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Welcome to Good Shepherd



Let's get acquainted

Find someone you don't know well, and discover his or her...

- 1) Name.
- 2) Hometown (where you lived when you went to High School).
- 3) Most satisfying moment during the last 12 months.
- 4) Strangest thing ever done.
- 5) Favorite movie of all time, and why.

Now, introduce your new friend to the rest of the group.
Tell your new friend's name, and **ONLY ONE** of the facts you discovered above (choose the one that interested you the most).

Mission

Inviting all people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ.

A simple sentence.

With a verb: **Inviting**

And an object: **All People**

And a purpose: **Into A Living Relationship**

With a destination: **With Jesus Christ**

That's what we're here to do and to be, and we're so glad you've joined us for the adventure. Perhaps you yourself were invited here at some point – either by a friend, family member, co-worker, or even a nice person who knocked on your door and welcomed you to the neighborhood. Everything we say and plan and promise gets filtered through that simple yet thrilling mission: **Inviting all people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ.**

As you begin your journey here, it's been helpful for us to recognize that a living relationship with Jesus Christ is about so much more than mere church membership. It's deeper than that. It's more abundant than that. It's more enduring than that. For example, it's about...

Belonging

At Good Shepherd, we are not so much interested in having your name on the roll as we are in your becoming actively involved in the life of this congregation. We want to be your “spiritual home” - a place where you feel loved and accepted, where you can find and develop a vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ, and where you can put your gifts to work in ministry to others.

You do not have to become an official member of Good Shepherd to BELONG to Good Shepherd. You are welcome to participate in our programs, benefit from our ministries, receive pastoral care, and be a part of our family, even if you never take the step of becoming an official member. In fact, many of our most active regular attendees and staff, persons who very much BELONG to Good Shepherd, are NOT members of the church.

Steps to Belonging

1. **ATTEND.** Participate in Sunday worship services on a regular basis.
2. **Join a GROUP.** For most this will be a LifeGroup, for others it will be a CareClass or Support Group.
3. **Become part of a TEAM.** Find a way, however large or small, to use your particular gifts and talents to further the overall mission of God through Good Shepherd Church.

Joining

Some people “join” the church without really “belonging” to the church. That is to say that even though their name is on the official roll, they are not actively involved in the life of the congregation. They do not attend regularly, they do not participate in the ministries of the church, they do not contribute to the church’s mission. We want to discourage this type of church relationship, as it does not reflect the type of authentic Christianity that we are seeking to develop in those who belong to our church family.

Remember, belonging is more important to us than joining. Yet for many people, a living relationship with Jesus will involve joining this church.

What does “joining” involve?

A **PUBLIC DECLARATION** that Jesus has your life.

A **PUBLIC CONFESSION** that you align with this particular expression of the larger Body of Christ.

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To what does joining obligate me?

Be **PRESENT** on a regular basis.

GIVE: support the church financially through proportional giving.

Find a place to **SERVE** in the church's ministries.

Do whatever else you can to further the mission of the church.

On the other hand, to what does joining entitle me?

We know that relatively few people are interested in the administration and operation of the church itself.

Steps to Joining

1. Attend Good Shepherd regularly. Get a “feel” for this church’s style and philosophy of ministry. Make sure this is the church for you.

2. Take part in “Next Step.”

Be certain that you understand, and have committed to...

- what it means to be a **CHRISTIAN**
- what it means to have **A LIVING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST**
- what it means to be a **MEMBER** of Good Shepherd.

3. Receive the Sacrament of BAPTISM. if you have not already done so. We recognize the baptisms of other Christian denominations as valid. If you were baptized as an infant, then your public profession of faith upon joining the church makes it complete. At Good Shepherd, we especially celebrate the believer baptisms of adolescents and adults. If you were, or will be, baptized as an adult, then your baptism serves as your public profession of faith in Christ. In light of Romans 6:3-5, our church baptizes by immersion.

4. Sign a membership COVENANT.

Membership means something at Good Shepherd. It is a serious commitment that is not to be taken lightly. Your signature on this covenant shows that you understand the vows of membership and agree to keep them.

Living

Of course, neither belonging nor joining is an end in itself. Belonging or joining is just the beginning. The ultimate goal is to enter into a ***living relationship with Jesus Christ***.

And what does that look like? How will you know when your relationship with a living Savior is itself alive?

As a community, we've defined eight "marks" or measures of what that looks like. We've noticed that living things breathe, and that breathing involves both the "inhale" (taking breath in) and the "exhale" (letting breath out). A living relationship with Jesus operates by the same rhythm, as we inhale wisdom and truth in worship and group life and then exhale love and ministry on our Serve Teams.

