

Discovery 101: Member Orientation

Avalon Baptist Church

Session 3: Why are we Avalon?

Point 1: We are a _____ with a vision for one another...

Deeper than Baptist Distinctives, what brings Avalon's members together is _____ not _____. The way we pursue relationships helps us forge a Gospel culture that keeps ministry here accountable to where God is leading us.

Our Church Mottos hold us to the way we are called to serve:

Motto #1: _____ (2 Timothy 2:2)

2You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.

- 2 Timothy 2:2

- Our Family is driven by strong, small-context relationships centered on God's Word. We call this _____.
- We believe true, core Christian Growth occurs when people realize they have the authority and power to lead others in Discipleship

Motto #2: Get into _____, and God's Word will Get into _____

8Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

- Joshua 1:8

- Our Family is always based on God's Word and encouraging members to actively engage with _____
- Any ministry or activity at Avalon should be able to support its existence and intent with Scripture

Motto #3: We Love People _____, but We Love Them Too Much to _____

9Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. 10Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

- Romans 12:9-10

- Our Family is broken; we need _____, and we need _____
- We will never turn away or disregard people because of their lifestyle choices or failings, but
- We will never compromise the Word of God to allow those in our scope of ministry to live in sin

Motto #4: We Measure by _____, Not by _____

11Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

16He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

- Ephesians 4:11-12, 16

- Our Family celebrates when God's calling is fulfilled in the life of a brother/sister
- We gauge the success of our ministry on the volume of people who are transformed from _____ of ministry to _____ of ministry
- We do not hold tight to our members when we know they are called to an opportunity for service elsewhere

Point 2: We are a _____ with a Guided Process

Four Areas of Church Ministry

- Community Building - ____%
 - o Discovery Groups
 - o Fellowships
 - Soul Sisters

- Abide Youth
 - RAs & Gas
 - Jubilees
- Ministries
 - Internal
 - Deacons
 - Admin Teams
 - Send a Smile
 - Local Outreach
 - One Love
 - Such A Time
 - Servants' Hands
 - World-Wide Projects
 - OCC
 - Mission Trips
- Core Christian Growth – ___%
 - D-Groups
 - Mentorships
- Corporate Worship – ___%
 - Praise Teams
 - Engage Praise Band
 - Ignite Youth Band
 - Kingdom Boys
 - Puppets
 - Little Psalms
 - Regular Gatherings
 - Engage - Sunday
 - Prayer Services
 - Children's Worship
 - Abide Youth Nights
 - Prayer
- Education – ___%
 - Lamp-Light
 - Scripture Training
 - Level-Up
 - Member/Leader Training
 - Saint-Life
 - Biblical Life Training

- Sending
 - Missions Training

Our Current Church Engagement Score = ___%

Point 3: We are an _____ with Connections and Purpose...

Truly, we are an “_____” – a functional team of believers, organized to do ministry. But God has given our Church a unique position in our community as an organization. Maybe that’s not biblically ideal, but it does give us special opportunity to support our ministry and be a pillar of our community.

Our Affiliations are listed below in Figure 3.1

“Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

- *Philippians 2:1-5*

We work with the worldwide Church to obey this command and be a functional part of the wider body.

“But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. “Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God’s people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God’s mercy.” Dear friends, I warn you as “temporary residents and foreigners” to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.”

- *1 Peter 2:9-12 NLT*

We like to work with non-believers in the community to show them that true community service is best paired with a vision for community revival.

Baptist Affiliations	Indep. Mission Affiliations	Secular Affiliations
<p>Santa Rosa Baptist Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local Network of Baptist Churches – equips local outposts for ministry and connects ministers to accountability and mentorship <p>Florida Baptist Convention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statewide Network of Baptist Churches – offers resources and training for ministers and laymen and establishes a vision for wide-range church progress <p>Southern Baptist Convention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional Network of Baptist Churches – maintains Southern Baptist belief and vision and equips churches for missional growth and outreach development <p>NAMB – North American Mission Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - equips US churches with tools for local missions and church-planting <p>IMB – International Mission Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the international mission arm of the Southern Baptist Church, also heavily focused on Church Plants 	<p>One Heart Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A collection of churches and businesses in Santa Rosa County that work to encourage and serve our community <p>Central Ministerial Fellowship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local Cross-denominational Christian leaders in church or community offices working as one to pool human resources and keep the Church moving as a life-force in our community <p>AMG – Advancing the Ministry of the Gospel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Richard and Krista Hetzel, missionaries in Perú are supported through AMG to help with story-based Bible literacy mission work in the Amazon Jungle. We support them financially and through prayer <p>New Day Network (Montana)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Church Planting Ministry in Montana that has hosted mission trips for us. We support them in prayer and hope to soon join them on mission again. 	<p>The Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local group of organizations for community networking. We support financially as a member of the chamber and use their many resources to support our ministry.

Figure 3.1 – Avalon Baptist Affiliations