



Here at ABC we're like one big happy family. We love, care and help each other just like any good healthy family does in a natural sense.

That kind of commitment that parents have towards each other and their children is a reflection of what "partnering"

with ABC is all about. It's about making a commitment to make ABC your "Spiritual Home" and living up to the responsibilities that go along with being part of the ABC family.

Is that something that you would like to commit yourself to?

We understand that involvement in the ABC family is not something that everyone wants to do, and we respect that. We believe that God has called ABC to a particular purpose and mission. The way in which we fulfil those purposes may not be something that suits everyone. However, if you feel that ABC and its "way of doing things" is something that you like and could see yourself being involved in, it is vital that you understand what that purpose is and what it means to every "partner" involved.

What is the purpose of ABC?

When ABC was established in 1995, the founders believe God gave them a mission to accomplish three key things through the church. This is what we now call ABC's "Mission Statement" or purpose for being.

~ Our Mission Statement ~

ABC exists to fulfil the following commands of Jesus Christ:

1. *To win those who are outside the kingdom for Jesus Christ (Mark 16 v 15)*
2. *To disciple those who attend ABC (Matt 28 v 19)*
3. *To be 'Salt & Light' within the community (Matt 5 v 13-16)*



CHANGING THE WAY WE LIVE



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What are the benefits of becoming a Partner?

We believe that fulfilling together the purposes that God has called us to at ABC is a way we can find true fulfilment in our own personal lives. God has a plan for each one of us to be loved, cared, supported, valued and developed. We believe that partnership with ABC is God's way of fulfilling that within the local church.

As a partner of ABC we will fulfil God's obligations upon us as a church to:

- Love, care and pray for you.
- Understand and support you.
- Develop you.
- Help you achieve your goals.

What's expected of a Partner?

Firstly, we expect partners of ABC to become part of our purpose. That means a commitment to "live out" those purposes in your life:

To win those outside the kingdom – We expect partners to make a commitment to share their faith with others.

To disciple those who attend ABC – We expect partners to make a commitment of personal development. That means attending church services regularly, and developing yourself through personal devotion, attending courses, bible classes and teaching ministry at ABC.

To be Salt & Light within the community – To live a life that reflects our Christian standards, and demonstrate that lifestyle to those around us through our actions, behaviour and speech.

Secondly, we believe that becoming an ABC Partner is a spiritual commitment that has the following responsibilities:

- That you seek God to lead you into the many practical and spiritual areas of involvement required within the church.
- That you demonstrate the "Fruits of the Holy Spirit" (Gal 5 v 22-23), and seek the "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor 14v1)
- That you practice the principal of giving (2 cor 9v6-8) and tithing (Mal 3v10) and encourage giving to be Tax Covenant linked if applicable.
- Give serious consideration to obeying the command to be baptised in water (Acts 2v38) and seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2v 4).

What are the requirements of Partnership?

To become a Partner you must:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be a Christian (Received Jesus Christ as your Saviour).
- Believe that God has led you to become part of the ABC family and be part of our purpose and mission.
- Have attended ABC regularly for at least 6 months.
- You agree with our church Statement of Faith (see opposite)
- You agree to submit to the authority of those in leadership at ABC.
- You agree to a commitment of personal development.

How do I become a Partner?

To become a partner we require you to:

- Fulfil the requirements above.
- Attend a two week "Partnership Class" that goes into more detail about the purpose of ABC, the benefits and commitments of Partnership.
- Complete a "Partnership Commitment Card"
- Attend a Sunday morning "Partners Welcome Service".



Have you seen the film "Brave Heart"? What a fantastic film! The film writers depiction of some Scottish history just goes to show what can be achieved when people pull together to achieve a common goal. Contrastly, the sad ending with the death of William Wallace at Smithfield illustrates what can happen when people decide to trade the goal of common purpose for one of selfish ambition.

The story of ABC so far is an exciting one. Likewise it's a story of people working together in one purpose towards a common objective. My prayer is that when you're ready, you can commit yourself wholeheartedly to our purpose. Like me, I believe you will find it one of the most exciting, fulfilling and enjoyable things you will ever do in your life.

Yours,

Eifion Watkins
Senior Pastor, ABC.

ABC Statement of Faith

1. We believe in the Bible (that is the Old and New Testaments) as the inspired Word of God, and the infallible and all-sufficient Rule for Faith and Conduct (2 Tim 3v16).
2. We believe in the Unity of the One True and Living God revealed in Three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost (Matt 28v19).
3. We believe in the Virgin Birth (Matt 1v20-23), Sinless Life (Heb 4v14-15), Miraculous Ministry (John 3v2), Substitutionary Atoning Death (Heb 2v19,17), Bodily Resurrection (Luke 24v1-7,39), Triumphant Ascension (Acts 1v9-11), and Abiding Intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom 8v34), and His Second Coming (1 Thes 4 v13-17)
4. We believe in the Fall of Man (Gen 3), the Necessity of Repentance and Regeneration (Acts 2v38), Justification and Sanctification of the Believer through the finished work of Jesus Christ alone (1 Cor 6v11).
5. We believe in the Baptism of Believers by Immersion in Water (Mark 16v16), and in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of Speaking with other tongues (Acts 2v4).
6. We believe in the Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit for the Edification, Exhortation and Comfort of the Church (1 Cor 12)
7. We believe in Church Government by Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers, Elders and Deacons (Eph 4v11, 1 Tim 3v1-13).
8. We believe in Holiness of Life and Conduct (1 Pet 1v15-16). Deliverance from Spiritual Affliction by Deliverance, and Deliverance from Sickness by Divine Healing, the Laying on of Hands (Mark 16v17-18), and Anointing with Oil (James 5v14)
9. We believe in the Breaking of Bread in Memory of our Lords Death and Second Coming (1 Cor 11v23-26).
10. We believe in the Everlasting Conscious Bliss of all Believers (John 3v16), and the Everlasting Conscious Punishment of all whose names are not written in the Lambs Book of Life (Rev 20v7-15).

Where do I go from here?

- If you have any further questions about becoming an ABC Partner, please ask one of the Leadership Team.
- If you would like to become an ABC Partner, please give your name to one of the Leadership Team for inclusion in the next *Partnership Class*