

Southside Baptist Church

in Decatur, AL



Ministry Mobilizer

"to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ"
Ephesians 4:12 (ESV)

CHURCH OPERATING DOCUMENTS

Time-Limited, Task-Specific; Membership Evaluated

2021-07



About

Church Operating Documents

This is a time-limited and task-specific ministry opportunity to assist in the development of new operating documents needed for Southside Baptist Church.

"Building Up The Body of Christ"

This ministry works with the Pastor to pray, research, advise, write and propose new operating documents that may include:

- A Membership Covenant
- A Statement of Beliefs
- A Purpose & Mission Statement
- Articles of Incorporation
- Bylaws
- Policies & Procedures
- Job Descriptions
- An Organizational Chart

Examples and guides of operating documents will be consulted, but the primary source informing this work will be the Bible. Thus, this is a Bible study!

Members will learn and understand how biblical doctrine shapes the practice of church administration and governance and contributes to the body's operational unity.

Is God giving you the interest to serve the church in this way?



Timeframe

This ministry work will take about 1-2 years. It will end when the church affirms and implements the new operating documents set out to be created.



Membership

This ministry is open to all active members who are interested, gifted, and/or able to contribute to the unique needs of this assignment. A variety of gifts are needed and welcome!

Members serving this ministry will work under direct pastoral leadership, authority and oversight, and will be affirmed by the congregation for this work. Each member must self-evaluate for service through prayer and affirming the working Membership Covenant.

Goals for Operating Documents



- Subordinate to God's Word in all respects.
- Reflective of God's design for His Church.
- Understandable and simple to follow.
- Pastorally informed.
- Meet current legal requirements and form.
- Appropriate amount of detail.
- Appropriate difficulty for change.
- Proper relationships and function.
- Acceptable to active and future membership.



Is God moving you to ministry?

1. First, **PRAY!** Ask the Father if He has gifted you to build up the body of Christ through this ministry.
2. Read through this Ministry Mobilizer and understand the ministry need.
3. Self-evaluate by affirming the enclosed Membership Covenant.
4. Return the enclosed Membership Covenant and Ministry Interest Guide to Pastor Christopher.



Questions?
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