More particularly, people in a living relationship with Jesus Christ are...

Saved By Grace.

People in a living relationship with Christ embrace the Gospel truth that they are saved by grace. For some, this will happen in a decisive encounter while for others it will be a gradual realization. For all, it results in gratitude for Jesus' death and resurrection.

Biblically Rooted.

People in a living relationship with Jesus Christ recognize that the library we call the Bible is inspired, eternal, and true. They delight in its unchanging truths and find their identity in its frequently unsettling, but always liberating story.

Connected in Community.

People with a living relationship with Jesus Christ prioritize meeting together and reject anonymity. Through both Sunday worship gatherings with many and more intimate connections with a few-being known by other believers both encourages and spurs us on towards love and good deeds.

Serving Others.

People with a living relationship with Jesus Christ develop a servant lifestyle so that the Love of God can be visible and tangible to the world around them. They do so faithfully and consistently whether inside or outside the walls of the church.

Faithful At Home.

People with a living relationship with Jesus Christ live a faith that starts at home. Whether single, married, parents or kids, their living relationship with Jesus Christ serves as the primary influence in who they are with those closest to them.

Generous With Resources.

People with a living relationship with Jesus Christ recognize that all they have comes from God and so are glad to give generously to his work.

Emotionally Healthy.

People with a living relationship with Jesus Christ recognize that emotions are a gift from God that have been affected by sin as much as the rest of our being. Rather than ignoring or indulging them, we will pursue emotional maturity in our relationship with ourselves, others, and our Lord.

Sharing The Gospel.

People with a living relationship with Jesus Christ utilize the tool of testimony to share the life-changing message of Jesus with people far from Christ wherever they are. The invited become the inviters.

We believe the characteristics above make up the “abundant life.”

Are you ready to live abundantly?

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Moving to Maturity



Moving to Maturity

What kind of person do you picture when you think of someone who is spiritually mature?

What are some marks of spiritual maturity?

Someone who is spiritually mature is described in the Bible with the Greek word “teleios.” This word has a range of meanings, but when used of believers, it carries the sense of “whole” or “complete” (this is why it is sometimes translated as ‘perfect’ in places such as Matthew 5:48 and Philippians 3:15 in some Bible translations).

Basically, spiritual maturity (teleios) describes someone who is seeking, moment by moment, to live his or her life in total conformity to God’s will.

This is why we call it a living relationship with Jesus Christ! Living things grow. They breathe. They mature.

It’s the same with us. We inhale truth and wisdom when we gather for worship and in groups. We exhale love and service when we mobilize in teams.

That rhythm leads to maturity. Not perfectly, but increasingly.

Paul gives us a marvelous picture of that maturity in Ephesians 4:13: *“until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”*

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Activity

With a partner talk about someone you know who has “breathed in” much in terms of wisdom and truth. What makes you say these things about that person?

With that same partner, talk about someone you know who excels at exhaling ... a person fully owned by Jesus who often serves in Jesus’ name.

Facts About Moving to Maturity

1. It’s something GOD does

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:1-5

In a garden, there are certain things you can do to encourage growth: till the soil, fertilize, water, remove weeds...but who makes the plant grow? **GOD.**

In the same way, there are certain things you can do to encourage spiritual growth – but who gives the growth? **GOD.**

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2. It's a **PROCESS**.

Spiritual growth happens over time as we keep in touch with God and allow Him to work in our lives. "Remain in me, and I will remain in you..." Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to break free from our old way of life that was characterized by sin.

So, what is Good Shepherd's **PROCESS** for your **PROGRESS** towards Gospel maturity?

How Do We Move to Maturity

Daily Time Away & Alone.

Away from people. Alone with your Father. Every day.

We believe that moving to maturity begins with a daily time of sitting still. Scripture reading, silence, prayer. In that time away and alone comes perspective and serenity that shapes the rest of your day.

If you have never had a regular away and alone time, here are practical suggestions (which we have discovered are always better than impractical ones):

In the **MORNING**.

Pray **OUT LOUD**.

Keep a **JOURNAL**. After all, the Bible is full of written prayers.

Soft **MUSIC** always helps.

Scripture Study.

It's not a book. It is a library. A library into which God has breathed his life and truth.

Because it's a library, it deserves and demands the best of our minds and our hearts. We believe that your move to maturity will include an ever-growing familiarity with the contours of the biblical library. We also know that it can be intimidating... whether you're just getting started or consider yourself a biblical veteran. Our Pastor, Talbot Davis, has created daily scripture reading prompt emails that we believe will bless and enrich you as you subscribe. These prompts go through entire books of scripture and contain both a devotional and commentary component.

