

## *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.

### 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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# *Christian Ed.*



# MINISTRY

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

# Christian Ed. Ministry

## Mission Statement

We endeavor to provide a quality Christian Education in a Christ-Centered environment in order to enlist and equip the Atherton family with a **loving, learning, loyal and lasting** relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our strong incentive is to impact the world through Biblical teaching, training, thought and action that comes from the Biblical mandate as recorded in II Timothy 2:15:

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. “

## Ministry Goals

To build a structure-based curriculum designed for all levels, ages and cultural backgrounds, we strive to teach the congregation in all areas pertinent to their spiritual growth.

1. We will identify levels of learning from Beginning to Intermediate to Advanced.
2. Offer a variety of classes that fit different modes of presentation such as Topical, Expository and Practical.
3. Introduce and identify classes that are teacher-directed as well as those in a video / audio methodology.
4. Implement Small Group Studies for no more than 7-10 people in a short classes of 6-8 weeks.

5. Teach systematically the Word of God, to build and develop Christian character and, thereby, prepare and enable disciples for community outreach to share the Gospel.

## Ministry Classes and Events

- **Bible Enrichment Classes:** Offers a variety of Bible Classes for all ages. They provides relevant study of the Scriptures for knowledge and application of the Word of God in our daily lives. Classes are designed to teach, equip and nurture Christian growth and service in all participants. They are held on Sunday and throughout the week.
- **Vacation Bible School (VBS):** A week long summer program designed for people of all ages. The curriculum provides a three (3) day interactive study of God’s Word. This event is enlightening for all involved and a great week to learn more about God in fun and exciting ways. It also provides a vital opportunity to invite your family and friends to come and share the Good News!
- **Teachers’ Training Program:** This class is designed to equip and empower church members who are called to service for the task of teaching God’s Word. According to Ephesians 4:12, “God’s plan is to equip the saints for the work of the ministry.”
- **Teacher Development Sessions:** These are scheduled, on-going seminars to give teachers and leaders the time to come together to learn and grow as a ministry team. The training is structured to nurture spiritual growth and offer current teachers refresher and specialized training.

## Ministry Requirements

1. **Must complete New Members Class**
2. **Must have a passion for learning and studying the Word of God.**
3. **Must be willing to commit to Quarterly Meetings – Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month in Room 106 at: 9:00 AM**
4. **Those desiring to become teachers must submit to the 16-week Teacher Training course offered semi-annually. This class is mandatory for all teachers.**

## Invitation

The Atherton Baptist Church is founded on the mission of bringing all its members into a loving, learning, loyal and lasting relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The only way this can be accomplished is by imparting the wisdom found in the sixty-six books of the Bible which is the inspired Word of God. In James 1:5, it states, “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God.” This is why we “search the Scriptures, for, ...in them {we} have eternal life.” Our Christian faith is centered on God’s Word. If you are one that is enthusiastic about learning God’s Word and zealous about sharing it, then you have the perfect servant’s heart for the Christian Education Ministry.