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***What is Anchor Baptist Church?***  
**The Identity and Purpose of Our Church, Part 1**  
**Selected Scriptures**

Why are you here?

What (who) are we?

...name, mission, strategy, foundation, priorities, and vision

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Our **NAME** |

**Church**

- The church was promised, is owned, and built by Jesus (Mat. 16:18)
- The church was planned by the Father and purchased by the Son's blood (Acts 20:28)
- The church is the Body of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 12:13)
- The church is one new person, comprised of all who are in Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:14-21)
- The church is central to God's plan, right now (Eph. 3:10-11)

**Baptist**

- Biblical Authority
- Believer Baptism
- Pure Church Membership
- Individual Christian Responsibility
- Congregational Government
- Separation of Church and State

(Adapted from *Baptist Distinctives and New Testament Church Order* by Kevin Bauder)

**Anchor**

- Jesus Christ is the anchor of our souls (Heb. 6:19)
- We want to be anchored to Him, His word, and each other (Eph. 4:14-16)
- We want to call and help others to do the same

Our **MISSION** |

To **Glorify God** (Eph. 3:21)

By **Making** and **Maturing** disciples of Jesus Christ (Mat. 28:19-20)

Our **STRATEGY** |

Through **Evangelizing** unbelievers (2 Cor. 5:20-21), and **Edifying** believers (1 Cor. 14:26)

By **Gathering** as believers (Heb. 10:24-25), and **Going** to unbelievers (Phil. 2:14-16)

Our **PILLARS** |

Centering on the **Bible** (1 Tim. 3:14-15)

Focusing on Jesus and His **Gospel** (1 Cor. 15:1-4)

Encouraging **Spiritual Change** by the Spirit (2 Cor. 3:18)

Devoting Ourselves to **One Another** (Heb. 3:13)

Our **COMMITMENTS** |

**Biblical Preaching** (2 Tim. 4:1-2)

**Sound Doctrine** (Tit. 2:1)

**Every Member Ministry** (Eph. 4:11-12)

**Simple Worship** (1 Cor. 14:40)

**Diligent Prayer** (Col. 4:2)

**Inter Demographic Relationships** (Gal. 3:28)

**Genuine Welcoming** (Rom. 15:7)

**Stirring Up Love and Good Works** (Heb. 10:24)

**Being Others Oriented** (Phil. 2:3-4)

**Being for Church and Churches** (Rom. 16:16)

Our **VISION** |

A **United** Body (Eph. 4:13)

A **Growing** Body (Eph. 4:15)

A **Multiplied** Body (2 Tim. 2:2)

A **Diverse** Body (1 Cor. 12:18-20)