

# Student Manual Series U-100



# HARBOR U



THE HARBOR  
CHURCH

# Harbor University: U-100 Series

## Session U-100

### Introduction

We're very happy that you've chosen to find out more about The Harbor Church!

This Harbor U series is an essential introduction to our church family. Since we have people from many different church backgrounds, this course is designed to explain clearly **who we are, where we're going, and what we're all about.**

### Who is The Harbor Church?

Let's start by taking a look at our logo. You'll see it everywhere - on our Facebook page, on our webpage, on posters, banners, letterhead - eventually - even on t-shirts and bumper stickers.

### Our Anchor Logo

The anchor represents three things about The Harbor Church:

#1: We are \_\_\_\_\_

#2: We are \_\_\_\_\_

#3: We are a \_\_\_\_\_



### OUR VISION:

**The Harbor Church exists to help people love fully and live authentically with God and others.**

**OUR VISION BASIS**

Psalm 107:30

*"They rejoiced when the waves grew quiet. Then He guided them to the harbor they longed for." (HCSB)*

**We \_\_\_\_\_ because of Jesus Christ!**

*"They rejoiced . . ."*

At The Harbor, we rejoice in our salvation we have because of Jesus - and in our calling to be His hands reaching out and touching others.

**We \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus Christ!**

*". . . when the waves grew quiet."*

We overcome all hurts, mistakes, and sins with the power we have through Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

**We \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ!**

*"Then He guided them . . ."*

Here at The Harbor, we're wise enough to follow the greatest leader the world has ever seen - Jesus Christ.

**We \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ!**

*". . . to the harbor they longed for."*

We become harbors (a place of safety) for others as we allow our relationship with Jesus to change us to be more like Him - while we travel to our ultimate harbor in heaven with Him.

**OUR MISSION:** To develop transparent and authentic followers of Christ who become safe biblical harbors by teaching others how to love fully and live authentically.

**WHAT MAKES THE HARBOR CHURCH A FAMILY?**

Four things bind us to each other:

- **Our \_\_\_\_\_**
- **Our \_\_\_\_\_**
- **Our \_\_\_\_\_**
- **Our \_\_\_\_\_**

# Our Salvation

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### Why am I Here?

Read the statement below and then write your name in the spaces.

God made \_\_\_\_\_ to love \_\_\_\_\_!

*"[God says], 'I have loved you with an everlasting love...'"* Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV)

*"...God... richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."* 1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)

### Benefits

When we know and love God, living in harmony with His purpose for our lives produces tremendous benefits for us.

(Jesus said of himself: ) *"My purpose is to give life in all its fullness."* John 10:10 (NLT)

#### **Clear Conscience**

Romans 8:1

#### **Life and Peace**

Romans 8:6

#### **Help with Weakness**

Romans 8:26

#### **Purpose**

Romans 8:28

#### **Confidence**

Romans 8:31

#### **Security**

Romans 8:39

#### **Power and Strength**

Philippians 4:13

#### **Fulfillment**

Philippians 4:19

#### **Freedom**

John 8:32, 36

### What's the Problem?

We all want to be the \_\_\_\_\_ and ignore all of God's principles for living.

The problem with this kind of thinking is that God calls it: \_\_\_\_\_.

**"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, and each of us has turned to his own way."**  
Isaiah 53:6 (NIV)

*"If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth."*  
1 John 1:8 (NLT)

Sin breaks our \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

*"It's your sins that have cut you off from God."* Isaiah 59:2 (NLT)

*"...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* Romans 3:23 (NASB)

When our relationship with God isn't right, it causes \_\_\_\_\_ in every area of our lives.

*"There is a way that SEEMS right to a man, but in the end - it leads to death."*  
Proverbs 16:25 (NIV)

## **What's the Solution?**

Jesus Christ said, *"I AM THE WAY, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except THROUGH ME!"* John 14:6 (NIV)

God Himself came to earth as a \_\_\_\_\_ to bring us back into relationship with Him.

