

## **ABF Teacher Application**

We're excited that you're interested in teaching an ABF! For 30 years people have helped by leading others in ABF groups here at The Chapel. Community is a powerful tool that helps God's people, and teachers are crucial to this endeavor. Thanks for your interest and desire to serve in this way!

In this application you will need to:

1. Fill out the Teacher Application section
2. Fill out the Biblical Knowledge section
4. On the front of one sheet of paper, give two sample lessons that you have taught in the past, or would teach in your group in the future.
5. Sign The Chapel's Covenant of Ministry
6. Review ABF Teacher description
7. Review ABF Start-up Checklist

**Once you are finished, please return to:**

**Jeff Martell  
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# **ABF TEACHER APPLICATION**

*"If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task." 1Ti 3:1*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

What chapel community group are you in presently?

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Are you a chapel member? \_\_\_\_\_

Please write your brief testimony below in 100 words or less.

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What electives have you taken at the chapel?

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Any seminary or Bible related classes?

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How supportive is your family and/or spouse of you taking a leadership role?

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How long have you attended The Chapel? \_\_\_\_\_

How else have you served at The Chapel?

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Why are you interested in taking this next step in teaching?

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Please give two references:

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## **BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE**

*Please write answers in space provided.*

How does one become a follower of Christ?

Explain your theology of:

Scripture

God

Jesus Christ

Holy Spirit

Man

Sin

Salvation

Gifts of Spirit

Explain the importance of each of The Chapel's action values of Worship, Community & Mission

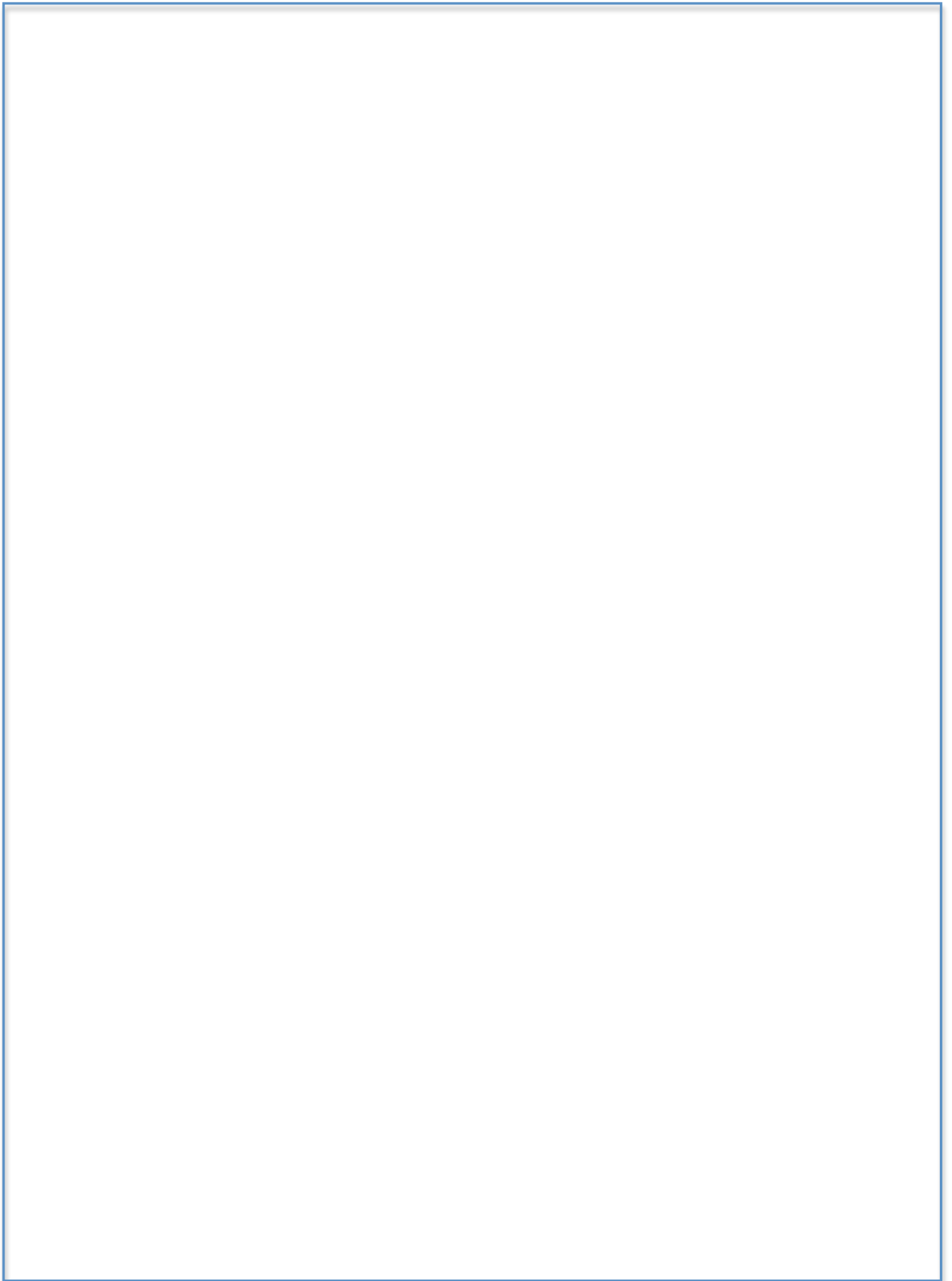
Please read through The Chapel's Doctrinal Statement. Are there any areas of disagreement?

Please read through The Covenant of Ministry and sign if agree.

Finally, put together a basic outline of two lessons that could be taught in an abf, habf or small group. Include bible text and questions. These can be brief to fit on a single sheet of paper. The next sheet has been left blank for you to use.

