

# Tabernacle Baptist Church

## Leaders and Volunteers Agreement



Tabernacle Baptist Church is a welcoming family from a variety of backgrounds joined by a desire to know and share God's love<sup>1</sup>.

*Our vision, mission and values are core to the life and work of our church.*

### **Vision Statement**

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We want to see TAB as a hub of hope in Christ where lives are healed and restored by the transforming power of the gospel of Christ.

### **Mission Statement**

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We Glorify God by

- Providing a vibrant welcoming place of worship where people meet with God
- Discipling, equipping, enabling and energizing the people of God for acts of service
- Reaching out to all peoples with Jesus' transforming message of love, hope, forgiveness and grace

We believe God has called us as a community of God's people to be salt and light permeating into our families, communities and the world with the love and grace of Jesus. We want to see TAB as a place where people can come and meet with the living God, finding hope, being touched by His love and grace. A place where people are resourced to go and live out their life before God and men. A place where they experience the power of prayer, for we believe that nothing is impossible with God. This is what we want to see happen through and as a result of our activities and ministries.

**Therefore, our statement for Leaders** - For those who take up a leadership position within one of our ministries or activities we ask that you come with and/or agree to the following:

- Have a living relationship with Jesus Christ, testifying to His love, grace and power in your own life, modelling Christian disciplines.
- Have a passion to see others come to faith and grow in their knowledge of who God is and be able to express God's love to others
- Agree to our Vision and Mission – upholding their values as you serve with us.
- Be willing to serve selflessly all those who come to us, using your gifts and abilities to advance the purpose of Christ's body with Jesus' transforming message of love, hope and grace.
- Be an active member of this church or another church fellowship that shares the same beliefs and values as we do.
- Be accountable to TAB Leadership for any activity or ministry undertaken at TAB.

**Our statement for Volunteers** - For those who want to join one of our ministries and activities as a Volunteer we ask that you come with and/or agree to the following:

- Be an active member of this church or another church fellowship that shares the same beliefs and values we do. OR If you have not yet found faith in Christ, we warmly welcome you and are committed to walking alongside you in your journey of inquiry and discovery.
- Work to protect and support the church's core vision and mission.
- Be accountable to your Activity Team Leader and Line Manager
- Not promote the beliefs of any church or organisation that does not align itself to the statement of beliefs underpinned by our statement of faith at TAB
- Abide by TAB's Social Media Guidelines and agree to seek approval for posts about any TAB related activities on social media - promoting the work, but not bringing the name of TAB into disrepute.
- Recognise that as a Volunteer in TAB, you are representing this church and therefore agree to conduct yourself in a manner which does not bring shame or disrespect to the Church.

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<sup>1</sup> Our declaration of principles is built on The Baptist Union of Principles and is based on the Evangelical Alliance Statement of Faith.

**TAB's commitment to you as we work together:**

- to give you pastoral support, seeking to care for you as a person
- to support you in your role through regular contact and accountability
- to provide relevant training for you to fulfil your role to the best of your ability
- to engage in prayer for you and the ministry/activity that you are serving in

**Our Statement of Faith**

1. The one true God who lives eternally in three persons - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.
3. The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God-fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.
4. The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement.
5. The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ - born of the virgin Mary; truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.
6. The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.
7. The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.
8. The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.
9. The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.
10. The Church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers - given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.
11. The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.

Signed by:

TAB Leadership \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Leader  Volunteer  \_\_\_\_\_  
(please tick)

Date \_\_\_\_\_