.

There are no insignificant ministries in the church. Some are visible and some are behind the scenes, but all are valuable. Small or hidden ministries often make the biggest difference. In a home, the most important light is not the large chandelier in your dining room but possibly the little night-light that keeps you from stubbing your toe when you get up at night. There is no correlation between size and significance. Every ministry matters because we are all dependent on each other to function.

I want to personally invite you to become an active part of one of the many ministries

here at the Atherton Baptist Church! Do it today! Don't put it off. Note that you have been saved to serve and blessed to be a blessing!

May God Reward You For Faithful Service!

Because He Lives,



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MINISTRY

*Reestablishing a Standard of
Excellence in God's Church*



Scholarship Ministry

Mission Statement

The Scholarship Ministry endeavors to offer spiritual, financial and emotional support to all students from Kindergarten to High School and current college students who are active members of Atherton Baptist Church.

Our Ministry's goals are closely aligned with the Biblical exhortation to pursue Godly wisdom as well as knowledge (wisdom). Fools despise wisdom and instruction." Proverbs 1:7

"My son...Make your ear attentive to wisdom, incline your hear to understanding." ~Proverbs 2:2

Mission Goals

We are prompted and motivated by the fact that so many of our students do not always obtain the best advice concerning their educational goals. Therefore, it is our desire to keep them focused on attaining, not only a high school diploma, but, indeed, a college degree and beyond. By so doing, we partner with the local schools, their parents, and other professionals in providing a well-rounded program of incentives, information and encouragement.

1. We offer parents and students workshops, educational field trips and sound counsel in the exploration of educational options.
2. Recommend educational enrichment programs from a variety of resources.

3. Inform students, particularly in high school, of the many scholarships and opportunities available from other organizations.
4. Keep students on an upward path to success by identifying and rewarding their achievements each year.

Ministry Events

- Parent Information Meeting (November—date to be determined)
- Scholarship Meetings (Third Monday of Every Month)
- Annual Scholarship Recognition Sunday (Fourth Sunday in July)
- Various educational field trips

Ministry Requirements

1. Must complete New Members class.
2. Must be willing to come to Monthly Meetings scheduled on the 3rd Monday of each month.
3. Must also be committed to sharing time with students on an as-needed basis for disseminating materials, helping with college applications, grading Atherton scholarship applications and essays, and leading or assisting with various workshops offered during the course of the year.
4. Should be available for chaperoning at least one field trip to educational and cultural centers.

Invitation

The ever demanding challenges of a highly technological society makes it even more imperative that we inspire and embolden our young people to seek higher educational goals in order to be competitive. **Pursing less** than a degree in secondary school **is not an option.** This is the reason the Scholarship Ministry exists—to enlighten our young people and, indeed, more mature young adults, about the opportunities that abound if they are willing to sacrifice their short-term desires for the more lasting endeavors of acquiring Godly and secular wisdom. **Join us** if you feel committed to making a lasting difference in our church and the community-at-large.

Atherton Mission Statement

Atherton Baptist Church is a church striving to lead its members to a loving, learning, and lasting relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Atherton Vision Statement

Re-establishing a Standard of Excellence in God's Church through Education, Renovation, Rejuvenation and Evangelization.