*"God is on one side, and all people are on the other side, and Christ Jesus is between them to bring them together, by giving His life for all mankind."* 1 Timothy 2:5 (LB)

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the gap of sin by dying on the cross and coming back from the dead.

*"The wages of sin is death, **but** the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord."* Romans 6:23 (NIV)

*"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* Romans 5:8 (NKJV)

## **What Do I Need to Do?**

### **First:**

\_\_\_\_\_ that you have a problem and God hasn't been first in your life. Ask Him to forgive your sins.

*"If we **confess** our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from every wrong."* 1 John 1:9 (LB)

### **Secondly:**

\_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus died to pay for your sins, that He rose again, and that He is alive today.

**Lastly:**

\_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is Lord of your life.

*"If you **confess with your mouth**, 'Jesus is your Lord,' and **believe in your heart** that God raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved.**"*

Romans 10:9 (NIV)

*"**Whoever has the Son has life**; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things...so that you may know **you have eternal life.**"*

1 John 5:12-13 (NIV)

Remember these words in Romans 10:13, "**Everyone** who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (NIV)

# Baptism

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### Baptism

#### Why Should I be Baptized?

- To follow the example set by \_\_\_\_\_.

*"At that time Jesus came from Nazareth **and was baptized** by John in the river."*

Mark 1:9 (NIV)

- Because Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ it.

*(Jesus) "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age..."*

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

#### What's the Meaning of Baptism?

It illustrates Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Christ died for our sins...He was buried...and He was raised on the third day..."*

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NIV)

*"For when you were **baptized**, you were **buried** with Christ, and in baptism, you were also **raised** with Christ." Colossians 2:12 (GN)*

It illustrates my \_\_\_\_\_ as a Christian.

*"We were therefore buried with Him **through baptism** into death so that, **just as Christ was raised** from the dead through the glory of the Father, **we too may live a new life.**"*

Romans 6:4 (NIV)

#### Why Baptize by Immersion?

- Because \_\_\_\_\_ was baptized that way.

*"As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water."*

Matthew 3:16 (NIV)

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- Because every \_\_\_\_\_ we see in the Bible was by immersion.

*"...[T]hen both Philip and the man went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water..." Acts 8:38-39 (LB)*

- Because the word "baptize" comes from the Greek word "\_\_\_\_\_" that means "to dip under or immerse in water."
- Because it best \_\_\_\_\_ a burial and resurrection.

The founders of various denominations agree:

Martin Luther said: "I would have those who are to be baptized to be entirely immersed, as the word imports and the mystery signifies."

John Calvin wrote "The word 'baptize' signifies to immerse. Immersion was undoubtedly the practice of the ancient church."

John Wesley said: "Buried with Him, alludes to baptizing by immersion according to the custom of the first church."

### **Who Should be Baptized?**

Every person who has \_\_\_\_\_.

***"Those who believed and accepted His message were baptized..."*** Acts 2:41 (LB)

***"But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News...and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women."*** Acts 8:12 (NIV)

### **Children and Baptism**

At The Harbor Church, we wait until our children are old enough to **believe** and understand the true meaning of baptism before we baptize them. Some churches practice a "baptism of confirmation" for children. This ceremony is intended to be a covenant between the parents and God on behalf of the child. The parents promise to raise their child in the faith until the child is old enough to make his own personal confession of Christ. This custom began about 300 years after the Bible was completed.

**This is different from the baptism talked about in the Bible**, which was only for those old enough to believe. The purpose is to confess your personal commitment to Christ publicly. **At The Harbor Church, it is a membership requirement that every member have been baptized the way Jesus demonstrated, even though many of us were "confirmed" as children.**



# The Lord's Supper (Communion)

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## Why do we Observe the Lord's Supper?

