

HOME ABF LEADER APPLICATION

We're excited that you're interested in leading a Home ABF!
Community is a powerful tool that helps God's people.
Leaders are crucial to this endeavor.

Thanks for your interest and desire to serve in this way!

In this application you will need to:

1. Review the Home ABF Principles
2. Fill out the Leader Application section
3. 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

Once you are finished, please return to:

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HOME ABF PRINCIPLES

Home Adult Bible Fellowships are a great way to build community at The Chapel. In fact, community is one of three action values: Worship, Community and Mission. We are grateful you are considering the thrill of discipling others in this way. Home ABFs are similar in many ways to our traditional ABFs. The main difference is that they are located off-campus. The following principles will guide these community groups.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR LEADERS:

1. Chapel Membership.
2. Embrace Chapel ministry philosophy: Grace, Worship, Community, Mission, and Integrity.
3. Signed Covenant of Ministry on file annually.
4. Interview with Chapel pastors.

SKILL SET:

1. Warm relationally.
2. Able to teach.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

1. Mentoring Discipleship

- a. We believe that true discipleship occurs “life- on- life” according to 2Tim 2:2. Each Home ABF leader will invest in one other person or couple that will aspire to lead others.

2. Reproducing Groups

- a. From these mentoring relationships, Home ABFs will be able to form new groups in the third year. In the first year, the facilitator will identify one or two with leadership potential and begin meeting with them one-on-one. Second year training will include practice-facilitating with the leader. At the beginning of the third year, these new leaders will begin to lead their own group.

3. Three Components of Biblical Community

- a. Equip - Biblical Equipping- This piece element of community focuses on teaching biblical truth with application as the goal. Book studies are not our focus. They can augment a short series. The Bible should be our curriculum.
- b. Care - Unconditional Care – Community is built on the “one anothers” from throughout the New Testament. Love one another. Serve one another. Carry one another’s burdens.
- c. Outreach ward Focused – Holistic Outreach- We are called to serve and to use our gifts inside and outside the walls of the church. Our eyes should look to those outside the walls of the church and help them connect to Christ.

4. Evangelism

- a. Closely tied to our outward focus is our heart for those disinterested in the gospel. Home ABFs may be places where outsiders can come and seek. Lessons will still be geared toward the believer, accessible for those unacquainted to the faith.

SPECIFIC DETAILS:

1. Populating

- a. Home ABFs will be open to others joining the group, as opposed to a closed group that does not allow new guests.
- b. Hosts and leaders will be encouraged to invite friends and acquaintances that live near them. This is the best way to build your group.
- c. We will also send others their way when a potential attendee contacts us.
- d. We do ask that hosts and leaders focus on inviting people who aren't in a Campus ABF.

2. When to Meet

- a. Generally these groups will meet every other week.
- b. Each Home ABF is free to choose any day of the week that works best for their attendees.

3. September through May Recommended

- a. The group could choose to meet during the summer. However, September through May will help keep attendance regular and allow time to regroup for the following year.

4. Size 6-20

- a. Groups are encouraged to stay within those numbers. Home space will limit group size. You will probably have more folks on your roster than will attend.

5. Attendance

- a. Home ABFs should report attendance on a monthly basis to the HABF ministry assistant.
- b. A roster should be kept and updated twice a year, December 15 and May 15. (More details available upon request)

6. Meeting Format

- a. The suggested format will be: 10 minutes mingling, 45 minutes discussion (DVD resource), 10 minutes of prayer, 30 minutes coffee and fellowship, for a total of about 1½ hours.

7. Curriculum

- a. Home ABFs can be video driven. A 15- to 20-minute video lesson from a Chapel pastor is an option. Leaders will be provided with study guides for group members as well as a leader's guide.
- b. The first year of curriculum will be supplied, and we ask that leaders cover this material from the DVD curriculum. You may use the DVD or simply use the teacher guide without the DVD.
- c. After the first year, leaders have the option of using their own study material. All curriculum choices must be approved by the Pastor of Community.
- d. Either way, the focus will be on the Bible, not other current books.

8. Membership

- a. We ask that each leader have completed membership classes or be willing to go through membership classes in the next six months.

9. Kids

- a. We encourage parents to get a babysitter when the Home ABF meets. A few sitters can watch the children at another house while the adults enjoy uninterrupted time together. It does cost to pay for a baby sitter, however it allows mom & dad to strengthen themselves. Be creative how your group resolves it.

TRAINING & COACHING

We want to give you everything you need to be successful in leading your HABF. We ask that you participate in the following events because you will benefit from learning and what you're learning will help other leaders.

1. Two Community Forums. This is our training event to kick off the year and celebrate the end of the year. You'll get renewed vision, great insights into leading and meet other leaders.
2. Huddles. These are informal breakfasts where 5-10 HABF leaders gather to help each other think about a particular topic. We usually have 2 to 3 of these a year which are led by your pastoral coach.
3. Teacher Training. We have three parts to these training sessions.
Part I & II- we ask that every teacher take at least once. You can also invite your apprentices.
Part III occurs every year and a half. It transforms our teaching with new advanced skills.
4. One on One. Your pastoral coach will sit down with you at least once a year to help assist your leadership.
5. Triads. Once a month we ask that you connect with two other HABF leaders. Share prayer requests for their group and for the leaders.

Please initial here that you have read **“Training and Coaching:”** _____

HABF LEADER APPLICATION

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

Name: _____
First Middle Initial Last

Address: _____
Street City Zip

Home Phone: _____ Home E-mail: _____

Work Phone: _____ Work E-mail: _____

Cell: _____

What chapel community group are you in presently?

Are you a chapel member? _____

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

What electives have you taken at the chapel?

Any seminary or Bible related classes?

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

How long have you attended The Chapel?

How else have you served at The Chapel?

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

Please give two references:

1.)

2.)

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

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? _____

COVENANT OF MINISTRY

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

—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.

Signature: _____ Area of Ministry: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

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.
