



Abiding Branch Christian Ministries, Inc.

Membership Handbook

Bishop Wallace M. Pierce, Founder and Leader

Statement of Faith

There is one true God who is of Sovereign Deity, The Creator of All mankind.

Genesis 1:1, Deuteronomy 6:4

The Church: *It is the Body and Bride of Christ, the home of God through the Spirit. Each believer born of God's Spirit must be obedient to the doctrine and teaching in the scriptures as it relates to the New Testament Church in order to be a part of the general assembly and Church of the First Born which is written in Heaven.*

Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22, John 4:24

Abiding Branch Christian Ministries is a bible believing Non-Denominational Church. This means that we have no affiliation or ties to any denomination or man-made organizations, rather, we adhere to the instructions found in the full council of God's Word (The Holy Bible) and believe that Christ is the head of the church. We are a registered non-profit 501c3 and have an advisory board for accountability over financial matters, but for all things spiritual, we are a Christ Centered Church – He is the Head, and we are His body. We further believe that the church was meant to collaborate and cooperate, working together under local leaders and taking direction from the teachings of Jesus.

The Scripture: *All scripture is given by inspiration, and is the revealed will of God, practical and profitable for everyday life. II Timothy 3:15-17*

The Salvation of Man: *The shed blood of Jesus Christ, grace through faith, believing in the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, and confessing that with the mouth, will result in man's salvation. Romans 3:24, 10:9-10*

Water Baptism: *Symbolizing that one has died with Jesus and has been raised to walk with Him in newness of life. Acts 10:47-48*

In-filling of the Holy Spirit: *With evidence of Fruits of the Spirit. Gal. 5:22-23*

Divine Healing: *The laying in of hands, anointing with oil which comes through faith in the atonement of Jesus Christ. Mark 16:17, Isaiah 53:3-5*

Operation of the Gifts of the Spirit: *1 Corinthians 12:4-10, Romans 12:5-8*

Holy Communion: *Which symbolizes the broken body and shed blood of Jesus Christ; 1 Cor 11:24, 25, 28.*

The tithe: 10% of your income and free will offering are given as monetary support for the local church, and that they are non-refundable. Proverbs 3:8, Malachi 3:10

Sharing Christ with others: Sharing through world evangelism and missionary work in accordance with the Great Commission. Matthew 28:19-20

Total Prosperity: Spiritual John 3:3, ii Cor 5:17, Mental: I Timothy 1:7, Romans 2:2: Physical: Isaiah 53:4-5; Financial ii John 1:2, Social: Proverbs 3:4

The Blessed Hope: Awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the Great God and Savior Jesus Christ. Titus 2:13

The Lake of Fire: The devil, the beast and false prophets will be cast into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. Revelation 19:10-20

The Millennial Reign of Jesus: And they shall reign with Christ one thousand years. Revelation 19:11-16, 20:1-7

Church Government and Administration

Christ is the Head of the Church. He has called and appointed a Pastor, a visionary to be the shepherd over this local assembly. Ephesians 4:10-11; I Corinthians 12:4. There can be only one visionary to whom any other offices, position and organizations are subject to. Your purpose in the Body of Christ is to service, "the ministry of helps", to the visionary as well as to others. As leaders of the church, and members of the Body of Christ, your level of accountability is both vertical and horizontal. First, vertically to Christ, because we serve a Lord, who first loved us and gave himself in exchange for our sins. Galatians 1:4, Ephesians 5:2. Secondly, horizontal, to those that we work with and to those who serve us. As the Word declares, "by love, serve one another". Galatians 5:13

Let all things be done decently and in order. I Corinthians 14:40

Governing Rules for Serving in the Ministry

1. *You must be born again as given in John 3:3-5; Romans 10:9-10*
2. *You must be faithful in prayer, attendance of services, and committed to winning souls for Jesus Christ. Hebrews 10:25, II Timothy 4:5*
3. *You must be a faithful and consistent tither to this ministry. Proverbs 3:9, Malachi 3:10*
4. *You must be willing to submit to church discipline as set by the Leadership of this ministry through the holy scriptures and God. I Peter 2:13-14, II Timothy 3:16-17.*

Appointment Criteria as set by the Governing Body

The Administrative staff will be placed by appointment following Pastoral evaluation of an individual's achievement in meeting the biblical and governing criteria and conditions set by this ministry.

Ministry and organizational leaders will be appointed based on their God given ability and the achievement to meet the biblical and governing criteria and conditions set by this ministry.

All members are expected to be present and on time for all teachings and applicable meetings.

Our Vision

Church Charter

A church known by its love for God and others

A church that is instrumental in the ushering in of the second coming of Christ.

