

Adamant Believers Council

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- Fellowship We, as a fellowship of believers, come together to worship God in song, study His Word, and unite with like-minded believers to build the Kingdom of God that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is king and ruler over. 1John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.
- **Temple** We are the temple of the Holy Ghost and Christ dwells in us all. We believe in keeping our temples clean spiritually and naturally. This enables us to enter into God's presence with confidence because the anointing of God's Spirit dwells within us. *1Cor. 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*
- **Church** We are also collectively the body of Christ. We are His bride and a remnant of believers called out of the world to unite with Him and set up His kingdom on earth. Our physical building is not sacred but is just a shell or comfortable setting in which we may fellowship. *Col. 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:*

- Salvation We believe that a person is saved when they believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ and apply it to their daily lives. The foundation of everyone that believes is solely based on the written Word of God and their desire to conform to it. Denying oneself, taking up one's cross, and following the Word of God is the true plan of salvation and ultimately saves us from eternal punishment. *Matt. 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*
- **Baptism** We believe that baptism is an act that symbolizes the regeneration by God's Spirit in the natural realm. The water symbolizes cleansing from demonic forces and submerging is symbolic of death to our man and regeneration into a new life. We do not baptize to be saved but rather we baptize because we are saved. Acts 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- Holy Spirit We believe that the Spirit of God dwells in a person that believes the Gospel. There is no salvation without the Spirit of God and this same Spirit communes with our human spirit to teach, lead, and guide us into the ways of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit produces the fruit that enables us to walk according to God's will and deny fleshly works. We also believe that there are supernatural manifestations of God's Spirit that work through us in the form of gifts, power, and authority. Signs and wonders manifest through the Spirit of God as well. 1Cor. 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.



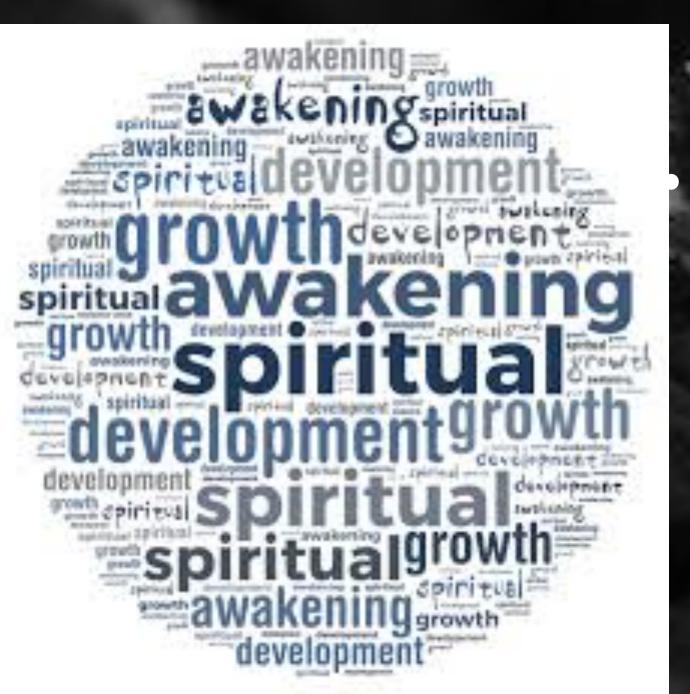


- Tongues We believe that the gift of tongues is an authentic language given as the Holy Spirit gives utterance. All unknown tongues in a public setting should be interpreted. Tongues in private prayer time has no need of public interpretation since it's for the edifying of the individual speaking to God. 1Cor. 14:27-28 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.
- **Healing** We believe the gift of healing is for everyone that believes. We believe that people can be supernaturally healed of physical, emotional, and mental ailments as God so ordains. Faith in God's power can bring healing to anyone. We also believe in balance, when it comes to caring for ourselves and not allowing our own decisions to give us various issues in our bodies. *Psa.* 103:2-3 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
- **Demons** We believe that demon spirits can oppress Christians and operate through their own fear and unbelief. The power of the Holy Ghost can cast demon spirits away from us. Deliverance is possible through living a clean life and allowing the Word of God to fill our hearts. *Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;*