To sign up, visit gscharlotte.org/email and select the Daily Reading Prompts button.

Groups.

Groups are our primary strategy for your move to maturity; they are the linchpin of our process for your progress in your living relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our primary group setting at Good Shepherd is a LifeGroup -- a small gathering of eight to twelve people who meet weekly or bi weekly for Scripture study, prayer, and support. Our hope is that your Group will be your strongest connection at Good Shepherd.

In addition to LifeGroups, we offer Support Groups which have a specific start and end date and which minister to people in particular seasons of life. Support Groups include GriefShare, DivorceCare and Cancer Companions.

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We also feature short-term groups that revolve around parenting and marriage. Often, people develop deep connections in these groups, with the result that a short-term class forms the basis of an open-ended LifeGroup.

All this is because living things don't live alone. They live – and grow – in community. Join a Group by visiting gscharlotte.org/groups or attending a launch event. Launch events are the best times to get in on the ground floor of helping to start a brand-new group.

Fasting.

“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.” “When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.” Matthew 6:16

Did you notice the first word? Not if. When.

Jesus assumed his followers would fast. We have long assumed fasting is for other people.

Fasting has a vital place in the toolbox of maturity for several reasons:

1. It teaches you that God is more important than food.
2. It creates the spirit of dependence that is essential for spiritual breakthrough.
3. It revives and renews the human body; the same body that is made in God's image.

If you have never fasted, we recommend you commit to missing ONE MEAL per week for the next month. Chances are that you will feel better both physically and spiritually. If you are a fasting veteran, we encourage you to extend your fasting practices by one meal.

Corporate Worship Including the Sacraments

We said it at the beginning and nowhere is it more true than in talking about worship: living things don't grow alone. The author of Hebrews implores us not to neglect our gathering together (10:25), which strongly suggests that your celebration of God involves considerably more than you, Jesus, and a TV set (or golf course, or Panthers game, or...).

Robust worship attendance includes singing the songs, connecting with others, engaging with the message, and adjusting your life based on what you learn and hear. It also includes celebration with the community when one among us is baptized and celebrating in the community as we partake of Holy Communion.

A word on preparation.

What helps you prepare to engage in worship? Discuss with your partner.

What gets in the way of authentic worship? Discuss again with partner.

Generosity

How we deal with our money is both an indication of and an accelerant towards spiritual maturity.

At Good Shepherd, we believe that a planned process for growing in generosity is at the heart of following Jesus. And we remember that because we are a) made in the image of God and b) that God's first and foremost a giver (John 3:16), then giving is natural for us. It is hard-wired into our DNA.

Motivating you towards generosity, then, is not a matter of overcoming your reluctance; it's reminding you of your genetics.

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Giving is not your duty. It's your design.

So, embrace that design if you have yet to do so. We believe your giving should be...

PLANNED

Steps to 10% and beyond.

PROPORTIONAL

The tithe, 10% is the Old Testament standard that functions as the New Testament minimum.

PRIORITY

The question, ultimately, is not how much of your money will you give to God. It's how much of God's money will you keep for you?

Activity

In the next few minutes, estimate your current giving to God in terms of percentage of income.

To what percentage will you increase this by 12 months from today?

Discipleship Assessment

So, all this is how you get where you're going on the move to maturity. All these moments lead to momentum.

But...where are you now? What is your current place on the discipleship journey? We have a tool to help you measure what matters.

Final 15 minutes of session devoted to assessment.

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Measuring What Matters



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The first 30 minutes consists of reviewing your **Measuring What Matters** report with a trained team member and coming up with concrete next steps for *inhaling* and *exhaling* - growing and serving.

What is our *Anchor*? What do we believe that cannot change? What makes us unique as a “Bible-lifting” community?

About God

God is the Creator and Ruler of the Universe. He eternally exists in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

About Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is God wrapped up in human flesh. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He rose from the dead after three days to demonstrate his power over sin and death. He ascended into heaven and will come again to judge the living and the dead, and to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

About the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father, and the Son. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation providing power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. We believe in the full expression of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

About the Bible

We believe that God inspired the composition and collection of the Old and New Testaments. Therefore, it is inspired, eternal, and true. The Holy Spirit preserves and protects God's Word in the church today and by it speaks God's Word to peoples of every age. We long to help more people love the Scripture so they can adore the Savior.

About Salvation

We believe that apart from salvation in Jesus Christ, people are lost and their eternal souls are in peril. We believe that people receive salvation and reserve their places in heaven through faith in Jesus Christ, not by good works (Ephesians 2:8-9). Human beings have their sins forgiven through accepting Christ's sacrifice on the cross. We further believe that those who do not accept Christ are separated from God eternally after their death. Another name for that separation is hell.