*"For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26 (NASB)*

## What is the Lord's Supper?

*"For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; **do this in remembrance of me.**"*

*In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in **remembrance of me.**"*

*For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you **proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**" 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NIV)*

- **It is a \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, **took bread...**"*

1 Corinthians 11: 23

- **It is a \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"...and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this **in remembrance** of me.' " (vs. 24)*

- **It is a \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"In the same way... He took the cup, saying, '**This cup** is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'" (vs. 25)*

- **It is a \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"For whenever you eat the bread and drink the cup, **you proclaim the Lord's death** until He comes back." (vs. 26)*

## **Who May Take The Lord's Supper?**

Only those who are already believers. (See Mark 14:22-26)

*"For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment upon himself." 1 Corinthians 11:29 (NIV)*

# Our Strategy and Covenants

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## Whom Are We Trying To Reach?

*"To the weak, I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some."* 1 Corinthians 9:22 (NIV)

We're called to reach the \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus Christ.

The "unchurched" are defined as:

- People who have no religious or church \_\_\_\_\_
- People with religious experience who attend on \_\_\_\_\_ holidays
- People with religious experience but who \_\_\_\_\_ for religion
- People who are believers, but they're \_\_\_\_\_ and refuse to return to church
- People who are looking for a \_\_\_\_\_

## T.H.E. H.A.R.B.O.R. STRATEGY

Nine Principles That Make Our Church Unique

**T**each and equip through the Word of God to develop biblical harbors for Jesus Christ.  
1 Timothy 3:16-17

**H**elp people to love fully and live authentically. Matthew 22:37-40, Matthew 28:19-20

**E**ncourage and forgive to nurture healthy relationships.  
Hebrews 3:13 & Ephesians 4:32

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**H**opeful and positive outlooks while pointing people to their God-given potential.  
Philippians 4:8-9; 13

**A**n environment of creativity, innovation and excellence.  
Acts 1:8, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

**R**eal and transparent family, experiencing healing through prayer and confession.  
James 5:16

**B**uilding a network of small groups to grow a connected and authentic community.  
Acts 2:42-47

**O**pen to all people, no matter their ethnic, cultural, or socio-economic background.  
Galatians 3:26-29

**R**each out to children and young people to shape the next generation for Jesus Christ.  
Deuteronomy 6:4-9

# The Harbor Church Covenants

**The \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant:** is a commitment to Christ and the Harbor \_\_\_\_\_.

*"You are members of God's very own family...and you belong in God's household with every other Christian."* Ephesians 2:19 (LB)

*"We are all parts of Christ's Body, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other and need all the others."*  
Romans 12:4-5 (LB)

**The \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant:** is a commitment to the habits necessary for \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Continue to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."*  
2 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

**The \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant:** is a commitment to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ our God-given gifts and abilities in serving God and others.

*"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other..."* 1 Peter 4:10 (LB)

**The \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant:** is a commitment to share the Good News with others.

*"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do it with gentleness and respect..."* 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

**Why do we have these covenants?** Because what we are \_\_\_\_\_ to, is who and what we will become.

If we are committed to membership in Jesus Christ's family, committed to growing in our faith, committed to serving in God's church, and committed to the mission of sharing His Good News with others, we will become a faithful follower of Jesus Christ and a safe biblical harbor. We will become a person who is dedicated to helping people love fully and live authentically with God and others.

# Our Structure

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## How Our Church is Structured

The church is a \_\_\_\_\_.

*"They continued steadily learning the teaching of the apostles, and joined in the fellowship..." Acts 2:42 (Ph)*

Two of our top priorities to preserve our fellowship are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."*  
Ephesians 4:3 (NIV)

ANY attitude that causes disunity is \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand.""* Matthew 12:25 (ESV)

The Harbor Church has been structured to practice and promote unity while taking the focus off of our own \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Your meetings do more harm than good... I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you..."* 1 Corinthians 11:17-18 (NIV)

**Important to Remember!** "Voting" tends to create conflict (where there are winners and losers). At The Harbor Church, we have produced a structure that promotes unity, and fellowship is preserved by having members vote on:

- Annual budget
- Purchase of land or buildings
- Calling the senior pastor
- Changes in the church constitution

The church is a \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, we operate with the heart of \_\_\_\_\_, not rules.