Ministry and Outreach

World-wide Evangelism Ministry

National Television Ministry

International Radio Outreach Ministry

Tent Crusade Ministry

Local Jail and Prison Ministry

Married and Singles Ministry

Homeless Mission Ministry with Social Re-establishment and Rehab Counseling

Outreach Ministry to win souls for Christ

Cultural and Social Rehabilitation

Children's Ministry

Outreach to the fatherless

Diversified Arts Program for Children

Drama and Dance Teams

Church Growth and Development

An Edifice seating 500 or more

A cluster of Satellite Churches Domestic and International

The purchasing of Real Estate for Transitional Housing

Technical training, Vocational Networking and Counseling

Church Business and Finance

Benevolence Programs

A Goal set to Operate Totally Debt Free

Church Attendance

In order for this ministry to operate in the spirit of excellence, it is expected of those holding any office or position, to be in all services and meetings that pertain to you, unless working or ministering outside of this church. Punctuality is a must. It is also important that each member of Abiding Branch Christian Ministries attend church services, revivals and meetings regularly. Please attend with expectancy and an attitude to serve.

For the body is not one member, but many.... I Corinthians 12:14

Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Worship Services 10:30 a.m.

5th Sunday Morning Worship Services 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Noon Day Prayer 12:00 noon - onsite

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

Via teleconference call – 1-917-900-1022 access code # 3654220

Food Pantry Give-Away – Mondays and Fridays – 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Contact Person: Sister Laverne Phillips - 434-272-9128

**Revivals and additional Services shall be announced throughout the calendar year.*

Requirements and Responsibilities in the Ministry

Deacons - All who serve must first meet the biblical requirements as given in 1 Timothy 3:1 in order to fulfill the following:

Must be committed to being a Godly person.

Must be faithful in prayer and studying the Word of God.

Must have a loving spirit, attitude and life that reflects the genuine love of God.

Must be faithful in attendance, unless otherwise working or ministering outside the church.

Must be faithful in paying tithes, offerings, time, gifts and talents.

Must be fully supportive of the Pastoral Leadership ministry and vision in addition to serving in the church.

Must maintain a genuine love for the congregation and be willing to always have their best interest at heart.

Trustees – The members of this board are elected. The term of office can be indefinite. Officer must have a good relationship with God and have good standing with the congregation.

Must demonstrate some knowledge of property values and the distribution of monies.

Must be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the edifice and church grounds, and shall act in the interest of the corporation in the purchase, mortgaging, sale or other acquiring or disposing said property.

Must maintain a level of observation of the church and its mechanical functioning to assure property is well kept and necessary repairs are completed in a timely manner.

Must be faithful in paying tithes, offerings, time, gifts and talents.

Ministers/Evangelists - All who serve in this capacity must first meet the biblical requirements as given in Titus 1:5-14 in order to fulfill the following:

Must live a consecrated life at all time- prayer, worship and bible saturated.

While in service anywhere, you are always to be prayerful, with your mind on God for and with whoever is being used of God to minister.

Always watchful in the Spirit at all times.

Be willing to assist leaders of the local assembly in any way possible.

As a Minister or Evangelist, you are expected to be the example of what is asked of the corporate body: if asked for prayer, then pray; if worship then worship.

As Ministers or Evangelists, you are called by God. This is not an ordinary privilege; therefore, you should consider this calling an honor and behave as such.

As Ministers or Evangelists, you should always endeavor to have the Spirit of unity and peace with all believers especially those in your church family.

Must be faithful in paying tithes, offerings, gifts, time and talents.



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Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in branches; He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me, ye can do nothing. John 15:4-5

Abiding Branch Christian Ministries was founded and established in March of 2008, under the leadership of Pastor Wallace M. Pierce. After several years of worshipping at Seventh Day Adventist Church and 1215 Crawford Road, Halifax, it was God who blessed us to purchase our current edifice, located at 65 Main Street, Halifax, Virginia.

On May 16, 2021, Abiding Branch celebrated its 13th Church and Pastor's Anniversary. During that same service, we were grateful to be able to dedicate our new church back to God, while our Founder and Leader was elevated to the Office of Bishop by Apostle C.D. Whitaker of Deeper Revelation International Ministries, Inc.

Added blessings to our church family include implementing the following ministries:

Ministerial Staff Ministry, Deacon's Ministry, Trustee's Ministry, Church Administration, Sunday School, Children's Church, Weekly Bible Study via Teleconference/Face Time, Ushers Ministry, Youth Ministry, Young Adults Ministry, Missionary Ministry, Outreach Ministry, Praise Team, Media Ministry, Senior Nutrition Ministry, Finance Ministry, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Food Pantry, Birthday Celebrations, Pastors Aid Ministry, Grounds Ministry, Branch Ensemble, Hospitality Ministry, Greeters Ministry, Intercessory Prayer Ministry and Telephone Ministry.

As we continue to move forward in the Spirit of Excellence, we anticipate a move of God with added ministries that meet the needs of a dying world as well as the people of God.

