

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

New Beginnings Ministry

Mission Statement

The New Beginnings Ministry is designed to ensure that all New members make a smooth and comfortable transition into our new Church Family. Our sole intent is to make sure that every possible resource is available to our New Members as they are led into a loving, learning, loyal and lasting relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

In our commitment to give New Members a sense of connection to the body of Christ and assimilate them into the life and activities of Atherton Church Family. The Bible teaches we are empowered by the Word of God in Ephesians 4:12 when it says, "...prepare God's people for the work of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."

Ministry Goals

1. Welcome New Members and assist them in completing necessary church information. Provide them with information regarding "Discovering Church Membership" classes.
2. Encourage New Members to complete "Discovering Church Membership" class held every Sunday morning at 9:45 am in Room 110. (Four classes required for completion and certificate.)
3. Serve as a mentor for new members. Provide effective and quality resources regarding Atherton. Familiarize new

members as much as possible with the Church.

4. Offer spiritual support and practical guidelines for new converts on how to grow in their Christian faith.
5. Invite and advise New Members to become involved in one of the many Bible Enrichment classes.

Ministry Events

- * New Members Fellowship Breakfast—Held semi-annually in the Church Annex.
- * Leadership Team Meetings — Held quarterly on campus
- * "Discovering Church Membership" classes One-hour class held on Sunday morning at 9:45 am in Room 110 (Four classes required for completion)

Ministry Requirements

1. Must complete New Members class, "Discovering Church Membership."
2. Be willing to help, serve and support the New Members Fellowship Breakfast.
3. Be faithful in attendance at Church services and accept assignments for church services to assist with new members support, intake and receiving of new member information.
4. Be people-oriented, friendly and willing to share information on the life and ministries of the Church.
5. Attend Leadership Team meetings held quarterly to help maintain unity, support and

training.

Invitation

The New Beginnings ministry team invites all who have a heart for God's people and their transition into the Atherton family. New Members need someone who is hands-on to help guide them as they transition into their new experience at the church or new life as a new believer. The New Beginnings team recognizes the importance of our impact on such people, therefore its our pleasure to serve them. If you love to meet people and want to give others a sense of connection to this vibrant Church body, we invite you to join us and become an integral part of this most meaningful and essential ministry.

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.