*"Don't reprimand a senior member of the church, appeal to him as a **father**. Treat the young men as **brothers**, and the older women as **mothers**. Treat the younger women as **sisters**..."* 1 Timothy 5:1-2 (Ph)

Sometimes, issues may arise that must be dealt with to preserve unity and harmony.

*"If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector."* Matthew 18:15-17 (NASB)

**The church is a \_\_\_\_\_.**

1 Corinthians 12:27, Ephesians 5:23, Ephesians 1:22-23, Colossians 1:18, 2:19

Therefore, we function based on \_\_\_\_\_ not elected officers.

"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We each have **different gifts** according to the grace given us." Romans 12:4-6 (NIV)

We are a body, not a business. We're an organism, not an organization. In an organization, "maintenance" becomes the focus, but in an organism, "ministry" is the focus.

"And He [God] gave...some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ..." Ephesians 4:11-12 (NASB)

- The leaders are the ministers (ministering to the \_\_\_\_\_).
- The pastors are the administrators (ministering to the \_\_\_\_\_).

**The church is a \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"The Lord, their God, will save them at that time as His very own flock of people because they are His crown jewels, exalted throughout His land."* Zechariah 9:16 (ISV)

Our flock is cared for, and led by, \_\_\_\_\_ (appointed pastors).

Three different terms are used in the New Testament to refer to the *same* church leaders:

- "POIMEN" - shepherds, \_\_\_\_\_
- "PRESBUTEROS" - \_\_\_\_\_
- "EPISCOPOS" - \_\_\_\_\_

## U-105 Our Structure

*"Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.' Jesus said, **"Take care of my sheep."**"* John 21:16 (NCV)

*"To the **elders**...I [say]: **Be shepherds** of God's flock that is under your care, serving as **overseers**..."* 1 Peter 5:1-2 (NIV)

*"...Paul sent to Ephesus for the **elders** of the church. When they arrived, he said to them:...Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you **overseers**. Be **shepherds** of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood."* Acts 20:17-18, 28 (NIV)



## **Ministerial Leadership at The Harbor Church**

Everyone has a part in the overall ministry of The Harbor Church. God has called pastors to administrate the whole ministry, develop ministry leaders, and lead the leaders to help The Harbor catch the vision and fulfill the mission to help people love fully and live authentically with God and others.

The Harbor Church has pastors, directors, staff, VisionTeam, Financial Advisory Board (FAB), and lay leaders to help fulfill the church's vision and mission.

Additional information about our church leadership may be found on the Staff page of our website.

The following is an overview of the ministerial leadership teams at The Harbor Church:

### **Directors**

- Senior Pastor, Director of Operations and one other staff member
- Hire staff members (excluding the Senior Pastor)
- Sign all paperwork on behalf of the church

### **Ministry Leaders**

- Senior Pastor
- Discipleship Pastor
- Life Groups Coordinator
- Student Minister
- Children's Director and Minister(s)
- Office Manager
- Music, Sound and Lighting Director
- Praise and Worship Director
- Technology Team Coordinator
- Celebrate Recovery Coordinator
- Missions Coordinator
- Food Pantry Coordinator

### **Vision Team**

- Comprised of lay leaders
- Develops long-term strategy plan
- Evaluates long-term projects and makes any necessary changes
- Develops the vision for the church and its ministries
- Works closely with the Financial Advisory Board

### **Financial Advisory Board (FAB)**

- Comprised of lay leaders
- Creates proposed annual budget
- Monitors the building fund and monthly financials
- Works with the Directors, Director of Operations, and Ministry Leaders in assessing financial needs
- Promotes and teaches biblical stewardship

# Our Church Statements

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### The Harbor Church Vision Statement

(Why we exist as a church)

"The Harbor Church exists to help people love fully and live authentically with God and others."

Our vision statement comes from Jesus Christ's own words found in Matthew 22:37-40 (known as "The Great Commandment") and Matthew 28:19-20 (known as "The Great Commission").

