

AGAPE CHRISTIAN CENTER

VISION, MEMBERSHIP & STATEMENT OF FAITH

Vision

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,” *(Ephesians 4:11-13)*

- Train up Strong Leadership
- Strong Men and Women’s Groups
- Strong Youth Group
- Strong Sunday School
- Strong Helps Group
- Powerful Worship Team
- Plant Churches

“And the Lord said, “Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. *(Genesis 11:6)*. To preach good tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to open prison doors to those who are bound, to comfort all who mourn, to make disciples, and to be a witness. *(Isaiah 61: 1-2)*

Our Purpose

- Exalt our Lord and Savior
- Equip for ministry
- Encourage one another
- Evangelize our Mission Field

Mission Statement

Agape Christian Center exists to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ through powerful worship, to equip and train for ministry through biblical teaching, to encourage one another through a positive attitude, to evangelize our mission field through faithful witnessing, and to exhibit godliness through a positive presence in our community. People touching people by the Spirit of the Lord.

Church Roots

1. Commitment_- You become like what you're committed to. Get your roots down. Attend regularly. Make yourself available.
2. Speak well of your church, make it yours, call to defend even though it has its faults, don't allow a critical spirit to come in. *(1 Corinthians 1:10)*
3. Seek to minister within the church, (time, talent, treasure). Ask not what your church can do for you, ask what you can do for your church.
4. Give financially to support your church (Tithes, offerings). Where your treasure is that's where your heart is! If it doesn't cost you something, it won't mean anything to you.
5. Meet the physical needs of your brothers and sisters in Christ.
6. You should maintain an appropriate attitude while involved in any type of ministry.

AGAPE CHRISTIAN CENTER BOARDS

I. Spiritual Board

Members:

Pastor Jesus Lopez, Sr.
Pastor Dawn Lopez
Pastor Guno
Elder Julio Rivera, Sr.
Elder Maria Rivera, Sr.

Function:

To be watchmen. To set in motion the functional activities of the church, deal with the spiritual issues of the body and to discipline, admonish, reproof, correct and instruct in functions of the church.

II. Temporal Board

Members:

Pastor Jesus Lopez, Sr.
Pastor Dawn Lopez
Deaconess Ilsa Lopez

Function:

To deal with the finances and temporal things concerning the church such as the use and cost of the building, church policies, properties, etc.

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MEMBERSHIP STATEMENTS, REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS

Membership Statements:

Statements	Affirmations
1. "I belong here."	You sense that God wants you here with the people of Agape Christian Center at this time in your Christian walk. You want to make a public declaration that you are committed to God's work through this church.
2. "We share the same ministry goals and support the vision and mission of Agape Christian Center."	You believe Jesus has a work to do here and around the world and you're willing to join others to see that it gets done.
3. "I am accountable to the leadership for my walk with God."	You want to receive the guidance, equipping and assistance necessary to remain on target.
4. "I accept responsibility for how things are done here."	You are not on a quest to change the vision. You want to be part of a caring people, sharing one another's joys and sorrows and helping one another through worship, bible study and fellowship.

Membership Requirements:

Membership is available to all who have received eternal life (being born again) through a profession of faith in Jesus Christ alone, and who gives evidence through transformation of life.

1. You support the church's Statement of Faith.
2. You consider Agape Christian Center to be your church home and are not a member of another church.
3. Your intention is to be active in the life of the church, as God enables and directs you.
4. You have been water baptized by immersion.
5. You support the church regularly with tithes and offerings.
6. Regular attendance at church services.
7. Children will be received with their parent(s) membership.
8. Any young person desiring individual membership may apply at the age of 16.
9. You must fill out an application to become a member.

Standards of Membership:

1. A life of Christian character not living in immorality or friendship with the world, but sincerely desiring holiness in conduct. *(1 John 2:15-17, Colossians 3:5-10)*
2. A willingness to submit to the leadership of the church and receive their ministry in your own life. *(Hebrews 13:7, 17)*
3. Harmony and peace with fellow believers. *(Colossians 3:12-15, Hebrews 12:14)*
Neither speaking nor hearing evil reports of a brother or sister. *(2 Corinthians 12:20-21, Matthew 18:15-17)*

**AGAPE CHRISTIAN CENTER
STATEMENT OF FAITH**

No.	Our Beliefs	Scriptural Reference
1.	We believe the bible to be the only infallible Word of God.	2 Timothy 3:1 2 Peter 1:20-21
2.	We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.	1 Timothy 6:15 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 2 Corinthians 13-14 Deuteronomy 6:4 Matthew 28:19 Matthew 3:16-17 John 14:16-17 2 Peter 1:1 Titus 2:13 John 1:1 Acts 5:3-4
3.	We believe the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ as God the Son in His virgin birth, His sinless life, and the miracles He performed.	John 1:1 Hebrews 4:15 Matthew 1:23 John 20:28 2 Corinthians 5:21 Colossians 2:19
4.	We believe in Christ's substitutionary and atoning death on the cross for all mankind; by His shed blood there is forgiveness and cleansing from sin; in His scourging there is healing from sickness and in His death, burial, and resurrection, there is a release from the old selfish nature.	Romans 3:25 Romans 6:4-5 Ephesians 1:7 Revelation 1:5 Hebrews 9:14-15 1 John 2:2 Psalms 103:3 1 Peter 2:24 Isaiah 53:5 Romans 5:6
5.	We believe in Christ's bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His resurrection and ascension there is new spiritual life for all true believers.	1 Corinthians 15:4-6 Romans 6:4-5 Mark 16:19 Ephesians 2:5-6 Acts 2:33 Ephesians 4:10 Ephesians 1:20
6.	We believe that all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God. Salvation of lost and sinful mankind is attained through regeneration by the Holy Spirit (being born again) through repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ, which is the only way to be saved. This joins the true believer to Christ, giving him a new heart, new spirit, new nature and a new beginning.	John 3:3,5,7 2 Corinthians 5:17 Acts 20:21 Ezekiel 36:26 2 Peter 1:4 Romans 3:23

7.	We believe in the outpouring from God of the Holy Spirit on all flesh, beginning with the day of Pentecost and continuing until now. This comes in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, with power. (Includes speaking with tongues, prophecy, dreams, visions and other supernatural manifestations).	Acts 2:1-39 Joel 2:28-32 1 Corinthians 12 Luke 24:49
8.	We believe in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit of every true believer and in the need beyond the baptism of the Holy Spirit to be filled with the Holy Spirit in our character and our behavior.	Romans 6:9-11 Galatians 5:22-23 Ephesians 5:18 1 Corinthians 12:25-27
9.	We believe in the living body of Christ, the church universal and local, and in the spiritual unity of all true believers under the Head of the Body, Jesus Christ.	Ephesians 4:4-6 Ephesians 1:22-23 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 1 Corinthians 12:25-27
10.	We believe in Jesus Christ's personal return to the earth in Power and Glory.	Acts 1:11 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18
11.	We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and unsaved. They that are saved unto life everlasting and they that are unsaved unto everlasting damnation.	Daniel 12:2 John 5:28-29 Revelation 20:11-15
12.	We believe that the ordinances of the church, by command of Christ, are water baptism by immersion and to participate in the Lord's Supper. Both are ministered to those who are born again.	Matthew 28:19 Acts 2:38