About the Return of Christ

We believe that at some unknown point in the future, Jesus Christ will return in full glory and triumph. There will be a bodily resurrection of all persons and final judgment to both eternal reward and eternal punishment. God will have ultimate victory over Satan and will establish a perfect kingdom in a new heaven and a new earth.

About Marriage, Sex & Gender

Inspired by the wisdom of Scriptures and the tests of church history, we believe in the beauty of God's design for sex and marriage. We find it especially compelling that when Jesus could have redefined marriage, he reinforced it instead. We therefore celebrate celibacy in singleness and faithfulness in marriage between a man and a woman as our Lord's design for his people. We further believe that gender is God-ordained and God-blessed, and that in creating the human race "male and female," he declared it to be "very good."

About Our Methodist History

Although as of 2023 we are no longer part of the United Methodist denomination, we still share some of the historic distinctives of that particular tribe:

1. **Prevenient grace** – God was working on you before you were looking for Him.
2. **Free will** – God longs for all to be saved and wishes that none perish.

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3. **Assurance** – You can be sure of your salvation because it does not depend on your goodness but on his greatness

4. **Faith and good works** – We don't earn our salvation by our good works. Instead, we express salvation by serving in love.

Out Of That Anchor, What Animates Us?

The Beautiful Marriage Movement – We adopted the following vision in September of 2019, and while COVID altered the tactics, it did not change where we are going.

Whether it's Say Yes To The Dress or Four Weddings or even Bridezilla, it's clear that popular culture is fascinated by the effort to create pretty weddings. We employ wedding planners, we design destination weddings, we spend large sums on wedding venues, and we have created a certifiable wedding industry. All to have pretty weddings.

At Good Shepherd, we are fine with all that. We will leave it to other people to design, to have, and to host pretty weddings.

Over the next seven years, we will instead see it as our role to empower couples in our region to have beautiful marriages.

A pretty wedding lasts a day. A beautiful marriage lasts a lifetime.

In the next seven years, Good Shepherd Church will touch 10,000 married couples in the five zip codes closest to our Moss Road Campus with life-giving resources that will prevent crises before they arrive and enable couples within and beyond the church to have marriages that thrive.

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We will accomplish these audacious goals by first transforming our households into incubators of Christian faith and spiritual growth.

Households will become so swept up in the depth and beauty of a living relationship with Jesus Christ that the forces that often lead to divorce – adultery, debt, anger, and porn – will lose their appeal. We will resolutely and repeatedly resource parents in ways that will preserve their marriages and protect their children.

We will relentlessly communicate to parents that their primary responsibility is to love each other first & that stabilizing love for their children flows from that. In turn, moms and dads will host the city's best children's and youth ministries in their own homes as they assume the mantle of becoming spiritual guides in the lives of their children.

Our LifeGroups and Life Stage events will reinforce this vision... not exclusively but forcefully.

We have seen the ravages of divorce on both church and community and we will no longer stand idly by. In all this, we will help households prevent crises rather than manage them.

We believe the timing of a Family Ministries Pastor as well as the development of the MarriedPeople strategy and resources are not by accident. God has given us the manpower. He has supplied much of the expertise. The burden is all around us. We will become “that church that really cares about marriage” throughout this community and beyond.

In all we do, we will remember that the covenant love of marriage is the God-ordained display of the relentless love Jesus has for his church. It is, in fact, the definition of divine beauty.

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Appendix A

Our History

- **November, 1989** - Land purchased by Charlotte District.
- **June, 1990** - Claude Kayler appointed pastor.
- **January, 1991** - Telemarketing and direct mail campaign.
- **February 10, 1991** – First worship service at Kennedy Jr. High School.
- **May 19, 1991** – Charter service; church officially constituted.
- **June 23, 1991** – Worship service moves to Olympic High School auditorium.
- **March-April, 1994** – “By Design” Campaign raises funds for first building.
- **May 25, 1995** – Break ground on Phase I building.
- **February, 1996** – First service in the new building at 13110 Moss Rd.
- **September, 1996** – Preschool opens.
- **May, 1999** – “Building on The Rock campaign” raises miracle amount for education building - \$620,000.
- **June 6, 1999** – Groundbreaking for start of Phase II (Education Building).
- **June, 1999** – Founding pastor, Claude Kayler, appointed to Myers Park UMC.
- **July, 1999** – New pastor, Talbot Davis, joins staff.
- **June 4, 2000** – Phase II building dedicated and occupied.
- **February 10, 2001** – Tenth anniversary of first worship service.
- **June 10, 2001** – First Bible study class in Spanish.
- **March, 2003** – The People of Good Shepherd commit \$2.26 million towards Phase III construction in “Because We Believe” Capital Campaign.