**To "LOVE FULLY" is to follow \_\_\_\_\_.**

Matthew 22:37-40

*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.* (NIV)

In The Great Commandment, there are two "love fully" purposes.

**Purpose #1:** \_\_\_\_\_

It is a constant and continuous \_\_\_\_\_ of expressing your love to God.

Matthew 22:37-38

*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment.*

**Purpose #2:**

It is lovingly meeting the \_\_\_\_\_ through service.

Matthew 22:39-40

*And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.* (NIV)

**To "LIVE AUTHENTICALLY" is to follow \_\_\_\_\_.**

Matthew 28:19-20

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.."*

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In The Great Commission, there are three “live authentically” purposes.

### **Purpose #1:** \_\_\_\_\_

It is sharing the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ with others.

Matthew 28:19a  
*“Therefore go . . .”*

### **Purpose #2:** \_\_\_\_\_

It is becoming a part of \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 28:19b  
*“ . . . baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, . . .”*

The act of baptism does not save, but it signifies one’s commitment to Christ and joining into the family of God. It is the joining into the family of God and the building of relationships that is so important to the health of the church family and to you.

### **Purpose #3:** \_\_\_\_\_

It is the process of becoming \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 28:20a  
*“ . . . and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”*

## **The Harbor Church Mission Statement**

(How we accomplish our vision)

“To develop transparent and authentic followers of Christ who become safe, biblical harbors by teaching others how to love fully and live authentically.”

## **OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH**

(What We Believe)

- In essential beliefs, – we have \_\_\_\_\_.

*“There is one body and one Spirit...one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all...”* Ephesians 4:4-6 (NIV)

## U-106 Our Church Statements

- In non-essential beliefs, – we have \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters...Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To his own master, he stands or falls...So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God...So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God.”*

Romans 14:1, 4, 12, 22 (NIV)

- In all our beliefs, – we show \_\_\_\_\_.

*“...If I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains – but has **no love**, I amount to nothing at all.”* 1 Corinthians 13:2 (Ph)

# ESSENTIALS OF OUR FAITH

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### **About GOD**

God is the creator and ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal, co-eternal, and are one God.

Genesis 1:1, 26-27, 3:22, Psalm 90:2, Matthew 28:19, 1 Peter 1:2, 2 Corinthians 13:14

### **About JESUS CHRIST**

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will again return someday to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Matthew 1:22-23, Isaiah 9:6, John 1:1-5, 14:10-30, Hebrews 4:14-15

### **About THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer spiritual gifts and manifests fruits in our lives. As Christians, we seek to live under His daily guidance and influence.

2 Corinthians 3:17, John 16:7-13, 14:16-17, Acts 1:8, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, 3:16, Galatians 5:22-23

### **About THE BIBLE**

The Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source (sole authority) of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, every part of it is true.

2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21, 2 Timothy 1:13, Psalm 119:105, 160, 12:6, Proverbs 30:5

### **About HUMAN BEINGS**

People are made in the spiritual image of God, and to be like Him in character. People are God's supreme creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin." This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life.

Genesis 1:27, Psalm 8:3-6, Isaiah 53:6a, Romans 3:23, Isaiah 59:1-2

**About SALVATION**

Salvation is God's free gift to us, but we must choose to accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith, we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment we receive Jesus Christ into our life by faith.

Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8, 9, John 14:6, 1:12, Titus 3:5

**About ETERNAL SECURITY**

Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you cannot "lose" it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the efforts of the Christian. It is the grace and power of God that gives us this security.

John 10:29, 2 Timothy 1:12, Hebrews 7:25, 10:10, 14, 1 Peter 1:3-5

**About ETERNITY**

People were created to exist forever. We will exist either eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally with Him is eternal life in Heaven. Heaven and Hell are very real places of eternal existence.

