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

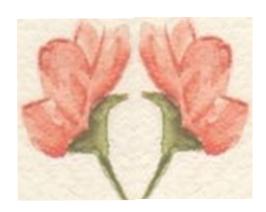
here at the Atherton Baptist Church! Do it today! Don't put it off. Note that you have been saved to serve and blessed to be a blessing!

May God Reward You For Faithful Service!

Because He Lives.

Ru. Samy D. Warve

Pastor Larry D. Weaver Sr. Pastor - Teacher





Patricia Morton

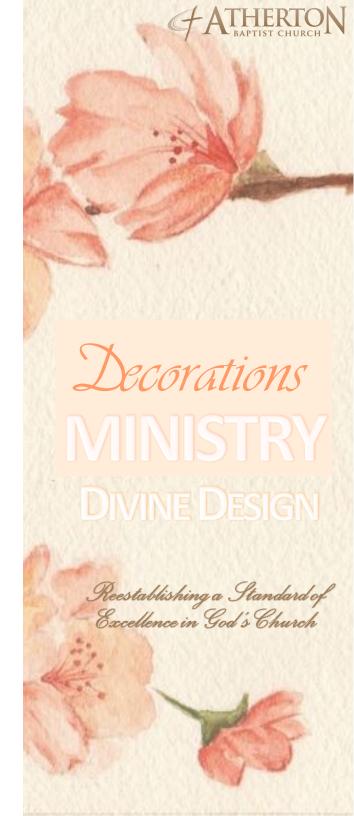
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Decoration Ministry

DIVINE DESIGN

Mission Statement

To decoratively prepare the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and other pertinent areas of the church campus with flowers, pictures, paintings and accessories to enhance the atmosphere.

The Decoration Ministry works to provide a visual presentation of excellence throughout the church campus. It determines its direction from the temple that Solomon built in 1 Kings, Chapters 6–9 which was a virtual testimony to quality and excellence in construction and maintenance. So astounding it was that the Queen of Sheba responded with awe and wonder:

"Then she said to the king, "It was a true report which I heard in my own land... Nevertheless, did not believe the reports, and I came and my eyes [have] seen it. And behold, the half was not told to me." I Kings 10:6,7 (NASB)

Ministry Goals

Realizing that the physical atmosphere of the Worship edifice is important in enhancing the worship experience, we prayerfully and deliberately seek ways to provide the best setting for our parishioners and guest. To that end, we work year-round to create an atmosphere that is aesthetically appealing.

- 1. Prepare and arrange beautiful and tasteful décor for the place of worship.
- 2. Maintain a seasonal ambience by using

decorations that reflect Summer, Winter, Fall and Spring and Christian holidays and current events.

- 3. Prayerfully train and develop dedicated Ministers of Divine Design.
- 4. Always be open to current trends and ideas that upgrade our presentations.
- 5. Assist other ABC ministries with any decorating challenges they might have.

Ministry Events

- * Church Anniversary Celebration
- * Building Strong Marriages Conference
- Pastor & Wife Anniversary Celebration
- Women's Breakfast and Conference
- * Men's Conference
- Christmas Holiday
- Resurrection Sunday
- * Special Events as designated

Ministry Requirements

- 1. Must complete New Members Class
- 2. Must be committed to meetings when called. Meetings are held on Tuesday evening.
- 3. Should have a talent for creative design and attention to detail, or work in a support capacity.

4. Since this a year-round ministry, teamwork and a willing heart to serve is vital to our success. A member must be willing to expend the hours needed to complete a task.

Onvitation

Please join us as we share the love of Jesus Christ through our service to beautifying His temple. It is our desire to reflect in our handiwork a spirit of excellence and as we prepare the atmosphere for celebration and "declare His glory among the nations and his wonders among all people" (Psalms 96:3). If you would like to join a ministry that utilizes your creative skills in a very practical and tangible way, please consider the Decorative Ministry of Divine Design.

Atherton Mission Statement

Atherton Baptist Church is a church striving to lead **people** to a loving, learning, loyal, 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.