- Membership We become members of the ABC by first becoming members of the body of Christ because we have decided that this is where we desire to learn and grow spiritually. We decide this based on our dominion in the earth to make decisions and by the leading of the Holy Ghost. 1Cor. 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.
- Physical Growth We grow in size based on God's addition only. We will continue to make decisions based on the leading of the Holy Spirit and not the wishes of men. Though we desire to be comfortable and have conveniences, we will not spend what we do not have and obligate ourselves above what we are able to comfortably maintain financially. Acts 2:47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.
- **Spiritual Growth** We will continue to grow in the Spirit as we search the scriptures for truth and revelation. We will not hold on to any tradition or religious obligation that conflicts or contradicts God's written Word. This is a process and we will go from glory to glory and grace to grace in the manner that God institutes. *Eph. 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

- Order The vision of our house has been given to our Pastor. Though he is a mortal man as we all are, becoming a member of ABC denotes that you are in full support of and desire to follow his leadership and vision. As Pastor, he is servant to God first and then God's people. Jer. 3:15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.
- **Time** We start our fellowship promptly. We do not start a minute later than the appointed time because we believe in being good stewards with the times that we set in order. Heb. 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:



- **Giving** ABC depends on the offerings that we give each week to function and provide a place of worship. Please be generous and give as you are led of God to give. If you are being fed and spiritually enlightened by the work of ABC, then it should be your desire to support this work with the finances that God has allowed you to receive. *2Cor. 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*
 - **Focus** Our initial focus of ABC is spiritual growth. We want to grow spiritually and focus on the group of believers that are present by equipping them for ministry in their homes first and then abroad. As God leads our Pastor, he will lead the people of ABC. And as the people of ABC are blessed, they will bless others. This is the focus of fellowship so we may come to the maturity in Christ and further His Kingdom work on the earth. Acts 28:30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.
- **Security** ABC has security for our premises and will enforce it when necessary. Please be advised that our pastor, security team, and many others are CHL certified and carry weapons at all times. We will not tolerate threats, physical altercations, or any behavior that endangers our pastor or any members of ABC. You will be forcibly ejected. Luke 22:36 Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.

- Organizational Status ABC will remain a church under law but will not apply for 501c3 status. You may file your giving under charitable giving if you desire and the government will issue you tax credit regardless of whether an organization in Texas is 501c3 or not. John 18:36 My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.
- **Home** The first obligation for all men and women is their homes. We are to function in our homes in the manner that God requires first. This is the first foundation created by God and should be the backbone of all Christian fellowships. *1Cor. 7:32 But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.*
- Attire We do not stipulate any specific attire while attending our fellowship services. We just ask that we all be respectful and adorn ourselves in a manner that is appropriate for a church gathering.
 1Cor. 8:9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.





- **Denomination** We are not a part of any denomination or tier group of leadership, but we are members of the body of Christ as a whole. We do believe in accountability but ours is relational and not autocratic. *1Pet. 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.*
- **Elders** The Elders of ABC assist in the conducting of business, overseeing ministry issues, and dealing with general problems in the church membership. They are elected by our Pastor. 1Tim. 5:1 Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren;
- **Deacons** Deacons are selected to facilitate and manage the general needs of the church. Deacons serve the needs of the church body. *1Tim. 3:13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

- Spiritual gifts These are managed in the body by our Pastor and utilized as needed. We keep order at ABC concerning spiritual gifting and do not allow outbursts or uncontrollable actions to manifest. We desire that all exercise restraint and temperance concerning supernatural activity. 1Cor. 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order.
- Positions All workers of ABC must be diligent and selfless. Any opportunity to serve this ministry must be approached cautiously, seeing that the work is unto God and not man. What we do for the church as servants should never be used as an opportunity to be seen by others or to rule over others. Eph. 4:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.





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