

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

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The Sports and Athletics Ministry exists to connect every life to Jesus thru the vehicle of sports. It provides a context for those who seek and desire to be a part of recreational opportunities in our church community, in a Christian environment and wholesome, spiritually-based fellowship.

As a spiritual catalyst for our ministry, we are inspired by the words of Apostle Paul when he compared the journey of the Christian to an athletic race:

...let us lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance, the race that is set before us." ~ Hebrews 12:1

He also reminds us in 1 Corinthians 6:19:

....Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God.....

Ministry Goals

1. To train and develop those congregants who wish to participate in extra-curricular sports in a wholesome, Christian environment.
2. To participate in competitive curricular sports events with other faith-based organizations.
3. To build a partnership with other churches in their efforts to engage our people in meaningful athletic Christian activities.

4. Help our people develop a more personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
5. To help our members stay active and maintain a healthy, vigorous lifestyle.

Ministry Events

- Seasonal Competitive Basketball Tournaments in the Christian Athletic Association - 1st Quarter of the year.
- Seasonal Competitive Softball Tournaments - Monday nights from June --- August
- Special Note: Venues vary depending upon availability.

Ministry Requirements

1. Must be a Member of Atherton Baptist Church
2. Should have some athletic ability or interest in learning skills and rules of Basketball or Softball.
3. Must be able to commit time to weekly games. If member is under eighteen and in school, must maintain at least a C+ average in their academic subjects.
4. Must be able to work effectively and cohesively with other team-mates.
5. Must be willing to commit to Leadership instructions and directions.

Invitation

Our Ministry provides the perfect platform to engage people where they are all the while preparing them for so much more. We are committed to developing and promoting a healthy lifestyle which enriches us spiritually, intellectually, emotionally and physically. This is in accordance with the spiritual admonition in Scripture that says our "bodies are members of Christ" (1 Corinthians 6:15). If you enjoy being active in sports-related activities and would love to interact with other believers, in a Christian atmosphere, please consider uniting with the Atherton Sports Ministry.

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.