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- **March, 2003** – First English As A Second Language Class.
- **January, 2004** – 11:15 Worship service translated into Spanish.
- **Calendar 2004** – Church averages over 1,000 in worship for an entire year for the first time.
- **May 15, 2005** – Grand opening for Phase III (Current Worship Center/Classrooms).
- **Easter, 2006** – First 2,000+ attendance on a single Sunday. (2,185)
- **May, 2009** – Church leases and renovates former Hollywood Video building into a Corner Campus location for BIGHOUSE Youth Ministry and other church functions.
- **March, 2010** – Current Worship Center is renovated with new lighting, fabric, paint and art.
- **May, 2010** – Old Worship Center is renovated into a site for the K-Zone children’s ministry.
- **Feb, 2012** – Current Gathering Area is repainted with launch of new logo, color scheme and vision.
- **Dec, 2012** – 11:30am Spanish speaking service launches.
- **July, 2013** – Church goes multi-site with the adoption of the Zoar Road Outreach Center Campus
- **Fall, 2015** – Renovations begin at the Zoar Road Outreach Center to convert into a weekly worship gathering site. Renovations are also made in the lobby, gathering area, K-Zone, worship center and parking lot at the Moss Campus.
- **Easter, 2016** – The first worship service at the new GS Zoar Campus site.
- **August, 2016** – The new Living Room addition opens at the Moss Campus. This multi-purpose addition houses the Spanish-speaking worship service at the 11:30 AM hour and GS Students events, gathering and groups.
- **September, 2019** – Good Shepherd launches “The Beautiful Marriage Movement,” a new vision to create beautiful marriages by strengthening relationships, equipping parents and transforming the community.
- **July, 2021** – The Moss & Zoar worship services and ministries were combined and moved to the Moss Campus to best steward finances, facilities and personnel in light of the COVID pandemic. Sunday service times moved to 9 AM & 10:30 AM.

Appendix B

Our Values

The Bible is inspired, eternal and true.

Helping people know and love the Bible will be a hallmark of our church. We will delight in its ancient and unchanging truth.

Jesus is for all people.

The gospel breaks barriers of race, age and gender, and so will we. We will celebrate the uniqueness and diversity of Christ's body by loving and valuing one another.

We are passionate about healthy families.

When we develop beautiful marriages and partner with parents, we will strengthen our region and raise up the next generation.

Life in the Spirit is a journey.

Whether through multiple steps over a lifetime or in a miraculous moment, we will be awake to the ways the Holy Spirit is transforming people.

Authenticity marks true community.

Vulnerability precedes change and anonymity is the enemy of real belonging. We will model and encourage the risk of revealing what we want to mask.

Spiritual growth happens intentionally.

No one moves to maturity by accident. We will create comprehensive pathways for discipleship.

Serving is a passion and a privilege.

We are contributors, not consumers.
We will be relentless in serving within and beyond our walls.

Appendix C

Membership Covenant

Having received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with the mission and vision of Good Shepherd, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with this church in official membership. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other people to do the following:

- 1) I will protect the unity and spirituality of my church
 - ...by acting in love toward other people
 - ...by refusing to gossip
 - ...by cooperating with the leaders (provided they lead in a Christ-centered, Scripture-honoring way).

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves...”

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification” (Romans 12:10, 14:19).

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs” (Ephesians 4:29).

“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as ones who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you” (Hebrews 13:17).

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- 2) I will support the witness of my church
- ...by inviting the unchurched to attend
 - ...by warmly welcoming those who visit
 - ...by living a godly life
 - ...by accepting and living by Biblical morality, including celibacy in singleness and faithfulness in heterosexual marriage.

“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us” (2 Corinthians 5:20).

“Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing, some have entertained angels without knowing it” (Hebrews 13:2).

“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ” (Philippians 1:27).

- 3) I will uphold my church
- ...by lifting it up before God on a regular basis (prayers)
 - ...by attending worship services (presence)
 - ...by giving a planned proportion of my income (gifts)
 - ...by serving in at least one area of the church’s ministries (service)

“Pray continually” (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

“Let us not give up meeting together...” (Hebrews 10:25).

“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income...” (1 Corinthians 16:2).

“A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.” (Leviticus 27:30)

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others...” (1 Peter 4:10)

Appendix D

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and was buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.



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