John 3:16, John 14:17, Romans 6:23, Romans 8:17-18, Revelation 20:15,  
1 Corinthians 2:7-9

# Our Affiliation and Membership

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## Affiliation

The Harbor Church chooses to affiliate with groups that are like-minded in purpose, mission, and vision. Currently, The Harbor Church is affiliated with:

**The Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).** A collection of churches around the world dedicated to the Bible and cooperating in a worldwide mission effort.

The Harbor Church partners with, and gives financially to, numerous mission and faith-based organizations locally, nationally, and internationally.

## Membership

The difference between “attenders” and “members” is: \_\_\_\_\_.

### We ask you to commit to membership for four reasons:

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ reason:

Jesus is committed to the church.

*“...Christ loved the church, and he gave his life for it.” Ephesians 5:25 (GN)*

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ reason:

It is an antidote to the ills of our society.

3. A \_\_\_\_\_ reason:

It is a declaration to the church family that you are committed to Jesus Christ, to them and the mission of the church. Membership identifies our family!

4. A \_\_\_\_\_ reason:

It produces spiritual growth.

*“Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another” Prov. 27:17 (NASB)*

## The Harbor Church Membership Covenant

"Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with The Harbor Church's statements, strategy, and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with The Harbor Church family. In doing so, I commit myself before God and the other members to do the following:

### 1. I will protect the \_\_\_\_\_ of my church...

...by \_\_\_\_\_ toward other members

*"May God give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus..."*  
Romans 15:5 (NIV)

...by refusing to \_\_\_\_\_

*"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs..."* Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

...by following \_\_\_\_\_

*"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you."* Hebrews 13:17 (NIV)

### 2. I will share the \_\_\_\_\_ of my church...

...by \_\_\_\_\_ its growth

*"To the church...We always thank God for you and pray for you constantly."*  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-2 (NLT)

...by inviting \_\_\_\_\_ to attend

*"Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in, so that My House will be full."* Luke 14:23 (LB)

...by warmly \_\_\_\_\_ who visit

*"So warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified."* Romans 15:7 (LB)

### 3. I will serve the \_\_\_\_\_ of my church...

...by discovering \_\_\_\_\_

*"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you..."*  
1 Peter 4:10 (Ph)

...by being \_\_\_\_\_ by my pastors

*"And He [God] gave...some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ..."*  
Ephesians 4:11-12 (NASB)



...by developing a \_\_\_\_\_

*"Each of you should look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ...who took on the very nature of a servant..."* Philippians 2:4-5, 7 (NIV)

**4. I will support the \_\_\_\_\_ of my church...**

...by \_\_\_\_\_

*"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another."* Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)

...by living \_\_\_\_\_

*"But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ."* Philippians 1:27 (Ph)

...by \_\_\_\_\_ (tithe & offerings)."

*"Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering."*

1 Corinthians 16:2 (LB)

*"A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD."* Leviticus 27:30 (NIV)

## Membership Covenant Pledge

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_ (M/F) Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  Single  Married  Widowed  Divorced

I have not been active in a church for:  1-4 yrs  5-9 yrs  10+ yrs

I have been active in the following churches in the past:

# Years	Name of Church	Location	Member?	Position of Service

1. Have you committed your life to Jesus Christ and trusted Him for salvation?  
 Yes When and Where: \_\_\_\_\_  
 No  I would like to accept Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior today!
  
2. Have you been baptized by immersion following your commitment to Christ?  
 Yes When and Where: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
 If not, do you want to be baptized at The Harbor Church?  Yes  No
  
3. Have you completed the Harbor U-100 Series?  Yes  No  
 Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Do you affirm the membership covenant of The Harbor Church?  Yes  No

By completing the following section, you are affirming that you have completed the U-100 membership series and now covenant with God to become a member of The Harbor Church.

(Please ✓ completed items)

1.  I have committed my life to Jesus Christ and trusted Him for my salvation
2.  I have been baptized by immersion after salvation
3.  I have completed the Harbor U-100 Series
4.  I agree with the covenant, strategy, philosophy, and biblical essentials of The Harbor Church as expressed in the Harbor U-100 Series.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_