Assemble all of these documents:

- ❑ **Leader Application**
- ❑ **Biblical Knowledge**
- ❑ **Covenant of Ministry**
- ❑ **2 lessons**





## COVENANT OF MINISTRY

**—To be signed annually by Support Staff and  
volunteers of The Chapel who serve in an on-going capacity—**

Having received the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior, I commit myself as a volunteer in the ministry of The Chapel. In light of this, I commit myself to the following attitudes and practices:

1. I will seek to develop my own personal relationship with Christ so that, as I grow in maturity, I may be able to help others spiritually through the example of my life.
2. I will treat other members and volunteers as brothers and sisters in Christ, fellowshiping with them in Christian love.
3. I will pursue the peace and unity of the body, refusing to involve myself in gossip and criticism or divisive teaching on doctrinal or practical issues.
4. I will support the church by giving regularly of my time, spiritual gifts, and finances. I will honor the teamwork and leadership direction of the church.
5. I will pray for the ministries of The Chapel on a regular basis.
6. I will be supportive of the doctrinal statement of The Chapel being careful not to be divisive about any area of disagreement. I will not teach or model in a contradictory way related to issues of the Holy Spirit and the spiritual gifts called “signs of the apostles.”
7. I understand that The Chapel has an established policy governing church discipline and I agree to read and follow this policy. (This is available in The Chapel Library or church office.)
8. I understand and fully agree with the following foundational beliefs of The Chapel:
  - a. The Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God, the final authority for all faith, practice, and discipline at The Chapel.
  - b. There is one God: eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
  - c. Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, and was bodily resurrected. He is now interceding for all believers at the right hand of God and will someday return in power and glory.
  - d. Salvation is by faith alone in the substitutionary, atoning death of Christ on the cross. This salvation comes through the regeneration of the Holy Spirit by whom all believers are indwelt.
9. I understand that as a believer who desires to please God my choices affect me, the church, and others. Therefore, in relation to making choices that are not clearly directed by scripture, my choices will be guided by the following principles:
  - done in faith (Romans 14:22, 23)
  - with clear conscience (Acts 24:16)
  - for the glory of God (1 Cor. 10:31)
  - to build, not offend others (Romans (14:21)
10. I will support and regularly participate in The Chapel’s weekly worship services.

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Area of Ministry \_\_\_\_\_

August, 2003

## **ABF Teacher Description**

### **I. GOALS:**

To lead the ABF in learning through dynamic Bible teaching and to set the overall mood and direction of the ABF for biblical instruction.

### **II. REQUIREMENTS:**

- A. Be an active, growing Christian
- B. Be a member of The Chapel
- C. Be active in the ABF Community.
- D. Sign the Covenant of Ministry.
- E. Willing to fulfill the ministry description.
- F. Regular Worship attendance.

### **III. APPOINTMENT:**

By pastoral staff.

### **IV. RESPONSIBLE TO:**

The ABF's Pastor and the Pastor of Community.

### **V. ABF TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- A. Together with the ABF Teacher set the vision for the ABF.
- B. The teacher leads by example as well as by instruction. Therefore, the teacher must demonstrate evidences of the fruit of the Spirit as outlined in Galatians 5:22-23.
- C. The teacher must be doctrinally sound. He should be in complete agreement with the articles of faith of The Chapel. No teacher should privately or publicly teach anything contrary to the doctrinal position of The Chapel.
- D. The teacher should be a regular attendee in the public worship services of the church.
- E. The teacher should be punctual in arriving at ABF gatherings.
- F. The teacher should be loyal to church leadership and to the church goals.
- G. The teacher should attend Community Forums. Attendance at these meetings is a part of his or her (removed necessary)teaching preparation.
- H. In the event that the teacher cannot teach on the upcoming Sunday, and an assistant teacher is unavailable, a substitute teacher will be provided if a call is made to the ABF office by Wednesday of that week.
- I. Train an assistant/apprentice teacher.
- J. Communicate with the ABF Pastor regarding vision, strategy, pastoral needs and any anticipated changes in ABF leadership.

## **ABF Startup Check List**

The building blocks of any community are Learning, Care & Outward Focus. To get your ABF Community started you'll need:

- 1.** The five bolded, underlined positions filled,
- 2.** To pull the team together for prayer and team building,
- 3.** Then talk to Jeff Martell about a launch date,
- 4.** Find a generic, neutral name approved by Jeff Martell.

### ❑ Equipping

- **Teaching Team**\* in place
  - Lessons outlined for first 3 months
  - Teachers slotted for first 3 months

### ❑ Care

- **Class Leader**\*
  - Sets upbeat pace for the class during announcements and prayer
  - Helps coordinate all the various people with specific tasks
- **Connecting Partner**\*
  - Greeters for each door @ the ABF
  - Plan to get 7 touches by second meeting
    - ❑ Introductions
    - ❑ Gets names and addresses of guests
    - ❑ Follow-up calls or letters
- **Care Group Leaders**\* in place
  - At least two who can lead separate Care Groups
- Food Coordinator
  - Have first couple months of treats set up before starting
- Name Tag Coordinator
  - Hand written @ first.
  - Permanent ones after first three months
- Prayer Coordinator
  - Encourages prayer life in the class
  - Keeps a list of things prayed for and answers
  - Leads prayer (or give it to class leader) @ class

### ❑ Outward

- Evangelism Voice
  - Keeps evangelism on the minds of the class
- Missions Voice
  - Stays in contact with class missionary
  - Keeps missions on the minds of the class
- **Service Coordinator**
  - Organizes service projects in the church & outside the church.

\* These jobs italicized are key positions that need to be filled before an ABF starts.